



St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you all enjoyed the long Bank Holiday weekend. It was great to relax after a busy start to the term and we have more exciting events planned for the weeks ahead. The months are passing so quickly and it's incredible to think that it is May already-especially as it still so chilly outside!

As the country gradually eases out of lockdown we are hopeful that we will be able to resume more of the usual activities. The children have really enjoyed having some afterschool clubs again and the feedback from the different providers has been really positive. It has been so complicated to organise these with sufficient staffing and different room allocations/ timings etc whilst maintaining the bubbles but we think they are worth it! Thank you for your understanding and support. We are all looking forward to a time when everything will be back to normal!

In the meantime we are planning the key events for the remainder of the year with an acceptance that most events will still be virtual but optimistically hoping that some may be in person. Key dates are included within this newsletter and more details will be sent home nearer the time, with final confirmation of events on the school website calendar. You will have noticed that, after many years of campaigning, our school is no longer being used as a Polling Station. We are really happy about this as it was very disruptive to learning. We now have an additional Inset day to allocate and to minimise any further disruption this will be on the final day of term, meaning school finishes a day earlier than originally publicised. The summer term will now end for pupils on Wednesday 21st July 2021.

Please regularly check the school website www.stvincentsprimary.org.uk as this continues to be the central source of the most up to date information, and will also be used to celebrate the work taking place in school.

Our faith remains at the heart of anything we do and has supported us through this difficult time. We send our warmest congratulations to all the Year 3 pupils making their First Holy Communion this month. May you feel the warmth and comfort of the Lord's love with you every day.

Please remember that you are not alone and we are still very much a school family. If you have any concerns or need any support please do get in touch and we will arrange a virtual meeting.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Warm wishes, Miss Coleman, Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MONTH AHEAD

Monday 3rd May Bank Holiday-no school

Wednesday 5th May Year 6 CSI Online Road safety Workshop

Thursday 6th May Year 6 CSI Online Road safety Workshop

Thursday 6th May 10:30 SVPA Zoom Fitness Class-spaces available if you would like to join

Friday 7th May Year 2 assembly will be uploaded for viewing on the school website news page

Monday 10th May Class photographs-remember to come to school looking very smart!

Wednesday 12th May TfL Citizenship Workshop for Year 6

Thursday 13th May 10:30 SVPA Zoom Fitness Class-spaces available if you would like to join

Friday 14th May Nursery assembly will be uploaded for viewing on the school website news page

Wednesday 19th May 10:00 Online Safety workshop for parents-more detail to be sent by email

Friday 21st May Year 3 assembly will be uploaded for viewing on the school website news page

Wednesday 26th May 10:00 Secondary Transfer Meeting for all interested parents-more detail to be sent by email

Friday 28th May Marian Procession will be uploaded for viewing on the school website news page

Monday 31st May-Monday 7th June Half term

Tuesday 8th June Children return to school

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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK 10th-14th May



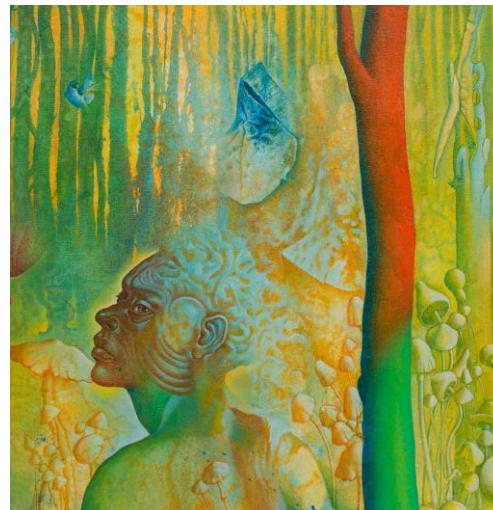
From 10th to 14th May, St Vincent's will be celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week. This year the theme is Nature and the children will learn how connecting with the natural world can support good mental health. Since the beginning of the pandemic, millions of us turned to nature to help us get through lockdowns and research has proven that good mental health depends on us being able to connect with nature in some way and its power in both prevention of and recovery from poor mental health.

Next week, all across the country, people will be celebrating the mental health benefits of being around nature in their local community in a range of creative ways. At St Vincent's will be getting green fingered by planting seeds, decorating pots, experiencing outdoor meditation and using our artistic skills to sketch plants.

ART WEEK 24th-28th May

Art week is fast approaching and we are excited to celebrate this special week beginning on the 24th May! This year we will be working closely with the October Gallery, a contemporary art gallery based in Holborn. We will welcome different artists from the gallery who will work with all classes across the school and deliver some exciting workshops.

Our theme for Art week will be based on the artist Rafael Trelles and his upcoming exhibition 'Axis Mundi.' Pupils will have the opportunity to explore the theme of nature and hidden creatures which are captured in the paintings of Rafael Trelles. This will build on the themes of Mental Health Awareness Week and explore this more deeply. As always, our finished art pieces will be available to bid for and purchase in our yearly summer auction!



SOME MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...

Please note that all dates are subject to changes and we will revert to remote events if necessary but where possible we hope to hold events in real life, with appropriate restrictions in place to keep everyone safe. More details will follow nearer the time.

Wednesday 9th June 12:00 SVPA Meeting-please help us to prepare for the auction

Wednesday 16th June Virtual welcome meeting for new Foundation Stage parents

Friday 18th June Year 1 assembly will be uploaded for viewing on the school website news page

21st-25th June Other Faiths Week: Islam

Friday 25th June Reception assembly will be uploaded for viewing on the school website news page

Friday 25th June Years 1-6 attending performance of Peter & The Wolf at the Marylebone Music festival

Friday 2nd July SVPA Auction. We are planning for a virtual event but hoping it may be in real life!

Monday 5th-Friday 9th July Health & Fitness Week

Monday 5th-Friday 9th July Year 6 residential to Sayers Croft

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th July First Aid workshops

Monday 12th 15:15 Irish dancing Performance

Wednesday 14th July Sports Day

Monday 19th July Instrumental Concert will be uploaded for viewing on the school website news page

Tuesday 20th July Year 6 Production

Wednesday 21st July School finishes at 14:00 for the Summer Holiday

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