



# 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 Executive Principals

Welcome to our fourth newsletter of the Three Saints Academy Trust. It is hard to believe we have almost been working together as a trust for nearly 2 years, in that time much has been achieved.

It has been a busy term for both schools and we have again had many opportunities work together and share expertise. Teachers have worked together on our Trust Training offer to develop teaching of mathematics and reading across our schools. We have also worked together to develop our curriculum and assessment.

We have continued to support a school in Halton whom Mrs Haw is working closely with as their Executive Principal. Much progress has been made and many of our excellent staff from both schools have supported the school sharing their knowledge and skills.

We work with schools across the North West supporting them with the teaching of maths due to our designation as a National Maths Hub. Mrs Haw and Mrs Bradshaw (Director of School Improvement) were invited to the House of Lords in March to talk to Lords and MPs about maths.

More information about our Academy Trust can be found on our website; [www.three-saints.org.uk](http://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*

## World Book Day Celebrations

This term we celebrated World Book Day; we were joined by Steve Anthony, author of 'Green Lizards vs Red Rectangles'. He worked with our Y1 pupils and looked at some of the books they had written inspired by some of his stories. As a school, we wrote our own book entitled 'Mrs Lewis' Pet' and Steve read this to our children so they could all hear the finished product. He was really impressed with the children's writing.



## KS1 Songfest

Year 1 and Year 2 took part in the 'Songfest' event at St Helens Town Hall this term. As part of the event, a representative from the music service came to work with the pupils in school helping them to prepare for the performance. All of the songs were centred on traditional tales. We have since showed our parents some of the songs at our family worship. It's safe to say they loved it!

## Y6 Parent Insight Day

This term, we held our very first 'Parent Insight Day' for our Y6 families. We invited our parents and carers into school to observe a reading lesson delivered by the class teachers; they then had the opportunity to work on a task with their child. We had excellent feedback from parents and carers; they said it gave them an excellent opportunity to observe the teaching first-hand and gain an insight

into the level at which the children are working. We will be planning these days for Y1-Y5 in the summer term.

## Tin Forest Exhibition

The hall was transformed this term into a tin forest! We held an arts week in February and each class took part in a 500 word writing competition and completed some art work to create a whole school forest! We then invited all parents into school to come and have a look at the children's work. We have had excellent feedback and the children and parents are already looking forward to the next event!



## Young Carer Award

This term we are pleased to announce that we have been awarded the 'Young Carers Award'. We are really pleased that the work we do with our young carers has been recognised. We also celebrated Young Carers Day in January; we raised funds and awareness of some of the issues our young carers may face.

## Continuing the Olympic legacy

This half-term, a group of Y5&Y6 pupils visited the Liverpool Echo Arena to watch a British Olympic Gymnastics competition. These pupils attended our gymnastics club whilst in the lower juniors and this was a fantastic opportunity for them to see the professionals in action. Let's hope it inspires some of our pupils to become future athletes!



# News from St Ann's

Always our best for God, each other and ourselves.

## Pick up a good book!



This term we have invested **£2000.00** into new reading books. Children will now benefit from a wider range of titles in our **Accelerated Reader library** and **Book Band Books**.

## Expelliarmus: Harry Potter Book Night



Our first ever Harry Potter Book Night was a huge success. Ninety children from across Key Stage 2 enjoyed **choosing a wand** at Ollivanders going through the barrier at **Platform 9 ¾** and discovering which house they are in by placing the **Sorting Hat** on their head. Our tweet about the event was viewed over 3000 times and achieved nearly 200 likes!

## Healthy Living Week: Growth Mindset



This year our Healthy Living Week focused upon developing the children's 'growth mindset'. We hope that this will help the children to believe and understand that intelligence, talent and abilities are not things that you are born with, and can be developed through **hard work**, **determination** and **effort**. Children especially enjoyed choosing an activity to take part in on **Well-Being Wednesday**.

## National Careers Day



We celebrated National Careers Day by encouraging children to think about their future. Key Stage 1 dressed up in a career themed costume. Key Stage 2 spoke to professionals from varying professions at a Careers Fair. All children participated in a "**Philosophy 4 Children**" activity based upon careers and children in Year 5/6 listened to Year 13 students from Rainhill High talk about the subjects they have chosen to study as part of their Further Education.

## World Maths Day



In order to develop a **mathematical mindset** amongst our pupils we invited various professionals into school to talk about maths in the world of work!

## RE Week



Pupils enjoyed learning all about the Christian value of **Koinonia** during this year's RE Week. Activities ranged from sewing in Y6 to digital art in Y4. Parents enjoyed making prayer hands with their child in our very busy workshops, as well as learning actions for the Lord's Prayer.