



ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL

A Specialist School for Sensory Impairment and Other Needs



Christmas Newsletter 2021

Principals Message:

It has been quite a challenging year for everyone. My thanks to the resilience of pupils, staff and parents/guardians in keeping all things progressing and moving forwards regardless of the complexity of challenges. Through some turbulent waters school was still noted for its innovation taking pride in Mr Swanston Varkey, Global Teacher recognition, Official attendance at Cop26 and both the Educate Awards 'Outstanding commitment to the Environment' and RHS Awards. The New Year will open fresh opportunities for pupils starting with the 'Magic Bench'. Sadly, it will be a year without the wonderful Mrs Buckle who has decided to retire. Her very much valued and appreciated long service to VI young people is measured in the life chance opportunities she has opened for children quite literally, around the world. I am sure you will join us in wishing her a long and happy retirement.

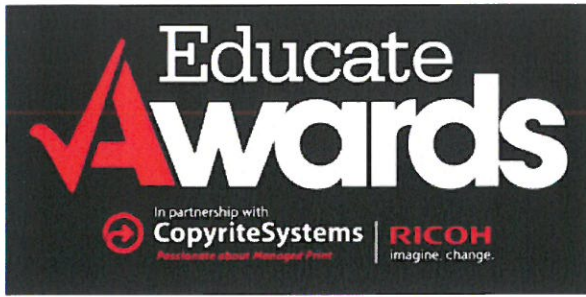
Have a Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New year

Dr J A Patterson

Principal



WINNERS of Educate awards — Outstanding Commitment to the Environment , well done to everyone involved!



Debate Club, run by Mr. McSorley, has got off to a roaring success this term. There is a high turnout every week and pupils have been debating on all manners of topics each week. The club is now affiliated with DebateMate who run local and national debate competitions. On the 4th November the debate club took a trip to John Moores University in Liverpool for the launch of the Urban Debate League where we got to see a competition debate live to know what to expect when we start to compete with other schools. The Urban Debate League will begin on the week of the 31st January where we will be hosting one of the heats and competing against others school in the DebateMate competition format. The whole club has been working hard and the four person team of Anthony Madden, Joseph Critchlow, Christopher Cannon and Joshua Clark are really excited to compete. The whole school will be behind them cheering them along!



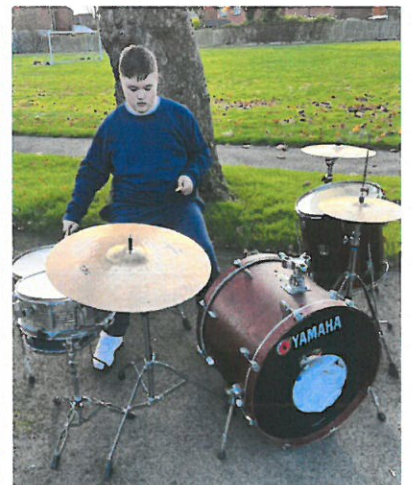
The 2021 Academic has seen St Vincent's pupils embark on an exciting journey in collaboration with Grosvenor Rowing Club based in Chester. This exciting and innovative enrichment project has seen a group of our pupils develop their rowing skills including capsizing safely drills. Next year will be a huge year for the team as they embark on their first journey on the River Dee in Chester. Well done all!



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Children in Need

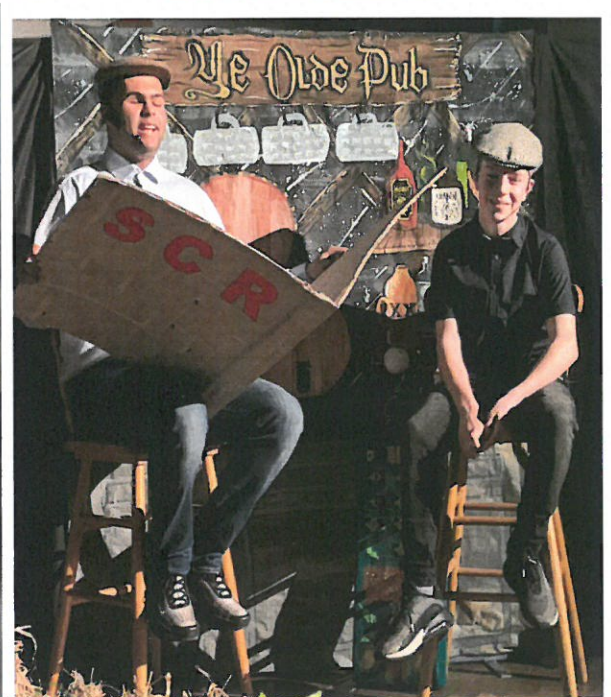
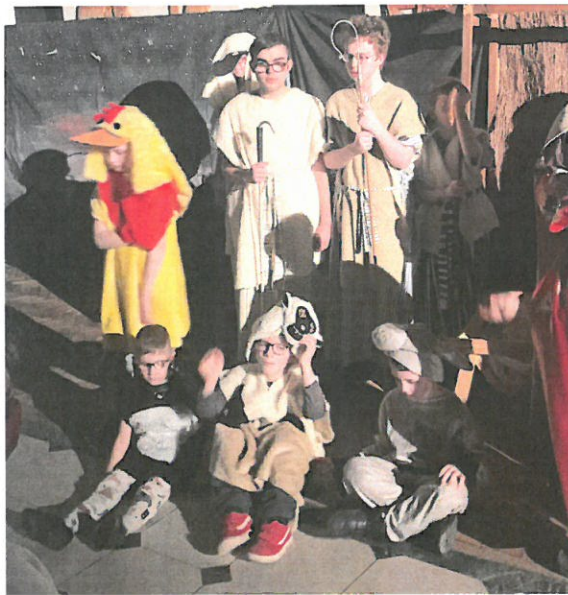
Big well done to all the staff and students who got involved in this years Children In need fundraising– we had a primary car wash, a bake sale, throw the wet sponge at the teacher thanks to Mr Swanston for being a good sport and Mr McSorley walked 10 miles blindfolded! Well done everyone. A big congratulations goes to Rainbow who took part in this years Rickshaw Challenge with Matt Baker. He cycled from Manchester to Liverpool and finished at School. Well done Rainbow we are so proud of your excellent effort.



'A Christmas to believe in' was a huge success. Which told the stories of traditional Christmas' while our performers acted out the stories on stage. Both the afternoon and evening performances went off without a hitch.

Congratulations to all the students for another brilliant Christmas performance. A big thanks to Miss Clinton and Miss McMahon, and all the staff who helped make costumes, prepare the chapel with scenery and helped pupils learn their lines.

Congratulations everyone.



Happy Retirement to Mrs Bernie Buckle

Message from Mrs Bernie Buckle:

I would Just like to say a massive thank you and goodbye to all pupils, staff, parents and governors . It has been a privilege to work at St Vincent's for 44 years, it has been a huge part of my life and I know I'm going to miss each and every one of you.

Pupils enjoy every day and make the most of the many fantastic opportunities this wonderful, outstanding school offers them, shine like the stars you are .

Love always Bernie Buckle.

Mrs Buckle has been an outstanding member of staff for an amazing 44 years. You will be irreplaceable Mrs Buckle and thank you just wouldn't justify how grateful we are for everything you have done for St Vincent's Pupils and Staff, you have shared your skills and knowledge and we will miss you so much.

Happy Retirement Mrs Buckle!!!



Also wishing Miss Clinton every success in her new job. We will miss you here at St Vincent's thanks for everything you have taught our pupils over the past 9 years!!! Goodbye & Goodluck Miss Clinton



**Another wonderful
term at St Vincent's.
Have a lovely
Christmas.
Wishing you all the
happiness for 2022.**

