



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 21st March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another jam-packed week here at St Vincent's School – full of learning, challenge and success. I have enjoyed getting into class this week – taking part in Lego braille work, habilitation and reading sessions – including a visit to the new school library. Attendance this week has been excellent – with House Points as we end the week at Ash (79), Oak (80), and Elm (91).

St Patrick's Day Celebration

On Monday we celebrated St Patrick's Day as we enjoyed Irish music, culture and a guest talk by Paddy Brennan from the Irish Institute. We also welcomed Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr Murray who joined us for the afternoon. Lots of learning and fun had by all – and thank you to Mr. McSorley for organising the day.

Little Sticks

Staff this week had the opportunity to complete CPD training with Little Sticks. Little Sticks are part of Liv Golf and provide education and training to support more inclusive and enjoyable environments for children and young people to unleash their potential through golf. Over the summer term school will be offering a number of taster sessions for all pupils if they wish to give golf a try.

Under 16s Football

On Wednesday evening it was the Under 16s to take to the field for their first matches in the LFCA Ability Football League. I was so pleased to be able to attend this week and all players did St Vincent's School proud. Despite narrow defeats, we had debut goals, penalty drama and wonderful community team spirit.

Post-16 Work Experience

This week some of our Post-16s were out-of-school on work experience across a range of options from café' skills to horticulture. High-quality work experience is vital for all of our young people here at St Vincent's School – and I am eager to continue to reach out to further businesses and sponsors to provide more opportunities to enhance our offer. Well done again to all those who completed their work experience this week.

National Wooden Spoon Day

On Wednesday we celebrated National Wooden Spoon Day – the Charity of Children’s Rugby. We welcomed Rob Briers to school who spent time with some staff and pupils to hear the positive impact their £10k grant has had on school – including increased physical activity levels across break and lunch, new school teams and activity offer.

School PTA

This morning we held another PTA session – and I would like to update all parents and carers that we plan to hold a Summer Fair here at St Vincent’s School on Friday 11th July. There are some exciting and fun ideas being prepared – and I would encourage any parents and carers if they would like to contribute to this, to please contact me. I will update all fully in due course.

Headteacher’s Hot Chocolate

Today I was joined by Oscar who received this week’s Golden Ticket for a hot chocolate – Oscar has had a wonderful week in school – making excellent progress with his touch typing, completing the Daily Mile and making his debut for the under 13 school football team. Keep it up, Oscar!

Community Seed Sow

Along with the weekly newsletter this week all parents and carers have been provided with a letter and information on our school community sowing event on Wednesday 26th March. If you have any questions relating to this event please do not hesitate to contact me. A copy of the letter will also be available via the school website.

Weekend Activities

A reminder that tomorrow is the last Saturday activities before we break for the holidays. Thank you again for all those who have been attending – and I’m confident as the weather continues to improve, so will the participation. All updated sessions will be available via the school prospectus *beyond the curriculum*, on our return to school.

Wishing all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher