



The Three Saints Academy Trust

"If you can believe, all things are possible to those who believe."

Mark 9:23

Newsletter

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St Ann's Church of England Primary



St Mary & St Thomas' C.E. Primary

Message from the Executive Principals

We are delighted to welcome you our 7th edition of The Three Saints Academy Trust newsletter and the first for this academic year.

This term has been a busy one, as usual for all our staff and children and we are very proud of the fantastic work that goes on in our schools. You will get a flavour of this amazing work on the following pages.

All schools in the Trust are working towards the Unicef Award and this work places the respecting rights agenda at the heart of our schools

Staff from both schools have been working together this term on a variety of training and development activities, as always this has all children at the heart of any improvements or developments we make. Staff have worked on our curriculum with a particular focus on maths, English and science this term. Pupils have also had the chance to come together and have shared each schools Eucharist Services.

We are continuing to develop our plans to make an application to open a new all-through Church of England Academy in the Ecclestone area. Our next step is to gather interest from the local area. When the next round of new schools is announced by the DFE we will proceed with this.

This term the Directors and Governors of both schools have been working together to develop our vision and strategic plan and they have developed our '**Trust Fingerprints**', These outline what is unique and of the highest priority in our schools. To achieve our mission school's follow a set of principles which make us unique.

1. Nurturing **VALUES**, creating distinctive character
2. Aspiration leading to **EXCELLENCE**
3. **CURRICULUM** innovation
4. **COLLABORATING** to improve outcomes for all
5. Cultivating future **LEADERS**

You can read more about our fingerprints on the Trust Website

Our very best wishes for the festive season

Kirsty Haw & Rebecca Wilkinson



News from St Mary & St Thomas'

Believe, Achieve, Shine

UNICEF Recognition of Commitment Award

We are thrilled to share that we have achieved the UNICEF Recognition of Commitment Award. The award acknowledges all of the work that we do to promote children's rights and how we encourage our children to respect the rights of others in school



Anti-bullying Work

As a school we are working towards our Anti-Bullying Alliance Altogether Award to celebrate the work we do in school to prevent bullying. During Anti-Bullying Week, the pupils worked together on this year's theme 'All different, all equal' which included a drama performance by Altru Drama Company, some follow up workshops and finally everybody in school wearing odd socks. We also used the week as an opportunity to host parent workshops to raise awareness about bullying and share the strategies used in our school to prevent it from happening.

Arts and Poetry Exhibition

Before half-term we held an arts and poetry fortnight taking inspiration from the book 'Where my wellies take me' by Michael and Clare Morpurgo. Each class chose a poem from the book, worked with a drama coach to learn how to recite poetry effectively and then finally performed it as a class to be used in the exhibition. Each class then created different types of art, for example ipad art in the style of David Hockney, line drawing of pressed flowers, a quilt which includes hand stitching and machine stitching and much more. We invited all parents and carers into school to have a look at our

finished product-we've had fantastic feedback.

St Mary & St Thomas School Band Ensemble

- This half-term, our pupils have joined forces to create a school brass band. They have been learning how to read music, play music in rounds and perform for an audience. They finished their final after school session with an ensemble for their parents and carers who were very proud to hear their achievements.



KS2 trip to see Warhorse - A group of KS2 pupils visited Liverpool Empire Theatre this term to watch a production of Warhorse. The pupils were astounded by the acting and effects used in the show to tell the story and were eager to share their experience with their friends back at school.

Production of 'Jack & the Beanstalk'

The whole school was treated to a show of Jack and the Beanstalk earlier this term by M&M Productions. They enjoyed hearing the familiar tale and joining in with some of the familiar parts of the story.





News from St Ann's

Always our best for God, each other and ourselves.

Disability Sports Session



In November, Daisy UK came into St Ann's to work with the children from Year 6 and teach them about disability sports. The children played 'Goal Ball' where they were blindfolded and had to play football. This taught the children how Paralympians play football. The children developed skills they wouldn't usually use and they showed a good understanding of this disability. They also took part in a blindfolded penalty shootout and blindfolded wheelchair racing. The founder of Daisy UK, Dave Kelly spoke to the children about losing his sight and how he turned a negative experience into a positive one. The children showed outstanding team work and responded amazingly to the challenges they were given.

Citizenship Week

During the week, the children completed the Jigsaw



Launchpad 'Being Me in My World'. On Citizenship day, the children had an assembly based upon 'The Unsung Hero' advert. This encouraged the children to make a difference in the world by being a good citizen and helping others. Following this, the children participated in their class councillor election and produced work for a display which promotes diversity. At the end of the day, the Mayor and Mayoress of St Helens presented badges to and congratulated the School Councillors, Head Boy and Head Girl for 2017-2018.

Dedication Service

Our Dedication of the School Year Service took place in St. Ann's Church.



At this service our Foundation Stage pupils and any children who are new to our school were officially welcomed to St. Ann's. All our new starters received a Bible funded generously by the Parish Church Council. Parents and carers were invited to join us for this special service which was a wonderful occasion!

Super Leaders

Super Leaders is a new initiative for this school year. It is our commitment to every child from Year 1 to 6 being a member of a Pupil Leadership Team.



After returning their reply slip, children were allocated a place on a team, and during the launch day, children found out which team this was! Much excitement was had during the launch day, as you can imagine. Children not only enjoyed finding out about their team, but also listening to the Head and Deputy Boys and Girls from the High School, who spoke about pupil leadership at the launch assembly.

Teams will meet at least one afternoon every half term. Some teams may meet more often. Teams will comprise of children from year groups across the school. The children will remain a member of that team for the rest of this academic year.

Our Super Leaders are looking forward to developing their personal development skills, whilst making a positive difference to our school.