

Our Garden project



At St Vincent's we work hard at providing children with plenty of opportunities to become healthy, happy and accomplished individuals. Our school projects promote the wellbeing of the children as well as sense of belonging to our community.

As part of our PSHE, Science and RE curriculum, we worked on building a garden for all the school to enjoy and look after.

Research has found that gardening is beneficial for everyone's health and wellbeing. Heading outdoors can provide us with a welcome escape from our hectic lives. Gardening gives us a sense of responsibility, which can help to boost our confidence and make us feel connected to the world around us. By working with nature, we can relax and enjoy living in the moment, feeling that we are making a difference.

Last year Year 3 embarked on a garden project supported by all their parents and guided by school staff.



They started by preparing the soil for planting removing weeds, stones and sticks from the soil.





Then they planted bulbs (flowers) and seeds (pumpkin, sunflower and carrot)
After that they looked after them for a few months



All the children had the responsibility of looking after the plants and enjoyed having different jobs to keep them healthy.

After a busy summer when we have returned to school, we have found lovely grown plants thriving and even giving fruit.





Pumpkin

Gladioli

Lillies

Carnations

Carrots

We are extremely proud of the children's effort and commitment to the project and for the support we have received from parents to make it happen.

'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.' (Genesis 1:1)

'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.' (Psalm 24:1)

The earth does not belong to us – it belongs to God! It is a gift from God, a home that we share with the rest of creation. But with this gift comes responsibility.

We will continue looking after God's creation and making our school a place of joy, hope and happiness.

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 took place from Monday 13th – Friday 17th November and had the theme ‘Make A Noise About Bullying’. It was coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at the National Children’s Bureau.

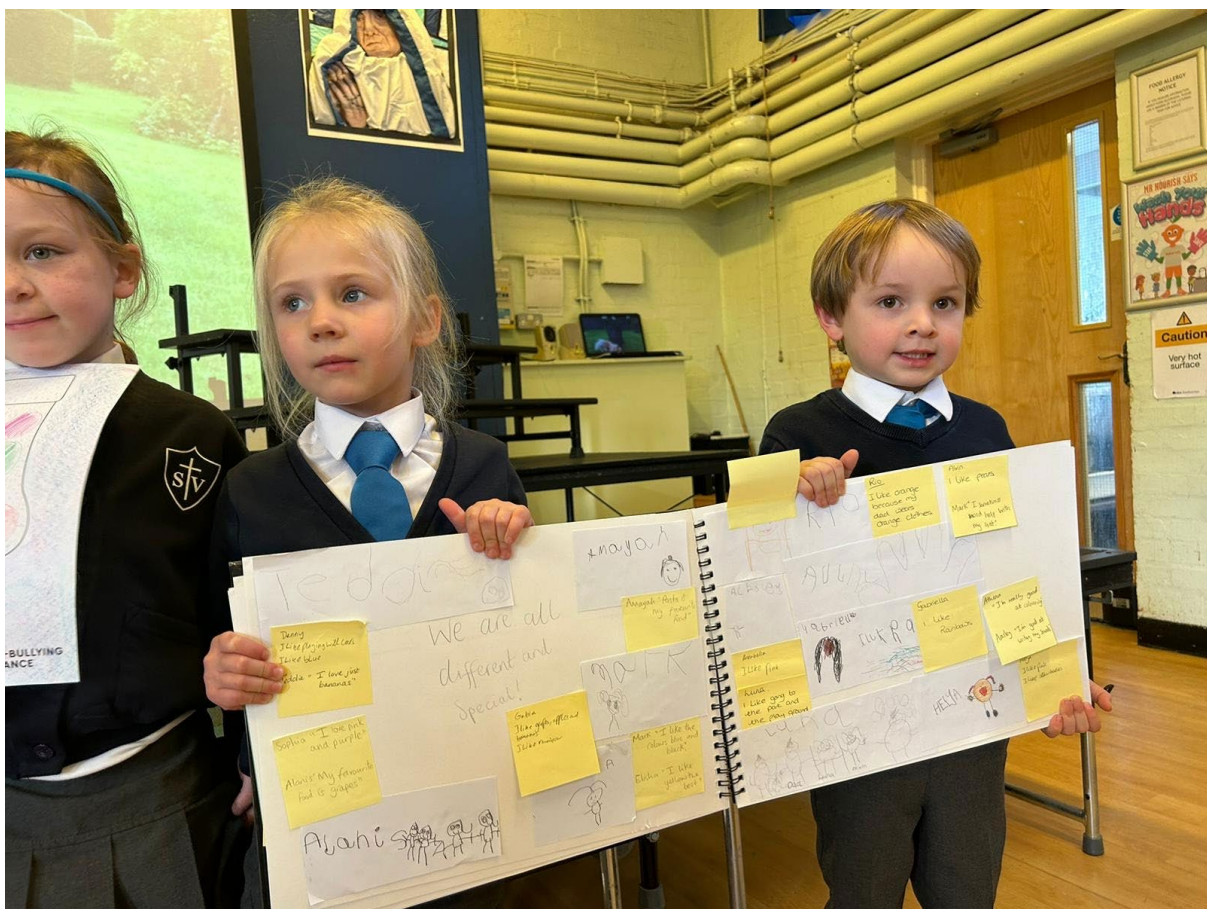
Bullying:

Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as ‘just banter’. It doesn’t have to be this way. Of course, we won’t like everyone and we don’t always agree, but we can choose respect and unity.

This Anti-Bullying Week we had several discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

These are the children from St Vincent’s ‘Making a Noise About Bullying’

In Reception the children worked at how they are the same but different, how they all come together and each individual is special. They did this by talking about their likes and dislikes and recording these on post it notes.



In Year 1 children talked about bullying and its meaning. They decorated odd socks to show it is ok to be different.



Year 4 wrote a class poem about stopping bullying and read it aloud at assembly; very powerful words and general advice.

In Year 3 the children created odd socks with messages around the theme and put them altogether on a poster with the heading 'Make a Noise'.



In Years 5 and 6 children were talking about the difference between 'banter' and hurtful comments and remarks, as well as the frequency of these which would cause them to become bullying. They talked about how it might made them feel, the negative thoughts and the isolation of the victim.

They all talked about the need for anybody who is being bullied to speak up (children telling an adult they trust) and discussed several strategies to overcome it, by doing the things they love and by being proud of who they are.

