



**ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL**

A Specialist School for Sensory Impairment and Other Needs



# Christmas Newsletter

## Principal's Message December 2020

Needless to say we have all experienced challenging times. Thank you for working through them with us as the St Vincent's family. My thanks goes to all Staff, parents and pupils for adapting and supporting each other in these unprecedented times. As we move in to 2021 it is wonderful to see Mr Swanston recognised for his dedication to individual teaching and learning, it is richly deserved. It is also significant that School won a Pearson UK Silver Award for Impact through Partnership which sits central to our curriculum. Further awards such as the RHS and short listing for a two further Educate awards all, at the end of the day, provide opportunities for our children and young people. Please do keep watching our twitter where we will share new, individualised ideas and opportunities as they develop. I wish you and your families a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year.

Dr J A Patterson

Principal



*Pupils Return to School*

*Monday 4th January*



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WEAR IT  
PINK

BREAST  
CANCER  
NOW The research  
& care charity

23rd October 2020 this year Mrs Boland organised 'wear it pink' to support Breast Cancer charity something very close to our hearts!



As part of this years Christmas Festivities the whole school took part in a special Christmas Daily Mile.



Primary had lots of fun exploring different areas of the school grounds; used accessible technology to find out more about some of the plants we have; we took a sensory walk in our wellies, where we heard some of the local wildlife singing in the trees; did crafts using nature and played in some very soggy leaves! The children loved the day and we are looking forward to the next one in the Spring term.



## Penny our School Buddy Dog

This year Dr Patterson surprised us all with a new member to our St Vincent's family. **Penny Patterson** the Springer Spaniel. She has been introduced to our students as their 'Buddy' dog. Penny walks to school every day with Dr Patterson come rain, hail or shine, she then goes home with him in the evening and a little birdy tell us she sleeps right next him! She has been a big hit with the office staff who cannot help themselves but give her cuddles and treats all day! What a lovely positive vibe Penny has brought to the School during this difficult year! The big plus is that she has never had to self isolate! Yipeeee!



We now have two new Air Hockey Tables in the residential groups, that were purchased with the 'Fun Fund' monies. Thank you to Mr K Burns, one of our School Governors, for all the donations over the years to this fund. The pupils are delighted and have had so much fun using the air hockey tables!!!



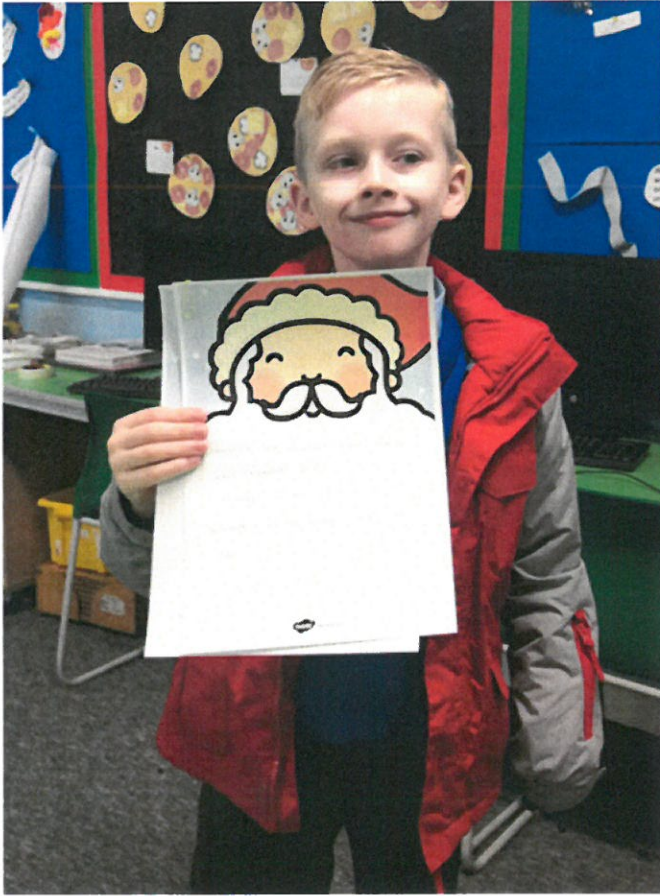
# Congratulations Mr Swanston!



Mr Swanston was surprised this term when he won the Pearson UK **Gold** award for Excellence in Special Educational Needs. Mr Swanston was surprised when the BBC One show were here at school filming, little did Mr Swanston know they were here to film him winning his award! What a lovely reaction and a well deserved award. From all pupils, parents and staff. School was also awarded Silver Excellence in Special Needs Education impact through partnership.



At the end of November, some Primary children used their letter writing skills to create their personalised letters to Father Christmas. We hope he writes back to us soon!

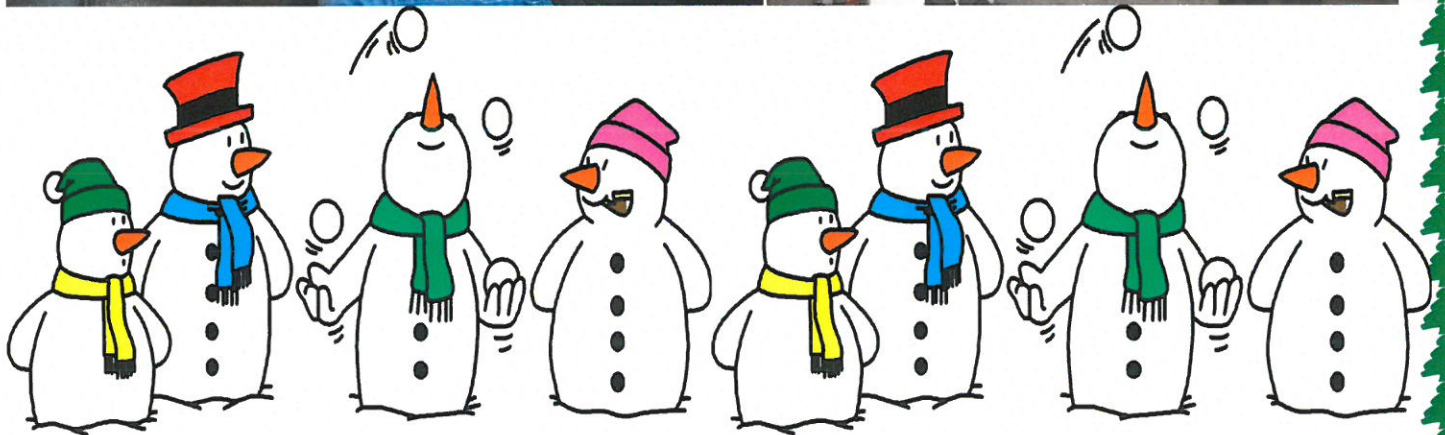
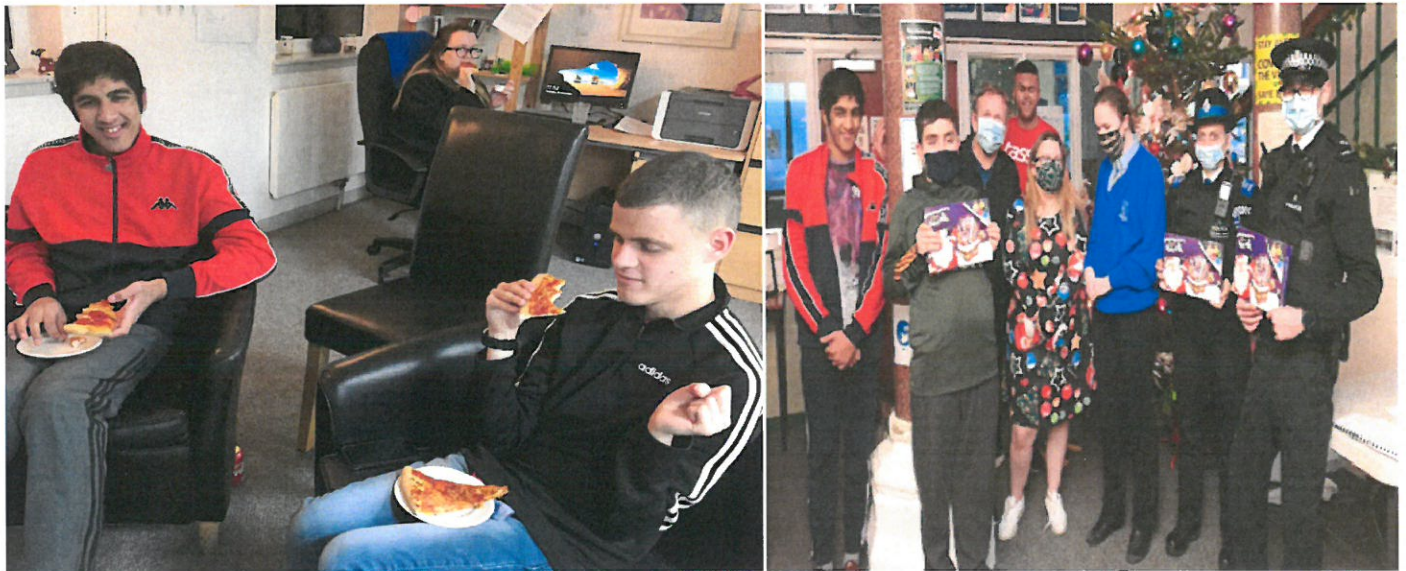


This term, in Science, Primary have enjoyed learning about different forces. One of our favourite lessons was designing and creating a boat and then testing its buoyancy outside in tubs of water.



# Residential News - 2020

It's been a different end of year celebration this year!! Instead of lots of trips out our Residential Parties have taken place in our group 'Bubbles'. These have included: Air hockey competitions on our two new tables bought from the Fun Fund; Zoom bingo; quiz nights between the two Residential groups. Our residential pupils made their own pizzas and potato wedges. Christmas movie nights and sending out for take away nights. A Big Thank you to Merseyside Police for their donation of selection boxes for all our pupils delivered by our local PCSO's. They were very much appreciated.



This year our performance is slightly different to what we are used to. Our students have been working extremely hard to create an online performance for you all.

We hope you were able to tune in and watch what we came up with. Hopefully next year we will be able to have you all back in school for our usual annual Christmas performance!



## Congratulations Rainbow!

A Huge congratulations to Rainbow for winning a Sports Personality Award. We are all so proud!  
Well done indeed!

A collage of logos and text for 'The Echo Awards' and 'Sports Personality Award Winner Rainbow Mbuangi'. The top left features the 'ECHO' logo with a swan icon and the text 'THE ECHO AWARDS' and 'Proud of our people.' Below this is the 'SP ENERGY NETWORKS' logo. The top right features the text 'SPORTS PERSONALITY AWARD' and 'WINNER RAINBOW MBUANGI'. The bottom right shows a photo of Rainbow Mbuangi smiling, holding an award plaque that says 'ECHO THE ECHO AWARDS'.