



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 third and final newsletter of the academic year. It is almost a year now since Three Saints Academy Trust came into existence and during that time we have made lots of progress.

In April of this year, both principals attended a two day residential as part of the 'Executive Educators' course. This was a hugely beneficial experience as it allowed us to meet with personnel from well-established Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) across the country. Following the residential, the principals have made visits to some of these academies and ideas gained from these experiences will be incorporated into our MAT Business Plan.

Key staff at both schools are working hard together to create a bespoke curriculum for our schools. The 'LUNAR' curriculum will prepare our pupils to be very successful in adult life. The curriculum will be launched in September 2016.

Staff across the academy have worked together throughout the year to moderate standards in writing. This work will continue next year and beyond. Both schools have also joined together for an 'Ethos' conference.

The academy boasts some very talented staff who work hard to support schools both within the borough of St Helens and in neighbouring areas. Between the two schools we have a

National Leader in Education, a Local Leader in Education and six Specialist Leaders in Education.

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

Visit to Buckingham Palace

Mrs Haw was invited to attend a Royal Garden Party on 19th May. She was nominated by the DfE in recognition for services to education. It was a wonderful occasion where she had chance to meet the Queen, Prince Philip, Prince Charles, Princess Anne and a number of other members of the Royal family.



London Eye, visits to the Natural History Museum and Buckingham Palace. They went to the theatre to see 'Matilda' and rounded the trip off by visiting Harry Potter Studios. All were excellent ambassadors for our school and were a credit to their families.



School Production

Our production this year was 'Wind in the Willows'. Many KS2 pupils got involved and contributed to an excellent show which was very well supported by families. Well done to everyone involved.



Y5 Forest Schools residential

Year 5 visited Scarisbrick Forest for their annual camping trip. They spent 3 days in the woods in tents surviving the rain and putting their outdoor skills to excellent use. They enjoyed lots of fun activities including cooking on the campfire and navigating themselves around the woods.



Year 6 holiday to London

Year 6 spend 3 days of July in London. They had a truly memorable time visiting all the main sights, including a trip on the

Fun Day

Spirits weren't dampened on fun day despite the rain which meant we had to come inside! Children and their families enjoyed an afternoon of games, face painting and refreshments. Everyone had a great time and raised over £500 for school funds.



News from St Ann's

Always our best for God, each other and ourselves.

Arts Week

Arts' Week is a themed event within our school. The children are presented with a whole host of cultural learning experiences planned for the children to take part in, ranging from story-telling to poetry writing, from art and design, to drama, dance and music. This year Arts Week was themed around the book 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward.

The children created a magnificent exhibition based on the book.



Residential Visits

At the beginning of May, our Year 4 children took part in a weekend residential trip to Kingswood, Staffordshire. Kingswood is an exciting venue for outdoor adventure. The children experienced a wide range of activities, from team building challenges and indoor initiatives, to high adrenaline experiences, such as the zip wire. Both the children and staff had a great time and came back exhilarated with lots of stories to tell us!



School Production



This year our talented children performed *Grease* at the Theatre Royal for our end of year production. The principal roles were taken by Year 6 children and the remainder of the roles from various year groups. The children put on a spectacular performance which was enjoyed by everyone who came to watch.

Enterprise Week

Enterprise Week this year was themed around the Queen's 90th Birthday. Children self-selected two workshops from the following menu: Designing a Logo, Presenting a Pitch, Solving Money Problems, Advertising, Market Research, Budgeting, Teamwork and many more. In addition, the children were given a choice of products to design, create and sell such as scones, paper crowns, flags, green screen pictures and many more. These were bought and sold by the children and their parents at Enterprise Coffee Morning at the end of the week.

Arts Council Programme

As part of an Arts Council funded programme, Year 3 participated in Drama and Creative Digital Technology workshops led by specialists from Altru Drama and FACT (Foundation for Art and Creative Technology). The purpose of these workshops was to develop the children's Literacy skills through drama and ICT. Children had a fantastic time in the drama workshops thinking about the background of their characters and describing the setting. In the ICT workshops children worked on a building and programmed a robot. Children used technology called 'Raspberry Pi' and 'Arduino' to direct motors and lights using a programme called Scratch.

Ethos Conference

Our second Ethos Conference took place on Friday 15th July. This year the conference was based upon the theme of Friendship and we had pupils from four schools joining us for the morning to take part in RE based activities both in church and in our school woodland. During the morning the pupils made new



friends and went back to their school with a range of work they had produced.