



St. Vincent's School Spring Newsletter

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Upcoming dates

Monday 21 April – Easter Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22 April – pupils return to school

Saturday 3 May – Saturday Activities

Wednesday May 7 – Under 10s football fixtures

Saturday 17 May – Saturday Activities

Wednesday 21 May – Under 16s football fixtures

Friday 23 May – half-term break.

Please note other dates/events will be added to the school diary. All parents/carers will be notified in advance.

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

As we finish the term for a well-earned Easter break it has been one full of achievements, St Vincent's firsts and exciting educational opportunities and trips for all our pupils.

It was wonderful to meet all parents and carers this week at parents evening as we discussed progress and achievement so far this academic year. I hope that you all found the evening informative – and I, along with all staff are proud of the progress all pupils are making.

This week we also said goodbye to Mr. Roberts who retires after 15 years at St Vincent's School. We wish Mr. Roberts a very happy retirement!

I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support this term – and as we continue to develop the new PTA, offer wider activities beyond the curriculum, I look forward to continuing to work alongside you during the summer term.

The below news is not exhausted – and it has been a very, very busy term – so I encourage all parents and carers where they can to keep up-to-speed with all school socials and newsletters.

Have a wonderful Easter break.

Mr D Swanston

Debate Club



On 5th March 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.

A visit from Humanware – Annie



Some of our Braille users recently had the opportunity to use a piece of new technology called Annie. Annie is a tool devised to teach Braille using a fun, game-like approach through audio-guided interactive content. The pupils very much enjoyed the experience and gave relevant feedback.

Post-16 Work Experience



This term some of our post-16 pupils began their work experience. This was an opportunity for our pupils to learn new skills, gain valuable experience and prepare for life after St. Vincent's. Mr. McSorley has been organising work placements for all Post-16 pupils who will complete a minimum of 8 hours work experience. Yeter has been working in West Kirby School Café and Bakery, Josh and Harvey went to The Museum of Liverpool assisting with their new disability trail and Princewill has been working with the school maintenance team. More pupils will be completing their experience next term including placements in Gusto Restaurant, Croxteth Hall Farm and Lush.



St Vincent's Football Team

This term we have established new St Vincent's Under 13s and Under 16s football teams. Both teams participated in their first Liverpool County FA Ability League Football fixtures. This is a wonderful opportunity for our new footballers to participate in matches outside of school. The pupils have now been tasked with the job of designing and deciding on colours for a team kit. Well done, all!



Chill Factore Trip

This terms Social Session was a trip to the Chill Factore – some of our pupils took up the opportunity to hit the slopes and try some new winter sports. A cold but memorable day had by both pupils and staff.

Further information for Summer Socials will be shared with all parents and carers in due course.



New Age Kurling (NAK) Competition

The Primary Department took part in a New Age Kurling Competition at Greenbank Sports Academy. We entered two teams in the competition and both teams came away with gold and silver medals.

Very well done to all who took part!



Wooden Spoon Day

Wednesday 19th March was National Wooden Spoon Day – the Wooden Spoon Charity is a grant-making charity and fund life-changing projects across the UK & Ireland. They generously donated £10,000 to assist with the build of St Vincent's new multi-use games area (MUGA). We welcomed Rob Briers who was the president of the Rugby Football Union up to 2024, with the aim of helping Wooden Spoon to increase the awareness of the charity. During the afternoon, Rob was able to speak with the pupils and see first-hand, the benefits the MUGA has made to the pupils. Thank you Wooden Spoon!



Welcome back Rainbow

On Monday 3rd March, we welcomed back Rainbow Mbuangi to school. If that name sounds familiar, Rainbow is an ex-pupil who passed his exams and accreditations and was able to take his education on to the next step and was accepted into UCLAN University. Rainbow took part in a week-long placement as part of his second year teaching course. It was great to have him back to hear about his journey to-date.



Swimming Gala

This week pupils took part in the Annual Merseyside Schools Swimming Gala. This event is always well-received by pupils and all represented the school with pride.

During assembly today we presented all swimmers with their certificates and medals as the whole-school celebrated their achievement.

Well done to all swimmers!



Eden Project and the Lost Gardens of Heligan

This term a group of staff and pupils made the long journey to Cornwall as part of their Young Green Briton Challenge and on-going work with the Sensory Trust. It was a truly sensory experience as they explored the tropical biomes of Eden and the Burma jungles of Heligan.

Well done to all involved – and a fantastic trip!



Happy retirement Mr. Roberts

On Thursday this week we held a special assembly for Mr. Roberts who has retired after 15 years of service at St Vincent's School. We heard beautiful music from the school choir and emotional reflections from staff and pupils as they shared their stories of Mr. Roberts.

On behalf of all pupils, staff, parents and carers – we wish Mr. Roberts a very happy retirement.



A visit from the Easter Bunny

Today we welcomed the Easter Bunny to school as pupils had fund in the school grounds including best dressed egg, egg race and egg toss.

An egg-cellent end to the week!

Thank you to Miss. Cooney for arranging.