



The Three Saints Academy Trust

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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 CEO & MD

Welcome to our second Trust newsletter of this academic year. As always, we have had a busy term and it has concluded in both schools with the chance for all of us to reflect on God's love for us all by sacrificing his only son.

The staff in both schools have had the opportunity to work together on a range of topics and issues and share good practise, this is always welcomed and is a powerful tool to move both our fantastic schools forward.

This term, Mrs Haw and Mrs Wilkinson have had the privilege of observing a sample of lessons across both schools. We focussed upon the start and end points of the school (Foundation Stage and Year 6) and were impressed by the quality of teaching in both schools,

Our Trust board has been strengthened this term with the appointment of a new Director; Mrs Martindale has joined the Board and brings a wealth of experience in

the area of Human Resources, we are very grateful for her skills and look forward to working with her for the good of our schools, staff and pupils.

Mrs Haw, our CEO, Mrs Bradshaw, our Trust School Improvement, Directors and Mrs Bradley, our Chair of Directors, visited the Department of Education to meet with the Regional Schools Commissioners Office for our Annual Trust Review. This was very positive and our many achievements were celebrated.

We encourage you to visit our Trust website where further information about our Academy Trust can be found. Visit our Trust website on www.three-saints.org.uk We wish you an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to a busy and productive summer term.

Kirsty Haw & Rebecca Wilkinson



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News from St Mary & St Thomas

Believe, Achieve, Shine

SHAKESPEARE WEEK

This term we held a Shakespeare week which involved each class working with a Shakespearean text including 'The Tempest', 'A Midsummer Night Dream', 'Romeo and Juliet' and others. During the week, the pupils had the opportunity to explore the text and complete some drama and writing linked to their text. These were then shared with the school. The pupils were also intrigued to hear about the work of 'Shakespeare North', a trust who want to bring back the Elizabethan heritage to Knowsley by building a new playhouse which will focus on the works of Shakespeare. More information about this can be found at:

<http://www.shakespearenorth.org/>



ST HELENS MUSIC HUB SPRING CONCERT

This term, our after-school band (Town Centre Note 5) took part in the annual spring concert at St Helen's Town Hall in front of an audience filled with family and friends. The pupils played fabulously and we were very proud of their efforts.



BLUECOAT SUCCESS

We are pleased to announce that one of our Y6 pupils- Joyce Shen- has been successful in gaining a place at The Bluecoat School. This is a particular success as the school has recently been nominated

as one of the top 20 best schools in England.

SPORTS RELIEF

This term we celebrated Sports Relief which involved a number of different activities. As our Sports Relief day coincided with the start of the 'Winter Paralympics', we spent the morning learning about the different sports in the winter paralympics and then the pupils had the chance to take part in some activities to help them understand some of the challenges the paralympians face when competing and the different strategies they use to overcome these challenges. Finally in the afternoon the pupils took on the challenge of running 222 miles (the number of pupils we have in our school) which they completed successfully. Whilst the pupils were completing their challenge, their parents and carers were invited into a workshop carried out by ABL who spoke to them about their services and how they can promote a healthy lifestyle for their children.



ALICE THE MUSICAL

This term we have held auditions for our end of summer term production- 'Alice the Musical'. All roles have been allocated and rehearsals have begun already as it promises to be a show to remember!

YOUNG CARERS AWARD

This term we have received another award from St Helens Young Carers Centre to highlight the 'excellent awareness raising' we do as a school to inform others about the role of young carers.



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Careers Day

In January, we held a Careers Fair for Key stage 2. This provided a great opportunity for the children to think about their dreams, goals and future aspirations as well as develop their Oracy skills. Many parents, carers and volunteers attended the fair which made the day a great success.



Art Project

The Year 6 Art work project is now completed and is taking pride of place on the Boardroom Corridor. The work looks stunning and really complements the rest of the art work throughout the school.



Harry Potter Evening

For the second year running we held a Harry Potter Book Night. The children were treated to the full Hogwarts experience, receiving their own wand, learning the Hogwarts school song, exploring the building on a Marauder's Map hunt, being sorted into houses and taking part in the Ultimate Harry Potter Quiz!



In celebration of Harry Potter Night and to enhance the children's PE curriculum, Years 4, 5 and 6 participated in a Quidditch tournament. The children were sorted into houses using the sorting hat and played against each other in the positions of seekers, chasers, beaters, and keepers. Well done to the winning house - Hufflepuff!

RE Week

All year groups found out about different faiths including Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism. They did this through a range of activities from art and drama to singing and baking and many more. The week finished with an assembly where all year groups presented their faiths to everyone.

Well Being Wednesday

In response to pupil feedback, Wellbeing Wednesday was re-launched.

This provided all of the children with the opportunity to participate in an activity linked to the 5 Ways to Wellbeing which are Be Active, Connect, Be Creative and Play, Take Notice and Keep Learning. As a result, the children should feel more confident, supported and enriched.



St Ann's Got Talent

This annual event showcased the amazing talents of the children in our school. It took place at the Theatre Royal and, as usual, was a sell-out performance. The children showed commitment and



excellent behaviour throughout the rehearsals and actual show and were a credit to our school. Our guest judge, Radio City's Claire Simmo was



very impressed!



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