

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
9 June 2023

Dear parents and families,

This week we had great fun celebrating different countries and cultures in our International Week.

Behind the fun and engaging activities there is a clear aim for our week, to foster appreciation and respect for different cultures while promoting a global perspective among our children.

Different year groups learnt about different countries, their traditions, customs, languages, and cuisines. This appreciation of different nations also links with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, by highlighting the importance of global solidarity, respect for human rights, and the pursuit of social justice on a global scale.

Here are a few ways in which we connect Catholic Social Teaching to the learning in our school:

Human Dignity: Emphasise the inherent dignity of every person, regardless of their nationality, ethnicity, or background. Encourage students to recognise and appreciate the value and worth of each individual, promoting respect and inclusivity among diverse cultures and nationalities.

Solidarity: Highlight the interdependence and interconnectedness of all people. Encourage students to reflect on the global nature of social issues and foster empathy and compassion for those facing injustice and inequality in different parts of the world.

Preferential Option for the Poor: Call for prioritising the needs of the marginalised and vulnerable. Encourage students to explore global poverty and inequality, and search ways in which they can contribute to alleviating these issues through acts of service, fundraising, or awareness campaigns.

Care for Creation: Stewardship for the environment and the responsibility to care for creation. This teaching connects to global environmental challenges, such as climate change and resource depletion, and encourages students to reflect on their role in promoting sustainability and taking care of the planet.

Peace and Reconciliation: Catholic teaching on peace and reconciliation, promoting dialogue, understanding, and peaceful resolution of conflicts. Discuss global conflicts and encourage students to think critically about the importance of fostering peace, justice, and reconciliation in an increasingly interconnected world.

Advocacy and Social Action: Encourage students to become advocates for social change and engage in social action on a global scale. Provide opportunities for them to learn about international organisations and initiatives that address social issues globally. Encourage them to take action, such as writing to policymakers, organising awareness campaigns, or fundraising for international causes.

Through all these principles we can inspire our children to become compassionate global citizens and encourage them to actively participate in building a more just and sustainable world.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



Reception – Gabriel T for trying hard in phonics and joining in well.

Year 1 – Antonio for excellent work in all lessons.

Year 2 – Nero for participating in class discussions with fantastic perspective.

Year 3 – Amari for showing aspiration in all tasks.

Year 4 – Daniel for excellent times tables work and improved amount of work completed.

Year 5 – Valentino for working hard on improving presentation.

Year 6 – Beatriz for demonstrating inspirational religious leadership.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 14 June	Year 2 visit to Mass <i>(leaving school at 09:00)</i>
Wednesday 14 June	Year 3 visit to Library <i>(leaving school at 13:40)</i>
Friday 16 June	Sports fundraising day
Tuesday 27 June	KS1 Sports Afternoon at 1.30pm
Wednesday 28 June	Class photographs
Wednesday 28 June	KS2 Sports Afternoon at 1.30pm
Thursday 29 June	Years 2 – 6 visit to Mass <i>(leaving school at 09:00)</i>
Tuesday July	Years 4 & 5 trip to Eagle Heights
Friday 7 July	Spanish Day
Monday 10 July	Year 1 trip to Hall Place
Tuesday 11 July	Year 3 trip to Lullingstone Villa
Thursday 13 July	Year 2 trip to National Maritime Museum
Thursday 13 July	Reception trip to Godstone Farm
Tuesday 18 July	Leavers' Mass TBC
Friday 21 July	Last day of Summer Term
Monday 4 September	First day of Autumn Term

This Week's Attendance

6 – 9 June 2023	
Reception	92.9%
Year 1	99.2%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	97.0%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	96.0%
Year 6	84.8%
Whole school	94.5%



Gospel Reflection

John 6:51-58

Today Jesus tells us that anyone who eats the bread that he offers will live forever.

He goes on to say that the bread he gives is his flesh, and that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood lives in him and he lives in them.

Every time we come to Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Jesus. We come to share in it, even if we only have a blessing, welcoming Jesus into our lives.

Bread is a very important food. It is a basic food eaten by people all over the world. It is an everyday food that all Jesus' listeners would have recognised and understood.

Bread is very important in the lives of many people around the world today. In fact, it can be life-changing.

As we get ready to go back into Mass and share in Communion, we remember now how very special the bread at Mass is, because it becomes Jesus' body. We look forward to taking part in this special meal with the whole parish community, by receiving a special blessing or, if we have made our First Holy Communion, the Body of Christ.

We pray for all the people who make sure that we have bread to eat every day. The people who grow the ingredients, who make the flour. We pray for all people who make bread around the world. The people who sell the bread and who buy it for us to eat.

We live in Jesus and he lives in us and so we pray together:

Prayer

Lord, Giver of Life, we thank you for the gifts that you have given us. Watch over all your people and work through us so that all your children around the world may have enough to eat.

Amen.