

St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School Newsletter

11th July 2017

Nursery Sports Day

Thursday

13th July at 10am

All Nursery will be attending in the morning so **there will be no afternoon nursery on Thursday 13th July.**

Sporting Success again!

During the week the school won the Primary School Games Award at an awards ceremony run by Stevenage Sporting Futures. The award is in recognition of all the success the school has had at Stevenage and county level during the course of the year. Maisie, Michael and Odi with their to pick up the trophy on behalf the school. Well done to all the children.

Girls' Cricket

The girls' cricket team represented Stevenage in the County Cricket Finals. The girls managed to finish a fantastic fourth. Over a hundred teams started the competition so this is a fantastic achievement. Well done girls!

Music assembly

Last week the violin and brass musicians performed a wonderful assembly for us. Their level of musical skill was incredible and proof of what can be achieved with hard work. It was our violin teacher, Mrs Genders last assembly with us before she retired. We wish her well for the future. Thank you children you were terrific!

Junior Travel Ambassadors Award

The Road Safety Team hosted an event for the Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs) at County Hall last Wednesday (5 July). Fourteen schools took part and JTAs from St Vincent de Paul presented the work they had accomplished over the past term. The passion and enthusiasm was evident as students told the audience how keen they had been to become JTAs so that they could make the roads around their schools safer and encourage active travel to school. Betsy the active travel dinosaur made an appearance to thank all the JTAs with high fives and hugs and a dinosaur stomp around the room. County Councillor Phil Bibby appreciated the enthusiasm and creativity that the JTAs had put into their roles at all the different schools. He thanked all the children and schools for all the work they had put into encouraging active travel to school helping to reduce congestion and improve the environment around the school gate. The



Junior Travel Ambassador scheme is being rolled out to more primary schools in Hertfordshire over the coming year. All the activities are to encourage more people to regularly walk, cycle and scoot to school and help to improve air quality around school sites by leaving the cars at home or park and stride.

Farewell

As we draw to the end of the school year, we would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Pat Landers, our Reception (O'Connor) class teacher. Mrs Landers has been an invaluable part of our EYFS team and a wonderful friend of the school. She leaves us this week to start a new chapter in her life in the glorious countryside of Lincolnshire. We wish her and her family all the very best for the future.

A Big Thank You

Today we received a letter from Father Kakuba thanking the school for our Lenten contribution of £1078.40 the Kanyike Project in Uganda. Father Kakuba said that the children of Kanyike school thanked God for the pupils of St Vincent de Paul School. Father said he hopes to visit the UK and our school in the autumn term.

Community Mass JHN

On Friday, 7 July Year 6 went to John Henry Newman School to celebrate a mass with children from other schools settings. The Mass was led by Father Norbert, who was joined by other priests. Year 6 children said the atmosphere was really welcoming. Music for the service was played by students from John Henry Newman School. Our children shared their lunch with Year 7 children.

Attendance this week

R: GI Mozart 96.7%	PL/TL O'Connor 91.3%
Yr 1: SC Mistral 98.3%	VH Stein 99.3%
Yr 2: AP Pasteur 99%	LMc More 99.7%
Yr 3: JC Hildegard 100%	CH Seacole 99.7%
Yr 4: Bonifacio 99.37% AS/SH	Michelangelo 91%
Yr 5: CB Agnesi 99.3%	GB Teresa 98.3%
Yr 6: EG Shakespeare 99.3%	RJ Tolkien 95.3%

Whole school 97.6% Congratulations to Mrs Cooper's class who achieved 100% attendance this week.

