



# 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



St Michael with St Thomas C.E. Primary

## Message from the Chief Executive Officer

As we approach Spring and the new life and growth that this offers I hope you feel the optimism shared in this addition of our Trust Newsletter.

Despite the challenges that are still faced in our schools all our pupils continue to shine and thrive in each of our schools. I have seen this first hand this term, as we have carried out our annual reviews in each of our schools. It has been inspiring to see how resilient our pupils are and they remain positive and hardworking, supported to succeed by fantastic staff.

This term we have welcomed a new member to our central team; Darren Partington is our Director of Maths and will work across all our school supporting the teaching and learning of maths. This will ensure the highest of standards across our schools, ensuring our pupils achieve their potentials and develop a love and enjoyment of the subject.

You will get a flavour of our school's amazing work during the spring term on the following pages, all our schools

are very special places and testament to the hard work of all staff.

Wishing you a bright and restful Easter break, we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term.

Kirsty Tennyson  
Chief Executive Officer  
The Three Saints Academy Trust



# News from St Mary & St Thomas

*Believe, Achieve, Shine*

## MUSIC APPRECIATION DAY

This Spring term, we had one of our favourite days of the year – Music Appreciation Day! The focus this year was Musical Theatre composers; from Andrew Lloyd Webber to Lin Manuel Miranda. The children in each year group learned all about an influential composer, listened and appraised their music, performed a piece of their work either by singing or using their musical instruments and even composed their own pieces inspired by the artists. The school was alive with the sound of music, just how we like it! Some of the highlights included... Y1 creating a band just like The School of Rock! They chose an instrument, improvised their hearts out and then declared: WE'RE IN THE BAND! Y3 brought us all to tears with their rendition of You Will Be Found from Pasek and Paul's Dear Evan Hansen. And Y2 started at the very beginning... a very good place to start!

## Y4 SLEEPOVER

This term y4 thoroughly enjoyed their sleepover. It has been over 2 years since we have been able to host a sleepover and this year's really lived up to our expectations. The children planned, shopped and prepared their own dinner, they enjoyed pitching their tents and then sat around the camp fire singing camp songs. In the morning the children created journey sticks to reflect on the fun they had. What a fantastic experience for our pupils!



## DEAR ZOO THEATRE TRIP

It was such a lovely treat for The Reception and Y1 children to visit the Theatre Royal this term. All the children enjoyed joining in with the storytelling of this much loved and familiar story. We are so pleased that we had this opportunity to take our younger children to experience a live show. Members of the local community commented upon their exemplary behaviour – well done, Reception and Y1!



## PARENTS/ CARERS BACK IN SCHOOL

After two academic years of restrictions and the many (many!) zoom interactions, it has been such a joy to welcome parents and carers back into school to share in class workshops, family learning and parent insights. The feedback has been hugely positive and as always, parents and carers have been astounded by how incredibly hard our children work.





# News from St Ann's

Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly

## WORLD BOOK DAY

This year's World Book Day was made all the more special when the adult children of a former member of staff; Edwina Rowley, made a £2000 donation to school in her memory. The money has been used to purchase brand new books for all class libraries, all chosen by our children. Children also enjoyed learning from Reverend David all about how reading is accessible to everyone. Our World Book Day celebrations are continuing into the summer term when all classes will visit Rainhill Library to learn about the benefits of bedtime stories and to encourage membership.



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Y5 enjoyed a cultural visit to the beautiful Liverpool Philharmonic this term where they experienced a live orchestra. Such a fantastic way to deliver the singing and listening strands of the Music National Curriculum.



## SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Friday 4 February we celebrated Safer Internet Day. The day started with a performance about how to be safe and secure online for Year 4 and Year 6, followed by workshops for Y6. All classes completed various e-safety related activities, and Mr Pattinson led workshops for parents/ carers about parental controls and settings on games consoles.



## STAND UP SPEAK UP

Towards the end of last half term all classes took part in our annual Stand Up Speak Week. A special week which teaches our children about their rights, and encourages them to be child activists and campaign for change. Children enjoyed learning about other children through history who have stood up for the rights of others. The week ended by 'Dressing to Express' to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week.

## SPORTING COMPETITIONS

Over 60 children have represented St Ann's in Sporting Competitions this term. Competitions have included: rugby, athletics and girls football. And thanks to PECO, all KS2 children have taken part in an intra-school netball and benchball competitions.



## ASPIRATIONS

Children enjoyed thinking about their futures during our Aspirations Focus Days. KS2 children benefitted from attending a Careers Fair, Y6 enjoyed finding out about the pathways to preferred careers and thinking about university life, while KS1 dressed up in outfit that represented the world of work! Equality, diversity and protected characteristics was a significant focus for the children's work, which linked beautifully to International Women's Day!



# News from St Michael with St Thomas

*Learn, Achieve, Love, Believe*

## British Science Week



The whole school took part in British Science week this term, planning and taking part in experiments to explore floating gardens

linked to learning on sustainable living goals. We also looked at 'Smashing Stereotypes' by exploring women in STEM. The children took part in a Q&A session with a scientist, where they got to ask lots of questions about her role and different areas of STEM that they could become involved in, in the future.



## World Book Day

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day, but as usual one day isn't enough for us to celebrate our love of books, so we took the whole week! All classes held their own 'book tasting' events in the hall, where they had the chance to have a 'taste' of lots of different books, to try out genres and books that they haven't experienced before. The classes also created a whole school display based on 'Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader', where they read the 'Little People Big Dreams' books. One of the highlights of the



week was seeing the children enjoying a library visit and signing up for their own library cards. For some of our pupils it was their first visit to a library and watching the

reception class sharing books with our Y6 pupils was a super end to a lovely week.

## Dress to Express Day

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we held a 'Dress to Express' Day. This gave our pupils an opportunity to come dressed in a way that represented them in some way – it could be demonstrating a favourite colour or hobby, or something about their personality. We were so proud of our pupils and the mature way in which they supported each other in sharing personal details about themselves and their lives. The whole day really celebrated our ethos of individuality and diversity that makes our school family so unique and special.

## Whole School Easter Story

To finish the term, the whole school took part in a retelling of the Easter story. Each class



took one of the events of Holy Week and retold it in a whole school worship for the rest of the school. The

classes used drama, poetry, art and story telling to explain the events and to build an understanding of the real meaning behind Easter and the reason we celebrate as Christians. It was lovely to share such a special event as a whole school, with even our youngest pupils joining in and teaching the rest of the school their part in the story.

