

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
28th May 2021

Gospel Reflection

Matthew 28:16-20

On Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of the Trinity. 'Trinity' means something made up of three, and today we give thanks for the three persons of God.

1. God the Father – he created the world and everything in it. He loves us all dearly and sent his only son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sins.

2. God the Son – Jesus was made man. We know many stories which remind us of his kindness and goodness, and his love for all people. He taught us how we should live and the path to follow to find our way to Heaven. His love was so great, he died on the cross and rose from the dead to save us from sin.

3. God the Holy Spirit - We have learned that the Spirit takes many forms, wind, fire or a dove. He is invisible but very powerful, and he fills us with God's life and warms our hearts with the 'fire' of God's love and courage.

So there are three persons, but only one God.

The Trinity is a mystery, which we cannot really understand, but because we know that God can do anything, we believe in this mystery. It is part of our Faith.

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **Friendship**. *"Dear young people, Jesus wants to be your friend, and wants you to spread the joy of his friendship everywhere."* Pope Francis

We come to the end of a very exciting and joyful week in school. Children had several opportunities to celebrate their faith and to 'let off steam'.

On Wednesday, we had a visit from Sister Josephine, a regular visitor to our school. How lovely it is to see visitors coming back to us!

Sister Josephine talked to us about praying the Rosary and how Mary appeared to us on some occasions to teach us how to pray it and how important it is. The children were particularly taken with the story of Fatima and how Our Lady appeared to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, three shepherd children, in Portugal. The Virgin Mary told the shepherd children to pray the Rosary to bring peace to the world. Praying the Rosary is a way to make us feel we are taking an active part in the change we need in the world. Sometimes, when we see people around the world or in our community going through different difficulties and hardship, we want to get involved, we want to help, but are not too sure how we can do it. We can follow Mary's advice and regularly pray for peace and strength.

Sister Josephine also led our children in the Crowning of Mary. Children prepared beforehand hymns and prayers for the celebration. It was really lovely to see in the morning of the ceremony many children, who (without prompting from teachers) decided to bring flowers to Our Lady! The ceremony was beautiful; all children contributed with their singing, reading and prayers. They shared flowers amongst all and then proceeded to offer them to Our Lady. A true heart-warming sight to behold!

We finally finished the week with a bang. Break the Rules Day!

It is not every day in school when we celebrate and give children permission to break the rules. I am very pleased to report that, although looking a bit peculiar with their 'new image' children still managed to concentrate and demonstrate excellent learning throughout the day.

It was a good day and children and teachers enjoyed their opportunity to relax and show their fashion creativity.

Today was a happy day and the perfect one to wish Miss Sheehy all the best in her new adventure, as today we had to say good-bye. Miss Sheehy has been a very much-loved member of our team for quite a few years. She is now moving on to take a fabulous opportunity, which will develop her career; well done, you truly deserve it. On behalf of all the family at St Vincent's we want to express our gratitude for all your hard work. We will all miss you, Claire, good luck!

I want to wish everyone a lovely week.

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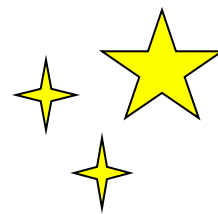
Headteacher:
Juliana Gonzalez

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Christine Fisher

SENCo:
Catherine Badawi

Stars of the Week

Reception – Nero for excellent work in building a floating device.
Year 1 – Daniel M for working hard at activities.
Year 2 – Maddison for amazing art work.
Year 3 – Diana for being a kind and supportive friend.
Year 4 – Kayla for being a good friend and being kind to her classmates.
Year 5 – Cynthia for persevering and getting her work done.
Year 6 – Laura for staying focused and working exceptionally well with a high level of concentration.



Break the Rules Day

Today we had "Break the Rules Day" which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We raised over £480. Thank you all for your support.

The Rosary and Crowning of Mary

In order to celebrate the Crowning of Mary, our children participated with Sister Josephine and each laid a flower at the statue of our Mary. Here are some of those moments and the floral arrangements.



Class Photographs

Class photographs will be taken on the first day back after the half term break. Please ensure that your child is wearing **summer** school uniform.

Uniform

A gentle reminder that all long hair must be tied back as per the school's uniform policy. This applies to all pupils in the school, both girls and boys.

Dates for your Diary

Summer half term break	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June
INSET Day	Monday 7 th June – school closed
School re-opens	Tuesday 8 th June 2021
Class photographs	Tuesday 8 th June 2021
Last day of Summer Term	Wednesday 21 st July 2021

This Week's Attendance

Reception	95.2%
Year 1	97.1%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	98.1%
Year 4	98.2%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	97.3%
Whole school	97.2%

★ Well done Year 4 ★
– best attendance for last week with
98.2%