

Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're now well into the summer term and I have enjoyed keeping in touch with school staff throughout the week on all the exiting activities and learning that has been taking place.

For part of this week I have been out-of-school attending the ICEVI2025 European Conference - this conference was focused on supporting children and young adults with visual impairment, and a wonderful opportunity to share just a snap-shot of some of the work going on at St Vincent's School, and to hear from other professionals in the field.

House Points as we end the week are Ash (115), Oak (109), and Elm (124). I have also been reading of many positive Random Acts of Kindness across school this week.

The Young Green Briton Challenge

This week I was delighted to be sent this years submission to the Young Green Briton Challenge by Abyan. His community-based project this year which is focused on community-led change, compost and horticulture was delivered by Abyan with such knowledge, confidence and clarity. His short video and audio submission can now be accessed via the school website in the WoW Wall section. Well done Abyan, and best of luck with your entry. We will find out the results of our entry after Abyan, Bo, Joshua and Cody return from the regional North West event today in the Liverpool Museum. We hope to be part of the finals which will be held in London later this term. Fingers crossed.

Merseyside Schools Athletics

On Thursday it is was the annual Merseyside Schools Athletics Championships and I was regularly updated with events and results. Despite the warm conditions all pupils performed brilliantly and did themselves and school proud – with a few medals too! Thank you to all staff for supporting this event and all of the team at Panathlon.

Music at Home

In previous weekly newsletters I have been providing updates in relation to upgrades to our school music department, music studio and new digital technologies for all pupils to access – including digital audio workstations (DAWs). In addition to this, Mrs. McLaughlin will be developing a new loan system – starting with acoustic instruments and home-based instruction to enhance access to musical instruments for any pupil who wishes to do so –

this will include string instruments such as guitar, violin and cello in the first instance. It is anticipated that we can begin this by week 2 after the half-term – but all parents and carers will be kept up-to-date.

Headteacher's Hot Chocolate

Today in my replacement Mr. Green was visited by Archie who was this week's winner of the Golden Ticket. Archie has been working hard in class, helping others and celebrating sporting success with his school team. Well done, Archie and I can't wait to hear all about it on my return.

A reminder that Saturday activities continue tomorrow from 10 am to 12 pm with a broad range of activities on offer.

Wishing all an enjoyable weekend.

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher