



ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL

A Specialist School for Sensory Impairment and Other Needs

St. Vincent's School Spring half-term newsletter

Love, Live, Learn, Grow

Upcoming dates

Monday 19th February
Pupils return to School.

Monday 26th February
Tree Council at St
Vincent's School

Wednesday 27th March
Parents evening

Thursday 28th March
Merseyside Swimming
Gala

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

Principal's message

Dear parents and carers,

As part of the enriched curriculum, wonderful work surrounds the use of the school grounds as a natural classroom. Such work leads into reverse inclusion, mobility, and employability. We are pleased to note St Vincents is a 'Beacon School' for the National Tree Council and will be working with a range of agencies and Alder Hey Hospital re-wilding our local community. The Tree Council will be resident at St Vincents between 26th February and 2nd March undertaking two volunteer planting days on 1st March and 2nd March.

An exhibition of the collaboration will be shared in school and at the Open Eye Gallery. Further details on how you can get involved will be shared in due course.

As always, you can also keep up to date with all things at St Vincent's School by following us on X **@StVincentsL12**

If you would like a copy of this newsletter in braille and/or large print, please contact the school office: office@stvin.com. Audio versions can also be provided with notice.

Have a wonderful half-term break.

Best wishes,

Dr. J Patterson



Tennis Enrichment

Emilio has been using his knowledge, skills and understanding of VI Tennis to lead Tennis enrichment sessions this half term.

These sessions will carry on throughout the year, leading to an exciting summer festival of tennis. We look forward to sharing more with you soon.

Well done, Emilio!



Liverpool Hope University

William, Dominic, Emilio, and Tom were invited to teach and coach a group of 3rd year PGCE students from Liverpool Hope University - their focus was on inclusion, differentiation, and modification of sports to create an inclusive environment.

Well done boys!



Maths

We have had a very tactile half-term in the maths department. Our lessons included braille Lego, symmetry with objects, working as a team to make shapes under blindfold and using playdoh to calculate fractions and weights to name but a few!

Many thanks to all pupils for working hard - and trying their best in their maths lessons.

Have a restful half term.

Mrs Blair



Marathon fundraising

As some of you will be aware Mr Miller is running The London Marathon for St Vincent's School this year. He currently has a finishing time sweepstake running to help raise money for the school. Each pick costs £5 which can be paid into the Just Giving page with the comment #Sweep in the comments. He will get the children/your child to pick out a time for you and record it for X. The Sweep is now over half filled so act fast.

Here is the website to donate to:
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/darren-miller-1695239271849>



New Enrichment

The students really enjoyed their first tennis coaching sessions with Gayle and 'We Do Tennis 4 Disability' they are all looking forward to more tennis sessions over the next term.

This session will link to our summer festival of tennis – and again – we look forward to sharing these events with you.



A message from the Head Girl

This half-term has flown by and with a snow day included!

The School Council continues to action many of the ideas that have been presented by form representatives. This includes new games for primary, more outdoor equipment, and some very exciting school trip ideas. The School Council also recently welcomed Mrs. Sinclair from Liverpool City Council who was keen to hear our thoughts about school and joining us remotely for one of our School Council meetings.

The school choir have also been busy learning lots of new music and we can't wait to share some of this with you.

I hope that everyone has a great half-term!

Emily



Transition group

T1 have been learning about where our favourite food comes from, we had an outdoor science lesson planting potatoes and learning about what food is good for our bodies.

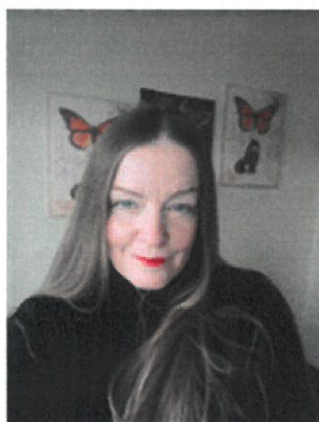
Over the course of next-half term we'll continue to monitor the progress – and share our findings using various platforms.

T1



Anfield Cemetery Blitz Project

S7G2 have been working closely with The Friends of Anfield Cemetery Society and designed accessible maps and guides of the cemetery in adapted text and braille which they presented to Tom and Cathy of the society. The class has also been tasked with helping design the new Blitz memorial which will be displayed at the mass grave at Anfield Cemetery where over 500 unidentified victims of The Blitz are buried.



Meet the staff: Miss Walsh

Each half-term we'll be introducing you to members of our amazing staff team to learn a little more about them, and what they do here in school - including a few questions from the students themselves!

My name is Miss Walsh and I am a LSA at St Vincents School and I work in SG7 group 2 and also T1.

I have been at the school since September 2023 and I have 32 years' experience working with children and families.

I love being a part of St Vincents School and working with our children, young people and staff.

In my spare time I love going to Costa and I live with my cat called Clausey.