

# St Vincent de Paul Catholic School – Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents,

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Ash Wednesday, is the beginning of Lent. During Lent we shall be sharing daily reflections for all members of our school community in the Junior hall at 8.40 am. Every reflection, through a gospel reading, prayer and hymn, will give us a reminder that during Lent we have been called to be the Hands and Face of Jesus. Coming to be part of our Lenten reflection is a fantastic way of making a commitment to be closer to God at this very special time of the year. We look forward to seeing you.

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As a Rights Respecting School we acknowledge that children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted. Children and young people and the school community learn about children's rights by putting them into practice every day. A Rights Respecting School is not just about what children do but also more importantly what adults do, children's rights are promoted and realised and adults and children work towards this together.

At assembly on Monday we focused on the following articles relating to the rights of a child:

- All children have the right to an education. (Article 28)
- The purpose of education is to develop every child's personality, talents and mental and physical abilities. (Article 29)
- All children have the right to relax and play, and to join a wide range of activities. (Article 31).

## Double Victory Celebration

Before the half term the girls' and boys' football teams had Cup games. The girls played at home against Camps Hill and had a magnificent 12-0 victory. Maisie scored an amazing 7 goals! Bridie scored 2 goals and Anna scored 3. Well done to Brianna, our goal keeper, for making three great saves including one penalty.

The boys played Trotts Hill and won 1-0. We had more of the possession and more of the chances; they were very tight in defence. Charlie put us into the lead with a powerful header from just inside the box. Zach kept us in the game with two good saves.

Both teams now move onto the next round of the competition. Well done everybody.

*Reported by Connie and Brianna*

## Pupil Profile: Mia

Mia, from Year 5, goes horse riding and has achieved ten rosettes. She has achieved dressage, which means training a horse to obey what the owner says. Horse riding is her favourite thing to do and she enjoys it very much. Sometimes when Mia is free she goes to some rallies; a group of you gallop across a field to find Easter eggs. When she is older she wants to be a horse rider and a professional show jumper.

*Reported by Connie*

## SEND on our Website

We have a new tab on our website – SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability). From the front page click on the tab "Our School" and then SEND.

It is hoped this site will help parents with information, useful web links and key documents. Please take some time to look at this area and please let us know if you have any suggestions or additional information that you think would be helpful. We are keen for your feedback.

## Filipino and Indian Dancing

On Friday the Stevenage Filipino folk dancers and children from our Indian community treated us to a performance of a variety of traditional dances from their countries. Mrs Arceno explained that many of the dances were an expression of our Catholic Faith. Skyla said she loved their costumes, their technique and their props. Isabel said; "I really liked them dancing to the music."



## Athletics

On Thursday a girls and boys team took part in an athletics competition at Barnwell School. Both teams performed extremely well with the girls finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. There were many fantastic performances with a number of first places. All contributed to what was a very enjoyable afternoon of track and field.

*Reported by Connie*

## Parent, Staff Association (PSA)

### Annual General Meeting

Thank you to all those who attended the AGM last night. Discussions took place regarding fundraising for the coming year. The PSA would like to wish a fond farewell and big thank you to Mrs Chris Akrell, who has been a part of our school for many, many years. She has been a parent, PSA member and Governor, supporting us through many years and will be greatly missed. The minutes from last night's meeting are to follow.

### Attendance this week

R: GI Mozart 93.3% PL/TL O'Connor 96.7%

Yr 1: SC Mistral 96.8% VH Stein 100%

Yr 2: AP Pasteur 97.3% LMc More 98%

Yr 3: JC Hildegard 96.7% CH Seacole 96.7%

Yr 4: DA Bonifacio 97% AS/SH Michelangelo 97.3%

Yr 5: CB Agnesi 100% GB Teresa 94.7%

Yr 6: EG Shakespeare 97.3 RJ Tolkien 98%

*Whole school 97.1%. Congratulations to the 2 100% attendance classes*

