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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

YEAR 3 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

School Values: **Make a Difference** **Be Respectful**



Well done to the Year 3 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. It was a lovely service. The final Reconciliation service will take place next week.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME SPONSORS

School Values: **Make a Difference** **Be Passionate about Learning** **Be Kind** **Be Respectful**



On Monday 5th February, we will welcome the Sacramental sponsors to a special reflection. The sponsors have been chosen by families to help guide the children on their Sacramental journey. Our children will lead the reflection and it will focus on thanking their sponsors for their guidance and support.



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FATHER ROBERT

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Father Robert will be moving on from St Vincent's to his own parish, and his last Mass is this weekend. I would like to thank Father Robert for the time he has given to St Vincent's and thank him for the Masses, services and support he has given to our school. We wish him the very best in his new parish.

SCHOOL SUCCESS- PERFORMANCE DATA

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Each year pupils undergo Statutory Assessments. The assessment results are sent to the Local Authority and to the Government, and National Averages are calculated.

Our School performs consistently well in all of the Statutory Assessments and our results are well above the National Averages.

We are pleased to share that our excellent results have been recognised. This week we received two congratulatory letters from Rt Hon Damian Hinds, Minister for Schools regarding our 2023 Phonics Screening Checks in Year 1 and 2023 Multiplication Tables Checks in Year 4. Thank you to the children, staff and parents for the support and commitment given to learning. This is a wonderful achievement for everyone. Please do read the letters below:

[Congratulatory letter from Rt Hon Damian Hinds on our Year 1 PSC results in 2023](#)

[Congratulatory letter from Rt Hon Damian Hinds on our Year 4 MTC results in 2023](#)



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NATIONAL STORY TELLING WEEK

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Next week, 27 January to 4 February 2024, is National Story Telling week, organised by The National Literacy Trust. It is an opportunity for us to celebrate our story sharing, which we do in school every day. If you would like some more ideas for sharing stories with your child, please take a look at the resources on the National Storytelling Website <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/themes/celebrate-storytelling-week-at-home/> Please also ask your child to share any activities they have enjoyed with their class teacher so that we can celebrate their achievements.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



Monday 5 to 11 February is Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters' and we have lots of activities planned to raise awareness in school. Every class will be learning debating skills and taking part in a class debate. Look out for more information on your child's Google Classroom next week.

PTA



Thank you to everyone that has supported the PTA this year by attending events and making donations. The PTA have lots more exciting events planned for the rest of the year. More details about what the money raised has been used for and details of future events can be found in the new PTA newsletter attached.

DATES LIST

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Please see below the dates list for this half term:

SPRING 1

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	01 February	KS2 Class Assembly 9:15: led by Y6 Mrs Black's class	Junior hall
Thursday	01 February	Y3 Sacramental Programme Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Miss Hutton's class and half of Mrs McDuff's class	Holy Angels Church
Friday	02 February	Maths Enrichment Day	
Monday	05 February	Children's Mental Health Week	
Monday	05 February	Sponsor Liturgy and refreshments: 10am	Junior hall
Thursday	08 February	KS1 Class Assembly 9:15am: Led by Y1 Miss Reid's class	Infant hall
Friday	09 February	School closes for half term	-
HALF TERM HOLIDAY			

SPRING 2

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	19 February	Staff Training INSET Day	School
Tuesday	20 February	School re-opens	-

Please follow this link for the dates for the rest of the school year. <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/key-school-events-and-dates/13549>

The Year 3 Sacramental Programme dates can be found by clicking this link:

<https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/sacramental-programme/31800>



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ATTENDANCE

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Please see below the attendance percentages for **last week**.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RML	98.35	2AB	99.3	4CG/EL	98
RLT	98.6	2OW/CR	97	5CL	96.7
RLD	89	3DM	96	5LM	98.7
1AM	98.35	3LH	98.1	5DH	97.65
1MH	99.3	3CN/JJ	94.2	6NS	96.3
1CR	99.3	4ML	95.2	6SK/CO	100
2LC	99	4JK	96.65	6DB	98.1
Overall percentage: 97.35%					

CURRICULUM UPDATES

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This week we are sharing the Science Curriculum update - please take a read of it. You can also follow the link below for all other curriculum updates: <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/curriculum/63387>



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Science Curriculum Overview



Be Kind - We are considerate of the environment around us and are aware of the impact of our learning on our surroundings.



Be Passionate about Learning - We challenge ourselves, asking questions about the world around us.



Be Respectful - We work collaboratively, respecting the views and opinions of others.



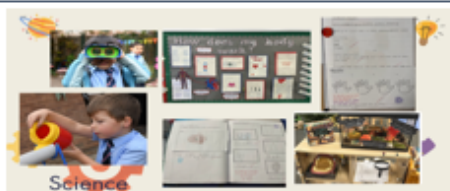
Make a Difference - We work collaboratively and inclusively so that we can contribute to and make a positive impact in the modern world.

Science at St Vincent's

At St Vincent's we provide children with a rich and varied curriculum, teaching knowledge of key concepts including biology, chemistry and physics. Through a planned and sequenced approach, which includes practical activities along with developing working scientifically skills, our Science curriculum engages, inspires and challenges children's fascination and curiosity about the world around them.

To engage the children we endeavour to keep topics current and relevant through our topic enquiry questions. To see our progression of skills grid, please follow this link:

<https://spaces.schoolspider.co.uk/uploads/120/files/SV%20Science%20progression%20->



Useful Websites

<https://explorify.uk/> - Full of amazing activities linked to the curriculum, Explorify will get your children thinking like scientists!

<https://wowscience.co.uk/> - Look on here to find online activities linked to all areas of Primary Science.

<https://www.science-sparks.com/> - Filled with amazing experiments to try at home.

Spring

These are the topics being taught this term in Science:

EYFS	Winter & Animals/Plants
Year 1	Polar Places & Plants/Animals
Year 2	Materials Monsters & Squash, Bend, Twist and Stretch
Year 3	Light and Shadows & Forces/Magnets
Year 4	Electricity and Circuits & Teeth/Eating
Year 5	Amazing Changes & Circle of Life
Year 6	Evolution and Inheritance & Light

5 types of Scientific Inquiry



All children need to be able to work scientifically as part of our Science curriculum, this is incorporated through our lessons and topics throughout the year. We can work scientifically by building upon these 'scientific enquiry' skills:

- Fair and comparative testing
- Pattern seeking
- Identifying and classifying
- Observing changes
- Research

British Science Week – Look out for British Science Week 2024 which is celebrated 11th – 15th March on the theme of ... Time!



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We offer an open door to parents. If you have any questions about school life, please liaise with your class teacher. Mrs Farrell (infant deputy head), Mrs Sutton (junior deputy head), and I are also available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

