



ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL

A Specialist School for Sensory Impairment and Other Needs

Christmas Newsletter 2017

Principal's Christmas Message

May I wish all our families a wonderful Christmas. We have continued to build our 'enriched' curriculum in support of the core curriculum embedding Innovation, creativity and entrepreneurial learning on Wednesdays. Thanks must go to all staff and our external partners who have worked to individualise the teaching and learning and widen the opportunities for our pupils. I would encourage you to follow how we are progressing these opportunities in what will be an exciting New Year by following us on Twitter [@stvincentsL12](#) [@Sightboxuk](#) and [@StVin_Creative](#)

Every Blessing for the New Year
Dr J A Patterson

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Making snowman Christmas cakes!
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Meeting the guide dog puppies! [@grangeVrc](#)
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Pupils return to school Tuesday 09th January 2018



I am proud to share that an essay we have been working on in Shenanigans, pertaining to 'The Future of Peace', has been on quite a journey. It was initially presented to competition hosts, Lions International, at the Liner Hotel in Liverpool, who, in recognition of the endeavour, proposed it be read personally to the Lord Mayor at a reception in the Town Hall, and then for the Education Select Committee. The Committee then further proposed it be shared with the Minister of State, Robert Goodwill, MP, in Westminster. Very proud of Tom and his commitment to the project.

As part of our build up to Remembrance Day, I arranged for the Shenanigans group members to attend an event at RAF Valley in Anglesey - as part of a Shenanigans project to produce poems commemorating the First World War. I then extended the initiative to become a collaborative project with Year 9 pupils at Rainford High. The Rainford group members were invited to produce artwork, inspired by the poems of the St Vincent's members, and I produced a collaborative booklet to showcase V.I. and sighted pupils talents, side by side. The poetry and artwork will now be entered into the Never Such Innocence competition, and the St Vincent's group members have been invited to join the Rainford group members to launch a fundraising assembly in the new year.

To find out more, please follow our Twitter page [@StVin_Creative](#)



Whats Been happening in School...

The Daily Mile

St Vincent's Primary Pupils have been taking part in the new initiative Daily Mile. The Daily Mile is a very simple start to school pupils go out each day in the fresh air to run, jog or walk for 15 minutes. This aims to improve children's physical, social, emotional and mental wellbeing. It can help to focus and concentrate in the classroom!



This year our school residents had their Christmas party in Knotty Ash Bistro on 12th December 5.30pm. The menu was chosen by our pupils - our Terry cooking and Tony on the Karaoke and attended by our independent person Mr John Channel.

Brilliant evening with lots of fun and laughter

Thank you

Our School choir was invited again to sing at the brilliant Charlie Landsbrough's concert at the Liverpool Philamonic what a beautiful performance, Well done.

Big Thank you to all staff who helped on the night and stood with collection buckets raising an amazing **£1,057.03** for school.



Christmas Performance 2017 'Behind the scences'



Our Christmas performance, was a fabulously inspiring success. The audience crowded into the chapel for the afternoon and evening performances.

The setting of this years performance is backstage at the dress rehearsal for a big Christmas production. All the characters are dressed in costume for the "Big Show." The Director is running in and out getting people ready to go out "on stage" for the rehearsal. But what you see is the backstage activity. It comes out that some of the children don't even really understand the Christmas story that they are rehearsing, so the characters embark on an re-enactment backstage of the nativity story, the "Little Show" ends up ministering to the children more than the "Big Show."

Every pupil had a part to play in the magnificent settings of 'behind the scenes'. Many thanks to Miss Clinton our director and to all the staff who have spent many long hours preparing scripts, coaching actors, making scenery, designing costumes and decorating the chapel in preparation.

