



## Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had some time this week to take advantage of the pleasant spells of weather – and as the daffodils and crocus come into full bloom in the school sensory garden, it's been wonderful hear the buzz of the school field as more pupils make their way outdoors for lessons and break times.

On Monday morning I was quickly reminded of the positive impact St Vincent's has as we welcomed back a past pupil to complete part of his teacher training this week. I hope that Rainbow enjoyed his week back with us – I know that pupils and staff certainly did.

Attendance has been good – with House Points as we end the week at Ash (68), Oak (70), and Elm (83).

### **The International Festival of Neuroscience**

On Tuesday I had the opportunity to join Bo, Sienna and Joshua as they created poetry pieces amongst other forms of media as part of the International Festival of Neuroscience which will be held in Liverpool this April. More information to follow – but you can find out a little more about BNA2025 by following the below link:

<https://meetings.bna.org.uk/bna2025/>

### **Northwest Debate Competition**

On Wednesday St. Vincent's hosted the first Northwest Debater Competition in partnership with Smart School Councils. St. Vincent's took on teams from Wirral Grammar School for Boys in three debates "Can one person change the world" "Is climate change the worst problem in human history?" and "Is it always ok to say whatever you want". The debates were judged by lawyers from MAPD Group who sponsored the event. St. Vincent's gave great arguments in each debate and reached the final where they were narrowly defeated by two points. It was a great learning experience enjoyed by all and our team will be preparing again with Mr. McSorley in Debate Club for the next event in July which will be hosted in MAPD Groups main office in The Royal Liver Building. Well done to all who participated.

## **World Book Day**

This week on World Book Day we celebrated the importance of reading for pleasure as pupils' celebrated their favourite authors and shared their joy of reading together. Combined with our recent work with British Wireless for the Blind.

## **U13 Football Fixtures**

On Wednesday 12 March the under 13s will participate in their first Liverpool County FA Ability League Football fixtures. Further information will be shared to all parents and carers along with alternative transport and accommodation options. This is a wonderful opportunity for our new football teams to participate in games – and I wish all the very best of luck.

## **Headteacher's Hot Chocolate**

This week I was joined by Thomas who received the Golden Ticket for a hot chocolate. Thomas has received the ticket this week for exemplary efforts in all of his lessons and also helping to set up the new school wormery! It was great to catch-up Thomas – and keep up the hard work.

Wishing all a very restful and enjoyable weekend – and for those attending the Saturday Activities tomorrow, school will be open from 10 am.

Very best wishes,

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher