



The Three Saints Academy Trust

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

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Newsletter

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St Ann's Church of England Primary



St Mary & St Thomas' C.E. Primary



St Michael with St Thomas C.E. Primary

Message from the Chief Executive Officer

We are delighted to welcome you our 13th 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.

We are very pleased to announce that the Three Saints Academy Trust now has 3 schools. St Michael with St Thomas converted on 1st August 2019 and we are delighted to have them now fully on board.

Staff from our 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. We have been making improvements to our LUNAR Curriculum and have worked with several consultants who have high profiles in this area, we have also worked with subject specialists at Rainford High and hugely benefited from their expertise. Our first Trust INSET day was held in October at Anfield Football Stadium. Staff worked together and benefited from an external speaker on curriculum design. It was an excellent and very worthwhile day for everyone.

We were very pleased to be shortlisted for the Educate Awards this term. St Mary & St Thomas were shortlisted with 6 other schools from the North West in the Mental Health and Well-being section, which was a brand new award this year. We attended the Awards

ceremony at the Anglican Cathedral, Liverpool in November and are proud to announce we received the runners up award. Well done to everyone for the fabulous ongoing work in the vital subject, one which is always high on our Trusts agenda.

All the staff, Directors and school committees would like to extend their best wishes for the festive season and thank you for your continued support.

Kirsty Haw
CEO



News from St Mary & St Thomas

Believe, Achieve, Shine

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

This year we held our first 'Breakfast with Santa' event which was organised by Miss Bowen and our School Council. Children had the opportunity to meet with Santa, enjoy some breakfast and took home a selection box and their photo with Santa. The event was well attended and is something we will be doing again!



The School Council also organised two Christmas film nights to raise funds for school. Thanks to all our parents and carers who helped to support us through these events.

THE NUTCRACKER

This term we were delighted to take a group of KS2 pupils to the Liverpool Empire Theatre to go and watch 'The Nutcracker'. For many of the pupils, this was their first experience watching the ballet but I think we may have sparked a love of it for some of our pupils- they were blown away with the dancers and how they were able to tell a story through their movements. To put the icing on the cake, the following day we received an email from a member of the public who had sat behind the children and wanted to comment on the pupils' exceptional behaviour and conduct! A successful trip all round!

PARENT INSIGHT MORNING

This term we have once again held our Parent Insight morning where we invite parents into school to observe a lesson being taught to their children in the school hall. Y5 and Y6 parents and carers have attended two events and have been blown away with the standard of what is being delivered. Y3 & Y4 insight mornings will be held in the spring term.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

This year we celebrated World Mental Health day. We used the occasion to reinforce the importance of good mental health and ways in which we can find support if needed. In KS1, pupils looked at a book called 'Pretty' and talked about the importance of being comfortable in our skin and not letting what

others think influence the decisions we make. KS2 used a book called 'Goldilocks #acautionarytale' to discuss how the need for attention and to be liked can influence our behaviours. The pupils had some excellent discussions about this very important topic! We look forward to continuing this throughout the year.

MINI POLICE ACTIVITIES

This term our Mini Police have been involved in several activities to benefit our school and local community. One of their projects involved volunteering at Teardrops, a local charity designed to help homeless people. The pupils helped to pack hampers which will be given to those in need during the festive period. During the Christmas period, we have talked lots about how it is important to give as well as receive and our pupils have demonstrated this through this selfless act. We would also like to thank our families who have helped to support the reverse advent calendar which involves giving food donations which will be donated to those in need.



The Mini Police also worked very hard during Anti-Bullying Week when they helped to deliver an assembly on the very serious topic of knife crime to our Y5 & Y6 pupils along with The Daniel Fox Foundation. They helped to spread some very serious messages and reminded us that actions have consequences.

ART EXHIBITION

This term we also held an art exhibition. Each class created their own pictures which were then framed and displayed in the school hall ready for parents and carers to purchase should they wish. Y1 took inspiration from Kandinsky, Y5 took inspiration from David Hockney and Y6 did some needle work art. The pupils were very proud of their finished pieces.



News from St Ann's

Always our best for God, each other and ourselves.

BASIC SKILLS FOR ENGLISH AND MATHS



This half term the quality of English and Maths provision at St Ann's was audited by an assessor from the Basic Skills Quality Mark Agency, and we are delighted to announce that we have been awarded this very important award for another three years.

A big well done to all the staff and children who work tremendously hard each and every day to make this possible. This one's for you!

UK PARLIAMENT WEEK

This term classes across the school got involved with UK Parliament Week (no better time!). During the day children learned about the British Government system, the fundamental British Values of democracy and rule of law and also the life and legacy of the suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst.



UNICEF – BRONZE AWARD

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the first stage of the Rights Respecting School Award. Our school is now a Bronze Rights Committed school! This stage of the award recognises that; we have introduced each of the three strands into the school community, we are committed to the journey and that we have the right foundations in place for working towards the second stage of the award, Silver: Rights Aware.



EARLY YEARS OUTDOOR AREA UPDATE

The final phase of the upgrade to our Early Years outdoor area took place this half term. We now look forward to enhancing the area further with resources and equipment that will really develop the children's play. Huge thanks goes to the Friends Association who over the years have fund raised in order to make this happen!

ANTI-BULLYING DAY



Once again, this year we celebrated national Anti-Bullying Day. Throughout the day children took part in activities centred on the theme; *Change Starts With Us!* The day ended with a powerful and thought-provoking performance from our Centre Stage Super Leaders Team, which reminded everyone about the key messages surrounding this very important matter.

CHRISTINGLE

Our School Council, Values Ambassadors and Year 4 children have enjoyed preparing for Christmas by making Christingles for the service that was held in church on Sunday 8th December. They learned all about Jesus being the Light of the World and the meaning behind each of the parts of the Christingle.





News from St Michael with St Thomas

Learn, Achieve, Love, Believe

Enterprise Week and Christmas Celebrations



The festive spirit has well and truly hit St Michael with St Thomas this week, as we marked the

start of December with our annual enterprise week. Each class was given a budget and designed, planned and made products to sell at the fair. The quality of the products was so impressive that all of the stalls sold out in under an hour!

Our KS1 pupils ensured that everyone was in the Christmas spirit with their fantastic performance of 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings', impressing everyone with their singing, dancing and confident speaking.

Bikeability Lessons

Our Reception class have been working hard during this half term in their bikeability lessons.

They have improved their balance, as well as their steering and gross motor skills. We are very pleased with their progress!



STEM Club

The pupils that have taken part in the STEM club this term have taken part in some



fantastic experiments including fan powered cars, marble runs and electricity circuits, to name just a few. All

participants have had a great time and put their science skills to good use!

Choir Performances

This term our choir has given a number of fantastic performances, both in school and at church. One of our favourite performances this year has been for the residents of Trewan House, the local care home, who came to visit the school and share some mince pies and Christmas carols with the pupils. We are looking forward to going and visiting the residents at Trewan House next term to share our favourite books with them.

Pupil Leadership Groups

This term our pupil leadership groups have been working hard on their chosen projects. Our Junior Safety Officers have lead worship, sharing information around how to keep safe during events such as Halloween and Bonfire Night, as well as during the Christmas period. Our school council have been working closely with the Healthy School Team from Halton, to launch a whole school project on healthy lunchboxes. We look forward to seeing the impact of this next term! The Peer Listening team have been working on their project to fundraise to develop our outdoor cabin into a mindfulness cabin for all pupils to make use of as part of our focus on mental health and wellbeing. We are proud of how hard all of our pupils are working to improve our school for the whole community.

Fun Chef Sessions

The whole school took part in Fun Chef sessions this term, making a five course Asian inspired menu and getting the opportunity to try lots of new foods.

