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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME SPONSORS

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



Thank you to the Year 3 Sponsors who came along to the Sponsor Liturgy this week. It was lovely to welcome them to our St Vincent family and thank them for their support. The Year 3 children are now preparing to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time in May.

MINI VINNIES MAGAZINE



We were delighted to be featured in the Mini Vinnies magazine, which you will find as one of the attachments to today's Newsletter. The article allows us to share our good practice and features all the wonderful work of the Mini Vinnies last term. We are also looking forward to all of the Lenten activities next term.

CURRICULUM



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Next half term the children will be learning lots of new knowledge and skills. Please follow the year group page to find out the topics your children will be learning about. If you would like to know more about a subject, please follow the curriculum link to see how the curriculum allows children to know and remember more.

<https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/curriculum/63387>

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HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

It is always good to get out and about with the children during a school holiday. Please find the link below with information about events in the local area for children to access new and exciting experiences.

<https://raring2go.co.uk/area/altrincham-and-sale/>

SAFEGUARDING



Our February edition of our safeguarding newsletter focuses on mental health. This week we have been focusing on how exercise can help us feel better and manage our wellbeing. Please see the attached the Safeguarding newsletter for how we promote mental health with the children.

CAFOD LIVE SIMPLY AWARD

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We are pleased to share that we are working towards becoming a LiveSimply school by achieving the LiveSimply Award. The LiveSimply Award, coordinated by CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is presented to schools who demonstrate they are living simply, living sustainably, and living in solidarity with the world's poorest communities.



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We will be taking faith inspired actions that support our school, local communities and our global sisters and brothers too.

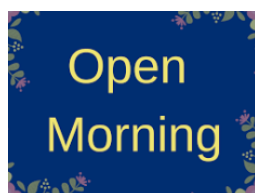
If you would like to know more about LiveSimply for schools, please visit cafod.org.uk/LiveSimplySchools

Our first action towards achieving the Live Simply Award is to take part in CAFOD's 'The Big Lent Walk'. This involves walking 200km during Lent to raise money towards CAFOD's fight against global poverty. Every child will walk with their class throughout Lent to meet this collective target. If you wish to sponsor your child, please use and share the link to our 'just giving' page with friends and family.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-vincents-catholic-primary-school-fundraising>

OPEN MORNING

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We will be having our **Open Morning on Wednesday 6 March**. We welcome prospective parents to have a tour and see the School and Nursery in action. Please kindly make friends and family aware and to contact the school office to book a slot 9:15am, 9.45am, 10.15am and 10.45am.

ATTENDANCE

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

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RML	95.2	2AB	99.65	4CG/EL	92.3
RLT	93.65	2OW/CR	97.65	5CL	95.3
RLD	97.3	3DM	99	5LM	97.7



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1AM	98.7	3LH	95.5	5DH	96.3
1MH	96	3CN/JJ	98.4	6NS	98.35
1CR	97.65	4ML	95.2	6SK/CO	97.65
2LC	97.65	4JK	96.65	6DB	98.4
Overall percentage: 96.85 %					

CURRICULUM UPDATES

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This week we have added the Art Curriculum update to the newsletter. You can also follow the link below for all other curriculum updates: <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/curriculum/63387>

We break up today for half term and the children return to school on **Tuesday 20 February**. I hope you enjoy spending time with your child(ren).

Yours sincerely,

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Art and Design Curriculum Overview



Be Respectful - We develop respect and tolerance for others by learning about different places and cultures.



Be Passionate about Learning - We challenge ourselves to know and understand the world better.



Be Kind - We learn about our place in creation to be compassionate citizens of the world.



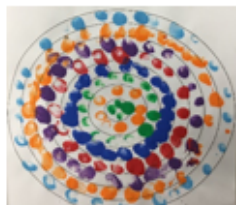
Make a Difference - We learn about our place in the world so that we can responsibly make a difference and look after our planet.

Art and Design at St Vincent's

At St Vincent's we provide children with a rich and varied curriculum based on the four core elements of art and design:

- Drawing
- Paint and mixed media
- Craft and design
- Sculpture and 3D

St Vincent's have chosen to follow a scheme called Kapow as it is a spiral scheme, allowing for revisiting of key concepts and building of knowledge throughout the key stages. Art is taught in alternating half terms to DT, ensuring full curriculum coverage and development of key skills.



Spring 1

These are the topics being taught this half term in art and design:

EYFS	Drawing: Marvellous Marks
Year 1	Painting and mixed media: Colour Splash
Year 2	Craft and design: Map It Out
Year 3	Drawing: Growing Artists
Year 4	Painting and mixed media: Light and Dark
Year 5	Drawing: I Need Space
Year 6	Drawing: Make My Voice Heard

Skills we have learnt so far this year...

In EYFS, the children explored and investigated primary colours within the continuous provision using paint, chalk and other media.

In Key Stage 1, the children focused on the 'formal elements of art'. In Year 1 they explored shape, line and colour and in Year 2 the focus was pattern, tone and texture.

In Key Stage 2, Year 4 and 5 continued to build upon their knowledge of the 'formal elements of art', by further exploring pattern and texture and discovering art through architecture.

Year 3 linked their art topic with learning about the Stone Age and pre-historic art where they were inspired by cave painting.

Year 6 spent time developing their skills in design, drawing, printing, painting and art appreciation.

Extra-Curricular

If your child shows a passion for art and design...

At St Vincent's, we offer opportunities for children to enrich their learning in after school clubs. We currently offer Tactile Arts clubs throughout the year.



Manchester Art Gallery is a fantastic place to take your children to help them immerse themselves in the world of art.

What's On: Creative Families – February half term

"The Lion's Den (Close Art Studio) at Manchester Art Gallery is a space in the heart of the city, for families to make and meet!

We want to fill The Lion's Den with children's artwork, celebrate children's creativity and showcase the young talent in our city.

Drop in to the Lion's Den where our fantastic group of artists will be running creative making sessions, using a range of materials and techniques. Each session is different.

No need to book, just turn up!"

