

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated International Women's Day. This is a day marked to highlight the extraordinary contributions of women in our society. Children had the opportunity to explore and discuss the lives of influential women across history. They also had the chance to talk about great women in their lives.

A day like Tuesday is a special opportunity, not only to celebrate women, but also to raise awareness of equality and learn about how to challenge gender stereotypes. We know that teachers can positively impact their pupils and with days like this, we aim to empower the next generation of successful and inspirational women. We believe that through the equal participation of women, the whole society will benefit from full capacity of intelligence, knowledge and understanding of our world. This longing for equality is deeply rooted in our Curriculum Intent:

*"We [...] ensure our children acquire the necessary tools to be successful citizens of the 21 century and active participants in life in modern Britain. Our values, blended with a mixture of Gospel values, Democratic values and Learning attributes, guide our children's personal, spiritual, moral as well as social and cultural development: Love, Forgiveness, Compassion, Resilience, Curiosity and Aspiration. We are determined our children are prepared for challenges and opportunities in their lives by giving them grounding in their learning and strong values forming their character. These values are experienced throughout our everyday school life."*

Our children are familiar with school discussions about equality and discrimination and this equips them with the right tools to challenge and correct stereotypes in a considerate way.

"Imagine how much happier we would be, how much freer to be our true individual selves, if we didn't have the weight of gender expectations."

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, award-winning Nigerian-American author

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Gonzalez

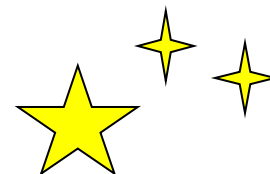
## Ukraine Appeal

Minnie Vinnies are collecting items to support people displaced from the war in Ukraine. We are collecting:

### **Non-perishable food and essential toiletries**

We will be collecting until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Please bring your items to the school foyer. Thank you very much for your help.

## Stars of the Week



Reception – Maro for working really hard and for using a big speaking voice.

Year 1 – Toby for great reading and good answers in maths.

Year 2 – Martin for having a great imagination and being creative during our liturgy assembly.

Year 3 – Selena for showing curiosity and aspiration in every area of learning.

Year 4 – Une for working hard in class and always trying her best.

Year 5 – Isla for always having a fantastic attitude towards learning.

Year 6 – Victory for making an excellent effort to improve her work.

## Items of Jewellery Found

A gold-coloured ring and a silver-coloured pendant have been found on school premises. Please enquire at the office, if you believe one of them might belong to you.

## Coffee Morning

You are all invited to a coffee morning to be held in the school hall from **8.40am to 9.30am on Tuesday 15th March**. Pre-school children may accompany you. Coffee, tea, fruit drinks and biscuits will be provided. As well as meeting other parents, you will have an opportunity to find out about some activities that are available in the local area. Mrs Gonzalez and Mrs Di Tunno, the Family Worker, will join you.

## Dates for your Diary

Year 1 Liturgy	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March
Coffee morning	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 8.40-9.30am
Year 2 Mass	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3 Library visit	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March
Dress Down Day for Easter Fair	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 5 Liturgy	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Year 4 Mass	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Year 2 Library visit	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Year 6 Liturgy	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3 Mass	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Fair	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>
School closed for Easter break	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>First day of Summer Term</b>	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>

## Last Week's Attendance

28 <sup>th</sup> February – 4 <sup>th</sup> March	
Reception	93.0%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	99.0%
Year 3	97.1%
Year 4	98.2%
Year 5	98.8%
Year 6	99.7%
Whole school	<b>97.2%</b>



## **Gospel Reflection**

**Luke 9:28-36**

*In today's gospel we hear about an amazing thing that happened to Jesus, which showed the disciples just how important he was. A great change came over him. Let's think about the changes we can make during Lent.*

*Jesus goes up a hill with Peter, James and John to pray. While he is praying a great change comes over him. His face was changed and his clothes became sparkling white.*

*Then a voice came from the clouds saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen – listen to him."*

*Jesus is changed. And everything changes for the disciples too. After all, they know now that Jesus really is the Son of God.*

*Through our prayers this Lent we can hope for wonderful changes too. We can ask God to help us to act differently, to make the world a fairer place, and to treat others as we would wish to be treated.*

*The disciples thought perhaps they should stay on the mountain and worship Jesus, but Jesus took them back down. Our Christian life is mostly lived among people who need us to show God's love. Our faith is not something just for church, but it is something that we have to live out every day in all that we do.*

*What will you do to try and live more as God asks you to? How will you listen and change your life and the lives of others for the better?*

*Prayer:*

*God our Father, help us to see your Son in all people and to treat them as we would wish to be treated ourselves. Help us to listen and to live our lives as you ask us to. Amen.*