



St. Vincent's School Christmas newsletter

Love, Live, Learn, Grow

Upcoming dates

Monday 8th January 2024
Pupils return to school

Saturday 3rd February
Community Park Walk –
Croxteth Hall Park

Friday 9th February
School breaks for half-term

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,

It's been a busy, creative and exciting year providing wider opportunities for our children and young people and across their strengths.

It's a year marked by a number of external recognition awards of value to pupils' which we have shared with you on X and the school website. The year ahead is already being populated with new opportunities underpinned with 'enrichment' Wednesdays, kicking off with our pupils performing in the '100 Voice Choir' on ITVs 'Big Bash' New Year Celebrations.

After another successful whole-school Christmas performance on Wednesday 20th December – it has certainly got us all into the festive spirit! Thank you again to all the staff and students for your efforts.

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.

I wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and every blessing for a fruitful 2024.

Best wishes,

Dr. J Patterson



Fire Engine visit

The primary and transition classes were treated to a surprise visit from Merseyside fire and rescue, after being able to sit in the front and back of the fire engines they were allowed to use the fire hose!

Once all their questions were asked and answered, the children got to hear all 3 sirens that the fire engines use. Thanks to Merseyside fire and rescue for a great experience.

It was enjoyed by all.



Taekwondo

It has been a busy half-term for the Taekwondo Enrichment group!

Well done to all pupils who received their first grading with British Taekwondo within - 9th KUP for Adam, Arthur, Isaac, Jake, Abyan, Cody, Frankie-Joe, Maizie, Harry and Elliot.

Taekwondo will continue as an enrichment offer after the Christmas break.



Liverpool Museum

For the last year Mr. McSorley has been working closely with The Museum of Liverpool and their Curating for Change Team.

Curating for Change exists to create strong career pathways for disabled and neurodiverse curators, currently seriously under-represented in museums. This led to pupils working on a project for the museum for Disability History Month and culminated with our Head Girl Emily Garner being featured in an exhibition in the museum on the history of assistive technology. Well done, Emily!



Aqua Explorer

The KS3 Geography theme was coasts this term so on the 11th of December our pupils were treated to an amazing learning experience from Aqua Explorer.

They brought a British rock pool experience to school and the pupils were able to learn about coastline habitats and get a hands-on experience meeting some of the creatures that live in these rock pools such as mussels, carbs and starfish.



Young Green Briton Challenge

After the success of last year's Eco Fairy Garden winning the YGBC finals – students are looking forward to planning their new designs.

The competition supports students aged 11-14 to learn and apply design, innovation, business, and other transferable skills, empowering them to explore local climate and sustainability issues and design entrepreneurial solutions (Eco-Ventures) or campaigns (Eco-Campaigns) to address the problems they identify. On the 5th of December we had Laura and Maizie travel from London to KickStart this year's competition and provide a workshop to help pupils with their ideas. We look forward to working towards the finals again with some exciting ideas coming from pupils on the day!



Meet the staff: Miss Watkins

Hello my name is Claudia and I'm a new LSA, I work with T1 and S7G2 primarily.

I started my new role in November.

My favourite drink is a hazelnut coffee.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time outdoors with my two children, running events or writing. I will always have a headband on or some sparkle.



A message from the Head Girl

It has been a very busy end to the year!

The school council continues to meet regularly to discuss matters and share ideas from representation from all form classes. Agenda items this half-term have included ideas for new playground equipment and resources for the newly refurbished Youth Club. We've also completed a review of the year which I look forward sharing with you in the next newsletter.

Thank you to all the staff for making the last week of school fun and full of festive spirit. And don't forget to tune into ITVs 100 Voices United.



Family Fun Day

A big thank you to all the parents, carers and students who joined us for the Family Fun Day on Saturday 3rd December.

Students and family enjoyed lots of festive treats, a reptile experience and a visit from the Grinch and the naughty elf himself (well-behaved we must note).

Thank you to all who volunteered their time to organise a wonderful day – and we look forward to more after the Christmas break.



Wishing all a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

We hope that all parents', carers, friends and family enjoyed this year's Christmas performance. Both the 2 pm and 7 pm performances had something for everyone to get them into that Christmas spirit – from solo performances to festive jokes.

Everyone at St Vincent's School would like to wish all students and families a very Merry Christmas – and we look forward to an exciting 2024.

