Focus on....Year 6

What an amazing, busy week we've had in Year 6! On Tuesday we had a very special day to learn some incredibly important skills: Amy from Cheshire First Aid came in to spend the day with us, teaching us about first aid and how to manage emergency situations. We learned so much, including the recovery position, tying bandages and slings, dealing with choking, looking after burns, performing CPR and we even practised using defibrillators! At the end of the day, we all made our own first aid kits and then did a bandage relay to see which team could tie the most bandages on Mrs Bullen and Amy! But we've been busy in our lessons too: we have produced double page spreads about the 7 sacraments in RE, spent time on our independent study projects on Brazil in Geography, and researched all about different vitamins and minerals and why they are important for us to be healthy in Science (not to mention some very grown up discussions in RSHE linked to puberty, growing and changing!). Phew - we're ready for a rest now before we start preparing for our leavers' assembly and end of year celebrations from next week!





"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Gospel Values Our gospel value this week is: Peace

This Sunday is 'The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ' also known as Corpus Christi. In the gospel, John 6:51-58, Jesus says he is the living bread. Just like bread is something that helps our bodies to live and grow, Jesus is reminding us that the way to keep our spirits strong and alive (both now and forever – with God in heaven) is to follow his example. Jesus is food for our souls in the same way that real bread is food for our bodies.



Behaviour Awards

Conduct and Courtesy Award – Great attitude with good manners and behaviour. **Merit Award** – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

Year Group	Gospel value: Peace	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Heath	Olivia	Eddie – brilliant reading.
Year 1	Amelia	Aurora	Jessica – fantastic writing in English this week.
Year 2	lsabela M	Milan	Lillie – for some fabulous independent writing in English.
Year 3	Harry	Elsie	Leo – amazing attitude towards assessments.
Year 4	Narin	Robyn	George – excellent attitude and work during cricket sessions.
Year 5	Martha	Thomas	Judy – for her great participation during our lessons on other faiths.
Year 6	Malachy	Michael	Gianna – for being so sensible at all times and always giving 100%.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We certainly have enjoyed the sunshine and warm weather this week - I hope you can all make the most of it and have an enjoyable weekend.

God Bless,

Miss Groarke and all the staff at St. Vincent's.

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On Monday, each class took part in a Maths lesson with a difference when we welcomed Bryn, from

their mathematical thinking at the same time as getting fit! Bryn was also very complimentary about our school, the children and Staff, and gave the following feedback:

- high expectations from staff
- wonderful rapport between staff and children
- really, really curious children
- loads of creativity
- cooperation in abundance
- a love of PE, sport and physical activity
- thoughtfulness and kindness
- teachers who really know their children
- high energy levels "Can we play again?"

We are all very proud of our children!



Y4 'Come and Play with the Halle'

On Tuesday, Year 4 took part in a fantastic celebration of music at the Bridgewater Hall. During the performance the children had the opportunity to play their clarinets with the Hallé Orchestra and hundreds of other school children. The concert was space themed and included music from Holst, The Planets and Star Wars. Thank you to all our parents who were able to attend, I do hope you were all impressed and enjoyed the performance. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for children to play with such an incredible orchestra in such a beautiful venue.

It was a truly entertaining morning and as always, Year 4 performed with enthusiasm and skill. Well done!



House Points

House points are awarded throughout the week for all kinds of achievement or for good behaviour in all classes. The house point totals for this week were as follows:

St. David	St. Andrew	St. George	St. Patrick
20	18	21	18

Well done to this week's winning house - St. George

Attendance

Reception	98.9 %	Year 4	97%
Year 1	89.1%	Year 5	91.6%
Year 2	96%	Year 6	94.7%
Year 3	98%		

WELL DONE RECEPTION - AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Y5 Activity Day at St Nicholas

'Our first activity of the day was the assault course. In our opinion it was our favourite activity because we could race and topple down on the inflatable. Our second activity was R.E. We made a heart for God and we went into the chapel to pray. After the chapel, we went to a science lab and carried out an investigation about kinetic energy by calculating how quickly a ball travelled down a ramp at different heights. Finally, we did a mini-Olympics activity on the field which was great fun', by Chloe and Edward W.



Reception visit to Knutsford Fire Station

On Thursday, Reception class set off with great excitement for their second attempt to visit Knutsford Fire Station. However, just as we arrived, the station's fire alarm sounded and the firefighters had to respond to a real emergency! Whilst we didn't get the full tour this time, we had the exciting experience of watching the fire engine race off with its lights flashing and sirens blaring — a real-life action moment! The firefighters were very apologetic and have kindly offered to reschedule our visit once again. Fingers crossed it'll be third time lucky.



Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week:



Sports day – Thursday 26th June

Don't forget our Sports Day is on Thursday 26th June. We have an exciting day planned for children and parents to enjoy. Coach Dave and Mrs Cox have organised for there to be 2 separate key stage Sports 'half' Days. We will be having Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports in the morning 9.05am -11.30am, and KS2 in the afternoon 12.45pm -3.15pm. All children can come to school on the day in a t-shirt of their house colour and their PE shorts. They will also need to bring a named water bottle, a hat and be wearing suncream if sunny and have a coat in case of rain. The PTA will be selling drinks and snacks so please bring some cash or card as payment.

REMINDER: Holidays and Unauthorised Absence during Term Time

We kindly remind parents and carers that you do not have the right to take your child on holiday during term time. It is a criminal offence for a parent or carer to fail to ensure their child's regular attendance at school. Head Teachers can only authorise leave in exceptional circumstances, as agreed in our school policy by the Head Teacher and Governing Body. If you feel there are exceptional circumstances, the parent or carer the child lives with must submit a written request to the school as early as possible. The Head Teacher will then consider the request and respond with a decision in writing. If leave is not authorised and your child is still taken out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised and you may receive a Penalty Notice. Similarly, if no request is made and the school believes your child has been on holiday during term time, the absence may be marked as unauthorised and could result in a Penalty Notice.

Please also be aware that at this time of year, many important assessments are taking place. It can be very difficult for pupils who miss these to catch up.

We appreciate your continued support in promoting good attendance and giving our children the best chance to succeed.

Lateness

A polite reminder that the whistle is blown at 8.55am and children need to be on the playground ready to line up. Lateness disrupts the teaching for the whole class and is very unsettling for the child who has arrived in school late. Thank you for your continuing support in this matter.

Celebrating Ballet Success

We love hearing about our children's achievements out of school and their many amazing talents. Carys in Y4, recently successfully auditioned for the Royal Ballet School Junior Associate programme. She will start classical ballet classes with them from September. What an achievement Carys. Well done!



St Vincent's Pre School-Open Afternoon

St Vincent's Pre-school is holding an Open Afternoon on 27th June from 1.00pm till 3.00pm, this is for all the children due to start with us during the autumn term or for anyone who might be interested in their child attending our Setting.

If you are planning on coming along, please contact us either by telephone 01565 651948 or by email <u>cath@stvincentspreschool.co.uk</u>

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time					
Monday 23 rd June							
Y6 St. Nicholas Transition Day	AM						
Y1 visit to Kenyon Hall Farm	ALL	DAY					
Y2 Forest Schools – remember outdoor clothes and footwear. No shorts please.	РM						
Y4 'Wider Opportunities' music – please remember instruments.	РM						
D.R. Sports after school club	15:25	16:30					
Tuesday 24 th June							
Wednesday 25 th June							
Artis Performing Arts Workshops – whole school	ALL	DAY					
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (all years)		16:30					
Thursday 26 th June							
Rock Steady Music							
Rec/KS1 Sports Day	AM						
KS2 Sports Day	PM						
Y4-Y6 Cricket Tournament – Toft Cricket Club,		17:00					
Friday 27 th June							
Reception Class Assembly – School Hall. Parents/carers welcome.	09:15						
KS2 Football – D.R. Sports	15:25	16:30					
Jam Coding after school club	15:25	16:30					
* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at www.drsportsclubs.co.uk							

Father David and St. Vincent's Church

<u>St Vincent De Paul RC Church, Knutsford (stvincentsknutsford.org)</u>

Masses at Knutsford: Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:00 am

FUNDRAISING: Young Parishioners Cecilia Mullen and Megan Simmons will be fundraising after both Sunday Masses on 15th June for the Shrewsbury Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage in July.

Masses at Lymm: Vigil Mass at St Winefride's, Booths Hill Rd, Lymm, WA13 0DL at 5.45pm on Saturdays.

CAMINO DI SAN VINCENTE: At least 10 Knutsford Catenians, family and friends will be doing the sponsored walk on Saturday 14th June starting at St Winefride's (with Mass at 09:30) and finishing at St Vincent's (10 miles) to raise funds for our Cambodia Link. If you would like to support them you can donate at: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cambodialink. If you want to take part, please contact Martin Relton or Stuart Jones or email events@knutsford.p17catenians.org