



ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL

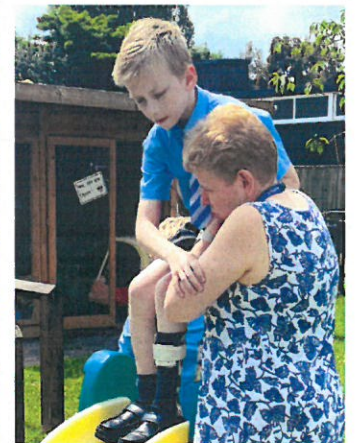
A Specialist School for Sensory Impairment and Other Needs

Summer Newsletter 2021

Principals Message...

It has certainly been a year of challenges. Nonetheless, fired by the recognition awards from Educate North and Pearsons we have maintained the valuable enrichment curriculum, and the engagement in 'project based' learning to deliver wider opportunities for our pupils. As I write, we are as a school community looking forwards to seeing all the work surrounding the 'Journey for Peace' project being celebrated on 14th July. An online musical will connect VI schools around the world we are supporting with 'sightbox' and as 'trainers of the trainers'. Looking into this project you find many of our pupils involved in 'making it happen' using the strengths we nurture across the curriculum and enrichment days. Similarly, the horticulture 'Grow Wild' see their efforts celebrated at the RHS Tatton Park show in the summer (July 21st -25th) a significant achievement. Furthermore our new rowing group should have had their first experience on the water at the River Dee. Don't forget you can still join us at our health and wellbeing Summer Camp 2nd to the 6th August.

Have a wonderful Summer
Dr JA Patterson



Kindness is the Key to All Hearts



This term the Primary children have enjoyed taking part in 2 projects in their science lessons: Be Nature's Child, where they learned about different aspects of ecology and undertook some ecological studies on school grounds, such as learning to identify local bird species and exploring different mini-beast habitats, and a second project with Trainee Primary Teachers with Liverpool Hope University, where the children learned about bees and their significance in the world. The children thoroughly enjoyed working with both groups and this has helped with, not only their science learning, but raised their interest in the world around them. The children have also been able to learn transferrable skills, drawing upon different aspects of the curriculum throughout these projects – math's, writing, art and design and cooking to name a few. Well done to all involved and we hope to have many more collaborative projects coming up!



The Grow Wild Enrichment group have been working hard this summer to plan and design their very own garden for this year's RHS Tatton Park Flower Show. You can view this garden in the schools area from Wednesday 21 July to Sunday 25 July. Well done to all involved!



A wonderful experience for pupils this May to visit the world-renowned Great Dixter Gardens in East Sussex. A full two day of activities involved working alongside flower and vegetable gardeners and Head Gardener Fergus Garrett. There was even time for some tennis!



St Vincent's Rowing Collaboration...

The summer of 2021 saw the introduction of an exciting new project with the P.E department. St Vincent's in collaboration with Grosvenor Rowing club (Chester) enlisted the expertise of Christine Fawcett and Bernie Hollywood OBE to create a V.I rowing team. The new academic year will see the group of rowers reaching for new goals and focussing on the training for an exciting row on the River Dee in Chester! Watch this space!



Due to the many restrictions, bubbles and 14 months of COVID-19... we had a lot of fun on our fun day this year! Bouncy castles, assault courses, go-karts, candy floss, popcorn, slush and big smiles! Thank you to all pupils and to the staff who organised.



The residential pupils have had a fun summer! Due to the Covid restrictions we have not been able to have our usual off-site activities. This has given us the opportunity to use our beautiful grounds. We have enjoyed playing cricket, football, treasure hunts and even playing Bingo outside. We have been learning about some of the wildlife, especially the bats here at St Vincent's and had lots of fun with our bat detectors made by Mike. All our pupils have been working hard on their independence skills and we have had many stars of the week for their exceptional effort!

Have a great Summer break everyone and keep up the hard work in September



Goodbye, Good luck & Thank you to Mr Miller, Mrs Boland and Miss Mealey. Who will be leaving us, we will miss you. Lots of Love all the staff and pupils at St Vincent's.



Another amazing term at St Vincent's



Pupils return to School Monday 6th
September.

Have a lovely Summer break from all the staff at St Vincent's.

