

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
13 October 2023

Dear parents and families,

Today, we had a special day dedicated to celebrating our duty as stewards of God's creation; a day for reflection, action and unity in caring for the world that our Creator has entrusted to us.

Our faith teaches us that the Earth is a gift from God, and it is our responsibility to be its stewards. Today we recognised that the wellbeing of humanity and all living creatures is intertwined with the health of the planet. Through our actions, we demonstrate our reverence for the Creator and His creation.

This week our children studied some scriptures from the Book of Genesis about God's command to be responsible for the care of the Earth.

We began the week with an assembly about the letter Pope Francis sent to all of us, *Laudato Si*. In this deeply influential letter, Pope Francis invites everyone on the planet to consider how our actions are affecting the earth and the poorest people. Everything is interconnected, and all of creation praises God. It is our Christian vocation to care for creation.

The Church says: 'The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole...Our duties towards the environment are linked to our duties towards the human person, considered in himself and in relation to others.'

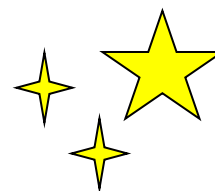
At St Vincent's we aim to incorporate the principles, as emphasised by Pope Francis, in our curriculum. We develop environmental science, sustainability and ethics into our lessons. Our teachers discuss the ethical and moral dimensions of environmental issues within the school subjects. We highlight ecological themes in literature, art, geography and history classes.

We want to guide your children in preparing them to take responsibility for the well-being of our world, which we refer to as "Our Common Home".

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



Reception – Anthony for being kind and caring for everyone.
Year 1 – Adaure for working hard and for always using beautiful manners.
Year 2 – Fope for brilliant work and lovely creative ideas.
Year 3 – Nero for always participating in class.
Year 4 – Isabelle for her vocabulary in literacy.
Year 5 – Selena for excellent participation and always trying her best.
Year 6 – Sophie for making great strides in maths.

School Value Awards

Reception – Gabia for showing resilience and respect in the classroom.
Year 1 – Christel for showing love to her friends and teachers and showing kindness to others.
Year 2 – Victoria for showing aspiration by always doing her best.
Year 3 – Emme for showing aspiration by improving every day.
Year 4 – Violet for being thoughtful.
Year 5 – Angela for being a caring and thoughtful friend.
Year 6 – Zachary for showing great resilience to improve his work.

Dates for your Diary

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| Monday 16 – Friday 27 October | School closed for half term break |
| Monday 30 October | First day of second half of term |
| Monday 30 October | Rosary session with Sister Josephine |
| Tuesday 31 October | School Photographs |
| Wednesday 1 November | Years 2-6 to Mass for All Saints' Day (leaving school at 09:00) |
| Wednesday 8 November | Year 6 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome |
| Wednesday 8 November | Year 3 visit to library (leaving school at 13:40) |
| Thursday 9 November | Face to face Parent-Teacher meetings |
| Wednesday 15 November | Year 2 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome |
| Wednesday 15 November | Year 3 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00) |
| Wednesday 15 November | Year 4 visit to library (leaving school at 13:40) |
| Monday 20 November | Year 5 visit to library (leaving school at 13:40) |
| Wednesday 22 November | Year 1 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome |
| Wednesday 22 November | Year 4 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00) |
| Tuesday 28 November | Nasal flu vaccination |
| Wednesday 29 November | Year 3 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome |
| Wednesday 29 November | Year 5 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00) |
| Wednesday 6 December | Year 4 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome |
| Wednesday 6 December | Year 6 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00) |
| Wednesday 13 December | Reception Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome |
| Wednesday 20 December | Last day of Autumn term |

This Week's Attendance

| 9-13 October 2023 | |
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| Reception | 95.7% |
| Year 1 | 94.9% |
| Year 2 | 97.7% |
| Year 3 | 95.9% |
| Year 4 | 97.2% |
| Year 5 | 96.5% |
| Year 6 | 92.3% |
| Whole school | 95.7% |



Rosary Session

On Monday 30th October, Sister Josephine will be running a rosary session with the children in the afternoon. Children may bring their rosaries to school on this day, if they have one.

Winter Uniform

From Monday 30th October, all children are expected to be in winter uniform please.

School Photographs

Individual professional school photographs will be taken of every pupil on Tuesday 31st October. In addition, photographs of sibling groups will also be taken. These groups will only include current pupils, not pre-school siblings or ex-pupils.

Scripture of the week

We would like to share with you the Scripture of the Week, which has been at the heart of some of our Religious Education curriculum this week. It has served as a guiding light for our students as they explore and deepen their understanding of faith and values.

“Then **God** blessed them and said, ‘**Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it.** Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.’” Genesis 1:28 NLT

