



Academy News

St Mary Queen of Martyrs VC Academy takes seriously its responsibility to safeguarding all children and adults and has a rigorous procedure in place to do so. The Academy does not tolerate bullying and deals with all forms very seriously

Note from Headteacher

The Phase 1 children had their flu vaccine on Thursday and they were a credit to the school and the parents. We didn't have any tears or upset and the nurses commented on our delightful, well-behaved children.

The Phase 1 pupils had a wonderful PE morning at Kingswood Academy learning new talents for a range of multi- skilled games.

As part of our school improvement plan to get more children reading for pleasure, six very lucky pupils were chosen to visit the Hull Schools Library to choose a range of fiction and non-fiction books for our school.

The 'lucky children, escorted by myself and Mrs McIntosh had the pleasure of choosing 1000 new books for our school. The 'Friends of the School' deserve a big thank for their contribution towards the purchase of these books.

Although we are in the run up to Christmas it is important to note that the next few weeks are essential learning times. We will have testing followed up by pupil progress meetings, so it is vitally important that your child/ren attend school every day.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Operation Christmas Child appeal. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness! 34 shoe boxes are on their way around the world to lucky children! Thank you.



Attendance

Well done to Mr Guthrie's and Mrs Broadhead's/Mrs Duncan's class who had no late pupils last week.

Last week attendance was really low, 93.5% due to the sickness bug, but is slightly better this week at 94.7%. Let's see how high we can get it next week. Well done to Mr Guthrie's class who had over 98% this week.

Home Reading			
SR	48%	NR	48%
JC	61%	JG	42%
HR	46%	DL	65%
AB/MO	66%	LA	55%
JH	84%	JD/SB	60%
ME	64%		

November

22nd Whole school treat to Cineworld

23rd Phase 1 'Drop- ins' 9-11am

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December

6th FS2 Christmas play @ 1.30pm

7th FS1 Christmas play @ 1.30 pm

9th Phase 3 Christmas carol concert

13th @ 1.30pm Phase 1 Christmas play - Yr 1

14th @ 1.30pm Phase 1 Christmas play - Yr 2

15th Christmas lunch

15th Mass at school

16th Christmas liturgy at 2.00 pm



Friends of the School

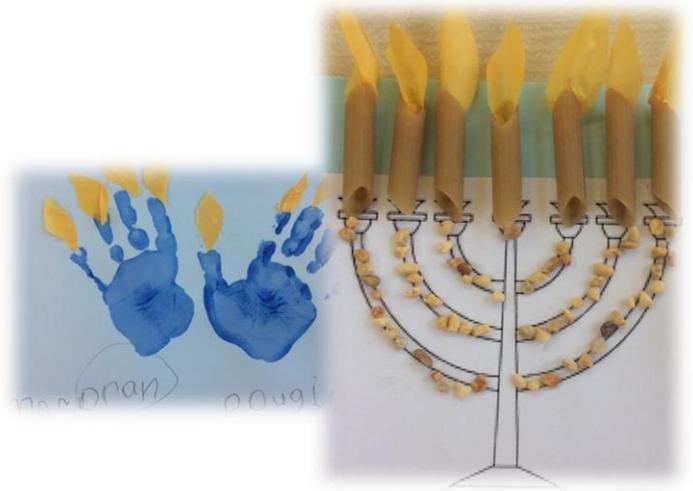
We held another successful meeting this term and agreed spending: £500 for new reading books for the children; £200 for Phase 1 African Drumming Day; Transport for all to the end of term cinemas treat; resources for practical maths and sports equipment All

children will also receive a gift from the FOS for Christmas when Santa visits later this term. We have raised £472 this term from the Halloween discos and £214 from the book and toy sale - many thanks to everyone. Planned events this term include: Santa's secret workshop Yrs 1&2 Tues 6 Dec; Santa visiting school and raffles for all Christmas concerts. Everyone is welcome to our FOS coffee morning next term when you can find out more about what we do. Thank you from the FOS.

Foundation

This week has flown by. In Foundation we have been busy starting to learn all the wonderful songs we will be singing for our Christmas production. We have also been learning all about doctors and vets. Next week we will be having another visitor to our school talking about their job and how they help us.

In both FS1 & FS2 we have been learning about Hanukkah, a Jewish Festival. Please ask your child about this. We have also been playing lots of fun games outside.



Phase 1

As other Phase leaders have mentioned, thank you so much for all your donations for the Shoe Box Appeal. The boxes were sent today and we know the children receiving them will be so happy and grateful for their contents. All of Key Stage 1 went to Kingswood Academy on Wednesday to take part in a Multi skills competition with other Primary schools from the local area. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and were ready for their lunch when they got back; they certainly worked hard doing a range of sporting activities!



Phase 2

Phase 2 have had a brilliant week with our afternoons full of art work focusing on mixing paints to develop the background of our paintings. We are hoping to develop this to produce some amazing WW2 propaganda art work.

Our Science focus has been on Healthy Eating and food groups. Pupils have been assessing their diet to ensure that the foods they eat are nutritious and they know what it is to have a balanced diet! Could your child perhaps plan their own packed lunch?

In Literacy, our Hot Task has been story writing for Year 4 and Newspaper reports for Year 3 - ask your child how they did. We are incredibly proud teachers! Our handwriting practice is definitely paying off! Well done children!



Phase 3

A big thank you to all of our parents and children who have donated items and money towards our Operation Christmas Child Appeal. Our shoe boxes have now been dropped off locally and will shortly begin their long journey!

This week we have taken part in some interesting practical activities within science lessons based upon the reflection of light. This included making periscopes! In topic lessons we have continued our studies on slavery and learnt how William Wilberforce, amongst others, attempted to put an end to it. Within RE lessons we have studied aspects of Judaism including the Jewish New Year in Year 6.