

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
7th October 2022

Dear parents and families,

Traditionally during the month of October, we celebrate Black History Month, a celebration to raise awareness of black history.

We are excited to mark this time at St Vincent's and we see the importance of celebrating this month.

However, we want all pupils to benefit from a high quality and diverse history curriculum. Black History Month only happens once a year; our teaching of black history does not begin and end there.

We feel that one month a year would not be sufficient or appropriate and we supplement this celebration with a curriculum, which has black history running as a thread throughout the year.

It is part of our ethos that pupils should be taught about different societies, and how different groups have contributed to the development of Britain. This includes, of course, the voices and experience of black people.

We study key figures from different cultures, religion and ethnicities as part of a broad and balanced curriculum.

Children are exposed to different artists, scientists, historians, sports personalities and writers, who link to our topics. We also use our literacy lessons and literature in class to provide our children with stories that are "windows" and "mirrors". Windows are those stories about different cultures, whilst mirrors are those stories that reflect children's own culture.

There are many resources that schools and parents can use, to support teaching black history all-year round.

- The [Historical Association](#), has many black history resources available, including those linked to in their annual Black History Month news story.
- [BBC Bitesize](#) – Resources relevant to Black History Month.
- [National Archives](#) – 'World Through a Lens', photos from over 100 years history, including Africa and the Americas. Many of these could be used as the stimulus for lessons in black history.
- [Oak National Academy](#) – Has a selection of black history resources available for both English and history lessons, including information on the resistance to slavery in Jamaica in the 19th century and on the Windrush.
- [Bristol Museums](#) and [BBC Teach](#) provide resources on the Bristol Bus Boycott.

Above all, we teach our children about the importance of learning to live in a diverse world. We teach them how to respect people's ideas, cultures and religions. Learning about different cultural aspects offers new experiences for children.

"It is because we are different that each of us is special."

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs González



Stars of the Week

Reception – Amelie for settling into Reception and enjoying her new learning environment.
Year 1 – Chimamanda for wonderful listening in class and for always trying her best.
Year 2 – Jessica for fantastic work in all areas, including great imaginative writing.
Year 3 – Emily for showing curiosity when learning something new.
Year 4 – Owura for writing a beautiful poem about the ecosystem for National Poetry Day.
Year 5 – Farrah for growing in confidence to participate in class discussions.
Year 6 – Eva for trying her best to improve her written work.
Year 6 – Saniya for being determined to complete her science work.

Dates for your Diary

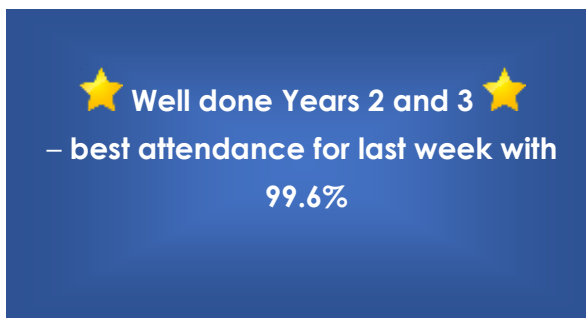
Year 6 Mass	Wednesday 12 th October
Year 5 library visit	Wednesday 12 th October (<i>leaving at 1.40pm</i>)
Year 1 Liturgy assembly	Wednesday 12 th October at 9.00am
Break the Rules Day	Friday 14 th October
Last day of first half of the term	Friday 14 th October
First day of second half of the term	Monday 31 st October
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 2 nd December (TBC)
Christmas Fair	Wednesday 14 th December (TBC)
Last day of term	Wednesday 21 st December

Mini Vinnies' Food Collection

The Mini Vinnies would like to thank those of you who have given food donations for the Bromley Foodbank. The following items have been requested: soup, milk (UHT), cooking sauces, tinned vegetables, sweets, toilet rolls and multi surface sprays/wipes. The Foodbank has also asked our school to be especially in charge of reduced sugar rice pudding. The Mini Vinnies will be collecting from today until the last day of term.

Last Week's Attendance

26 th – 30 th September 2022	
Reception	96.7%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	99.6%
Year 3	99.6%
Year 4	97.4%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	97.0%
Whole school	97.7%



Gospel Reflection

Luke 17:11-19

Today we hear about how ten people were healed by Jesus but only one of them said 'thank you'. Let us think about the importance of saying thank you to each other and to God.

We are often reminded how important it is to have good manners. When we ask for something, we should say Please and when we receive something, we should say Thank you.

By saying thank you we show we're happy with what we've got and we recognise how generous the other person has been by giving it to us.

Today we heard that Jesus gave the amazing gift of good health to ten men who all had an illness called leprosy.

While all ten men were happy to receive the gift, only one of them gave thanks to Jesus and praised God.

This illness can be very painful. People with leprosy could not get too close to others for fear of making them sick too. They could not even hug their families or friends anymore. They had to live separately to everyone else.

Though the nine other men were happy to be healed, they did not return to Jesus to give thanks for what he had done. Only one man went back to show how grateful he was for the gift of health and a new life with his family.

Like the man who returned to Jesus, we should try to praise and thank God at all times for the amazing things that we have been given. When we see all that we have as a gift from God, it makes us want to care for the earth and make it a fairer place for all people to live; a place where all people have enough food to eat.

Let us show our thanks to God as we pray together:

Prayer

*Loving Lord, help us to remember all the good things we have which come from you. Fill our hearts with thanks and praise. Help us to make sure all your people have their fair share of the gifts you give for us all.
Amen.*