



## Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable early May Bank Holiday weekend and as always it was great to hear about all the fun activities pupils were involved in. Thank you also for such a positive response this week to our annual summer camp – if you haven't already done so, please complete the reply slip and return to the school office.

House Points as we end the week are Ash (112), Oak (106), and Elm (120).

### **A visit to The Florrie**

On Tuesday school and residential pupils enjoyed a trip to The Florrie where they had the pleasure of listening to internationally celebrated classical and flamenco guitarist, Grisha Goryachev. Both staff and pupils were treated to an evening of classical percussion and flamenco fire! Thank you to Mrs. McLaughlin and staff for organising and facilitating this trip – and I'm sure a return visit will be made.

### **Upgrades to the school music studio**

After discussions with staff, School Council and pupils a decision has been made to refresh and update our school music studio. Many pupils have expressed a keen interest in using new Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs), software and hardware. This upgrade will start immediately and will create a wonderful production space for both non-accredited and accredited music pathways – including the school radio station.

### **HumanWare**

This week we welcomed back staff from HumanWare to enable our pupils to get their hands on the new Monarch – a dynamic, tactile device that renders multiple lines of braille and tactile graphics. Pupils enjoyed exploring its functions, displays and interacted with complex diagrams in real time. Thank you again to the HumanWare team for visiting and providing this opportunity - we hope to have our very own here at St Vincent's School in the near future.

### **Under 10s and 13s football**

On Wednesday evening it was back to the LFCA Sefton for league fixtures for the under 10s/13s football team. On a glorious evening for the beautiful game, all players performed with such confidence and independence. A special mention to Arthur for his resilience throughout all 3 fixtures playing at B1 sight classification. There will be further fixtures across the next two weeks prior to the half-term break – all information will be shared with parents and carers.

### **Headteacher's Hot Chocolate**

This weeks winner of the headteachers hot chocolate was Joshua. Joshua has been working hard in class, improving his spellings and was even brave enough this week to take a penalty! Josh has also been observed by staff carrying out Random Acts of Kindness – helping others around him and guiding friends to the football pitch. A wonderful week Joshua – and very well done indeed.

A reminder that next week is the Merseyside Athletics Championships – all parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Wishing all an enjoyable weekend in the sunshine.

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher