



The Three Saints Academy Trust

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Newsletter

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St Ann's Church of England Primary



St Mary & St Thomas' C.E. Primary

Message from the Principals

We welcome you to the second newsletter of the Three Saints Academy Trust. Time has flown by since our very first newsletter in December and we have made lots of progress as a Multi Academy Trust.

In January we were very pleased to welcome our new school meals providers; Mellors. They have worked with our school meals staff to ensure we are providing healthy and appetising meals for all our children. Mellors have arranged some tasting sessions for parents this term and will be working alongside our teachers on some food based learning in the summer term.

Staff from both schools have continued working together and this term have concentrated on; reviewing and re-writing policies, on our school assessment systems and joint moderation of assessment judgements to ensure they are correct.

Both schools work with our joint PE teacher Mr Pemberton and IT Technician Mr Gilhooley, all children benefit from this joint working.

We encourage you to visit our Trust website where information about our Academy can be found. Visit our Trust website on www.three-saints.org.uk

Kind Regards

Kirsty Haw & Rebecca Wilkinson



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The Three Saints Academy Trust creates belief in all by:

- Having high expectations in all we do
- Instilling a love of learning, through fun and memorable experiences
- Creating nurturing relationships built on trust, care and respect
- Providing an environment of opportunity where all can grow and succeed



News from St Mary & St Thomas'

Believe, Achieve, Shine

Award Celebrations

This term we have been awarded The Basic Skill Quality Mark. This award is in recognition of the high standards we achieve in English and mathematics. St Mary & St Thomas' has been in receipt of this award for the past 10 years which has been recognised with a special plaque.



Celebrating Christian Festivals

This term the whole school have visited St Thomas' Church and taken part in services for Ash Wednesday and Easter. These services were led by Y5 & Y4 who did a fabulous job and attended by the whole school, parents and Governors. Every child took home a palm cross and Easter egg. The palm crosses will come back to school to be burnt and ashes created to use at next year's Ash Wednesday Service.

100%attendance

All children who have achieved 100% attendance so far this year were rewarded with a visit to the cinema. They enjoyed their popcorn whilst watching Alvin and the chipmunks.

Film-makers!

KS2 children have worked with a film maker this term to write, act, produce and edit a drama documentary about life in at St Mary & St Thomas'.

All classes did a fabulous job and the children are very proud of the films they have created.

Art Exhibition

The hall was transformed into an Art Gallery in March. Every child created a 'masterpiece' which was framed and displayed in the school hall creating a huge exhibition. Families were invited to view the works of art and most of them were sold. It was fantastic to see so much talent on display in the school hall.



Technology week

In March the whole school focused on food technology for a week. Each class worked with 'Chef for the Day' and everyone did an excellent job of making lots of different dishes. Each class worked with Asda and Mellors on a variety of food technology tasks.



Other events

The Spring Term has been a very busy one at St Mary & St Thomas', some other events our children have taken part in are: Valentines disco, Easter bingo, KS2 Eucharist Service and Young Voices at the MEN.



News from St Ann's

Always our best for God, each other and ourselves.

RE Week 25th -29th January 2016

We held our second annual RE week in January and this year the focus was Jesus. Each year group focussed on a different aspect of Jesus and created a large canvas to depict this. These are on display the corridor.



Alongside this we also ran two very successful parent workshops at which parents and the opportunity to work alongside their

child to learn more about the origins of Christingle. Both workshops had a high attendance with over 130 parents attending over the two days.

STAR Day

On the 12th of February we held our annual STAR DAY. This fundraising day gives our children the opportunity to fund raise for chosen charities. This year we supported the Marie Curie and Willowbrook Hospice charities. As usual our classes chose very varied events to take part in on the day. These included a 'Funky Footwear Walk', a Cinema afternoon and a Challenge Treasure Hunt event. In addition children were given the opportunity to create a 'Mini Pot of Care'. Children planted a daffodil bulb and decorated their own pot. Our fantastic, caring children raised a massive £732. Well done children!

Writing Week

The epicentre of our Writing Week this year was the school radio. The children in all years focused on different genres to develop their writing and oracy skills.

EYFS produced Thoughts for The Day; Year 1 created Fact Files; Year 2 produced News Reports; Year 3 produced Chat Sessions interviewing staff members and

visitors to the school; Year 4 discussed Book Reviews, choosing books for all age groups. Year 5 hosted a Discussion Programme covering various subjects including Philosophy for Children and Year 6 wrote and presented Radio Plays and Short Stories.

World Book Day

On World Book Day we welcomed local author, and our Reading Patron, Rachel Lyon into School. Rachel did a reading of her latest (due out in May), and children were given the opportunity to buy her books which she personally autographed for them. Year 6 then took part in a writing workshop led by Rachel. In addition to this, children from Reception to Year 5 took part in a dance and drama session led by West End in Schools, and children were also provided with the opportunity to purchase a book from our 'Mystery Book Shop!' Children wore their pyjamas for the day, and staff wore t-shirts with a book recommendation printed on them.



St Ann's Has Got Talent

This annual event took place on the 17th March at the Theatre Royal. All children are invited to participate and this year more than ever took up the opportunity. The acts were varied and ranged from singing and dancing to variety. The overall winner this year was Iris Preston (Yr1), KS 1 winners were Year 2, KS 2 winners were Year 6, over 9s winner was In Synch (Yr 5), under 9s winner was Evelyn Preston (Yr 4) and the winner of the Bob Lewis Trophy was Sofia Wilkinson-Hill.



St Ann's Got Talent Overall Winner