

St Vincent de Paul Catholic School – Newsletter

20th January 2017

Dear Parents,

Our current theme for Social Teaching is *The dignity of the human person*. Catholic Social Teaching is based on the belief that God's plan for creation is a world of peace, love and justice. It holds that God has a special place for us in this story. It involves every aspect of our lives including how to live as responsible global citizens. It reflects the teachings of Pope Francis for the common good in our world. *The dignity of the human person* focuses on each one of us being incredibly special because we are made by God. It doesn't matter who we are, who our friends are, what we own or what you look like. What matters is that we are special because we are God's children. This means we must treat others with respect and fairness. A wonderful message for all of us to embrace.

Mr Keane

Girls' and Boys' Football

Starting again! Now the weather is improving and the days are getting brighter, the Girls' afterschool football training will start again on Tuesday 24th January. The boys' football will resume again on Thursday next week, 26th January.

Reported by Odi and Sean

Pupil Profile: Lola

Lola's (Year 1) favourite subjects at school are English and Maths. She has a dog called Winnie. She wants to be a singer or a childminder when she is older. Her best friend is Eliannah and they love playing together at school. Lola goes to gymnastics every Thursday and dance every Saturday and is really good at both. *Reported by Connie*

Year 5 Assembly

Today Year 5 had their assembly and the theme was all about the Vikings and their conversion to Christianity. We were also treated to wonderful poetry composed by the children. Makayla and Brooke (Year 1) both said "My favourite part of the assembly was when Katie did some back hand springs across the hall." Brooke also loved seeing her brother. They both loved the singing and the brightly coloured outfits worn by the performers.

Reported by Sean, Connie and Brianna

Bo the Guide Dog



On Tuesday Mrs Steed (our music teacher) brought her dog into school and his name is Bo. Mrs Steed will have the dog for eighteen months as she will be training him so he can then be given to someone who is blind. Bo will be trained to help his owner around their house and when they go outside. He may even save a blind person's life, all thanks to Mrs Steed's training. Bo is a golden retriever. It takes around twenty months of specialised training to transform a newborn puppy into a confident guide dog.

Reported by Connie and Brianna

Year 6 SATs meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 6 meeting during the week. The PowerPoint presentation will be put on the website next week under the Year 6 class page.

A big thank you to Isobel for helping Mr Keane with the temperamental PowerPoint program!

Attendance this week

R: GI Mozart 90%	PL/TL O'Connor 94.3%
Yr 1: SC Mistral 94.4%	VH Stein 94.7%
Yr 2: AP Pasteur 93.3%	LMc More 97.3%
Yr 3: JC Hildegard 96.3%	CH Seacole 96%
Yr 4: DA Bonifacio 96%	AS/SH Michelangelo 97.3%
Yr 5: CB Agnesi 95.3%	GB Teresa 95.3%
Yr 6: EG Shakespeare 94.7%	RJ Tolkien 98.3%

Whole school 95.3% - Well done to Mr Jennings' class, they have achieved the best attendance for two weeks in a row. Congratulations.