



The Three Saints Academy Trust

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Newsletter

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St Ann's Church of England Primary



St Mary & St Thomas C.E. Primary

Message from the CEO

Welcome to the Spring version of the Trust newsletter. As always, we have had a busy term and it will conclude for both schools with the chance for all of us to reflect on God's love for us all by sacrificing his only son.

We have celebrated across both our schools in the last few months with a number of staff having babies, all of which we are delighted to say are doing very well.

In February St Mary & St Thomas had a 2 day visit from Ofsted, led by Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI). We were delighted to share the fantastic work of the school and were equally delighted when HMI agreed with our view of the school. The final report is now available to read and judges the school as outstanding in all areas. The report recognises the work of the Trust and the Teaching School as key strengths of the school. Well done to the whole school community for their commitment to the children of St Mary & St Thomas.

The staff in both schools and Spinney Avenue have had the opportunity to work together on a range of topics and issues

and share good practise, this is always welcomed and is a powerful tool to move all our fantastic schools forward.

We are pleased to announce that Spinney Avenue have now received their Academy Order from the Secretary of State for Education, we hope that the school will have converted to academy status and joined our Trust in July. When the school converts it will be renamed St Michael with St Thomas C.E. Primary School. The whole school community is in agreement with the new name as it reflects the close link to the local church and the school's Christian foundation.

We encourage you to visit our Trust website where further information about our Academy Trust can be found. Visit our Trust website on www.three-saints.org.uk We wish you an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to a busy and productive summer term.

Kirsty Haw

CEO The Three Saints Academy Trust



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News from St Mary & St Thomas

Believe, Achieve, Shine

School Mental Health Award Gold Standard

Following the submission of a diagnostic audit and assessment interview in February, we are delighted to announce that SMST has achieved the Carnegie Centre of Excellence Mental Health Award – Gold Standard. The report stated 'St Mary & St Thomas has presented an extensive and highly detailed profile of evidence that demonstrates they are excelling across all right competencies of the School Mental Health Award.'



Basic Skills Renewal



In addition to having a visit from Ofsted this term, here at St Mary & St Thomas we have also had a visit from the Basic Skills Agency. After examining the quality of the English and Maths provision in place at the school, our Basic Skills Award was renewed, once again, for a further three years.

Internet Safety Week

Back in February we joined in with the global conversation about safe and appropriate use of the internet. The children enjoyed watching a drama performance about this issue, and parents/carers were invited into school to participate in e-safety lessons with their child. There was also a special screening of the film 'Murder Games' for parents/carers only, to explore how the internet can be misused to groom and radicalise children and young people.



School Council News

Our School Council have been busy preparing a time capsule this half term. The time capsule marks the grand opening of a new local train station, and will be opened in 50 years time.

Wide Awake to the World Week



This year we introduced a new focus week into our school curriculum 'Wide Awake to the World.' During the week children learned all about global issues impacting on children's well-being. After finding out about an issue, each class then campaigned for children's rights through letter writing. All letters were entered into our school letter writing competition and the winning letters, judged and selected by the School Council, were posted to the intended recipient.

Musical Appreciation Day

Towards the end of this half term, all children across the school enjoyed participating in our annual Musical Appreciation Day. During the day children explored the musical traditions of another culture. This followed on nicely from Year 4's musical visit to the Philharmonic in Liverpool earlier in the half term.



Careers Day

On Friday 22nd March children had the opportunity to learn all about future career possibilities when they took part in Careers Day. During the day children listened to representatives from a wide variety of professions, and were given the opportunity to ask any questions they had. The aspirations of our upper Key Stage 2 pupils were explored when they researched the qualifications needed for their preferred career choice, and considered where they could study particular qualifications. The notion of gender stereotypes in the workplace was also focused upon during the day.





News from St Ann's

Always our best for God, each other and ourselves.

SIKHISM WORKSHOPS

As part of our regular focus on different world religions, we all enjoyed learning about the Sikh faith. Bobby Singh started our day off with a whole school assembly. Each class spent an interesting afternoon exploring a range of practical and thought-provoking activities to further their understanding of Sikhism. Everyone was surprised to learn that Mr Singh had never had his hair or beard cut and that all Sikh boys have the surname 'Singh' (which means 'lion') and girls have the name 'Kaur' (which means 'princess'). Mr Singh also dressed several children in a turban and showed everyone the traditional 5ks of the Sikh faith.



HARRY POTTER EVENING

In February, we held our annual Harry Potter Book Night for Keystage2 children!



The night included a Sorting Hat Ceremony, a Potions Class, Drama activities and the opportunity to become the new champion of the Harry Potter quiz!

WORLD BOOK DAY

We held a small celebration to celebrate the official World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Children (and staff!) were given the option of dressing up for World Book Day! In the summer we will be holding a 'St. Ann's Book Week' to celebrate our love of literature. This



will involve the bulk of our celebrations around books.

SCIENCE WEEK

In March the children had a great time celebrating Science Week. They started by choosing which of the volunteer Scientists they wanted to visit, they then asked their own 'I wonder' question and spent part of the week researching to find out more about their chosen area of Science as well as gathering evidence to answer their question. The end of the week was celebrated with presentations in class on each individual child's 'Journey of Self Discovery'.

ST ANN'S HAS GOT TALENT

St Ann's Has Got Talent is a highlight of the St Ann's calendar. This is now the 12th year of the show and the standard (both of the class acts and the individual acts) gets higher and higher year on year. Iris, the overall winner of the show performed Million Dreams and played guitar.

Harrison Vaughan, winner of Taking the Next Step judged the competition and past pupil (and previous winner of the talent show) Erin Taylor agreed to perform for us. Well done to all the children who auditioned and all those who took part. Congratulations to all our Talent Show performers who should feel very proud of themselves.

