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# St Mary Queen of Martyrs VC Academy



# **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

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### Message from the Headteacher

Another exciting week in school. On Wednesday afternoon St Mary's College treated us to a wonderful 'Musical Caravan'. They were all very talented, skilled musicians and it was lovely to see our ex- pupils very much part of the orchestra team. Thank you to the Year 6 parents who helped with the Phase 3 Curriculum Day. The Year 6 children were certainly very imaginative in creating 'Stone Age' baking and jewellery with Stone Age tools! Thank you to the children in Mr Guthrie's class for a very highly polished class sharing assembly today and for getting us all up and dancing!

We are now all looking forward to Sports Day on Friday. Don't forget your picnic if the sun shines!

Year Group	Attendance		Lates
	Last week %	Since Sept %	Last week
F2	90.9	93.8	3
Year 1	93.3	95.6	None
Year 2	89.7	96.4	3
Year 3	92.6	97	2
Year 4	94	97.1	None
Year 5	92	96.5	None
Year 6	96	96.2	4
School	92.6	96.1	12

#### Dairy Dates

28<sup>th</sup> Little Big Assembly - Marist 29<sup>th</sup> SMC Music Caravan

St Peter & Paul mass at Church

**July** 1<sup>st</sup> Mr Guthrie's class assembly

4<sup>th</sup> F2 summer trip to East Park
Brass concert at 2.15 pm - parents welcome

5th New F2 parents meeting 9.30 am Induction day at St Mary's College YR5/6 softball comp SMC 3.45 - 5 pm

6th Year 6 leaving play 1.30 pm

Yr6 BBQ after school - parents invited 11th Transition week for St Mary's College 18th Transition week for Winifred Holtby & Kinsawood

Home Reading				
SR	90%	NR	67%	
TJ	60%	G	64%	
HR	20%	TS	75%	
AB/CR	42%	LT	68%	

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61%

# JH 77% ME 31%

### Foundation

The F2 children have been working hard to prepare for Year One work. This week, they wrote an 'All About Me' booklet and will give this to their new class teachers in a few weeks. We think their new teachers are going to be so impressed with their writing skills!

All the children continue to enjoy our topic: The Gruffalo. This week, the children have been talking lots about money and investigating different amounts to pay for Gruffalo items.

The children are getting really excited for our Gruffalo tea party! They have started to be the party planners and have been deciding what decorations, food and games they will make next week.

We are really looking forward to sports day as the children have had so much fun practising. We definitely have some future athletes in our unit!



## Phase 1

Phase 1 pupils have been working hard this week! In Maths in Year 1, the pupils have been learning about capacity and making witches' potions using frogs breath and vampire's blood! They loved it! In Year 2 we have been organising and describing properties of shapes and using column methods for addition and subtraction.

The pupils have also been learning about God's creation and things that they treasure the most. In ICT, the pupils have been using the laptops to change the format of a Word document including the colour, font and size of the letters. We also had a visit from our link Governor, Mrs Stead.

She had a look around the classrooms and was so impressed by the pupils' attitudes and polite manners. Don't forget, the Amy Johnson Festival starts this weekend. The pupils learnt about her during our Transport topic. There are a lot of free events, have a look at the website <a href="www.amyjohnsonfestival.co.uk">www.amyjohnsonfestival.co.uk</a> to see what's on!

### Phase 2

Phase Two have been extremely hardworking this week. In Science we are studying Electricity and are looking at how switches, motors and bulbs are used within circuits and looking for them in our home. We are building our own circuits and testing them too! In R.E. Year 4 have been using drama to retell the Call of the Apostles scripture we have studied; we have some superb actors in our Phase! In Maths, Year 3 have been working very hard on their use of multiplication in problem solving, as well as their mental maths skills. As part of our Roots and Routes topic, we are studying Hull born Amy Johnson and the impact her story had on the wider world. Our home school project is to produce a piece of art linked with Amy Johnson, could this be of the route she travelled? Her plane perhaps? We look forward to seeing the pupil's ideas!



### Phase 3

Year 6 have been out and about again this week. On Monday, they joined with other Year 6 children from across the city to work with the My Mission team. The theme was, "Merciful like the Father." On Friday, they gathered together again to celebrate and reflect on their final year in a Catholic primary school and to look to the future. Thursday was a busy day for the whole phase: parents came to work alongside their children in the classroom on Stone Age projects. Bread, jewellery and accessories were all produced using the tools and ingredients that the Stone Age people would have used.



The winners of the home/school project were announced: Noah, Tommy, Jared, Danny, Megan and Isabella had all used their skills to create artefacts, paintings and ICT presentations. The winner was Tommy, who had produced a very informative short film.