

# 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 Principals

We welcome you to the third and final newsletter of the academic year.

We have had a busy and successful year across the trust and should pause and celebrate our achievements.

All our pupils have benefited from fantastic and varied opportunities through our innovative Lunar Curriculum over the year. We have fabulous staff who have access excellent support development of our Teaching School and Maths Hub. Our Teaching School and Maths Hub have been awarded a National CPD standard, the first across the country to achieve this, emphasising the quality of provision in this area. Pupils this year have again been taught the importance and comfort of our Christian faith and engaged in Eucharist Services throughout the year and many have had the opportunity to be Confirmed.

Both our schools have improved outcomes in terms of national test results, these are well above the national and local averages.

We congratulate our Y6 pupils as they move on to High Schools after the summer breaks. We are very proud of their achievements both academically but most importantly as the fantastic young people they have become emanating our Christian values. We wish them every success for the future.

We have continued to support Spinney Avenue in Halton and hope they will join our Trust next year.

This half term Liverpool Diocese have approved for The Three Saints Academy

Trust to apply to open a Free School. This is in response to the need for this in our borough. The school would be a Church of England Maths specialist school serving 4-16 year olds. We will begin a consultation to gather parents and the communities view of these proposals very soon. You can find details of this and give your views on

The Trust Board of Directors are keen to grow our Trust and we have 2 further schools in a neighbouring borough who are exploring the possibility of joining us currently.

We wish all our staff and families a fantastic summer break and thank you for your support and commitment this year.

**Best Wishes** 

**Kirsty Haw** - CEO & Executive Principal **Rebecca Wilkinson** - MD & Executive Principal



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## News from St Mary & St Thomas Believe, Achieve, Shine

#### Believe, Achieve, Shine Awards

This term we held our annual awards evening where we award three pupils, from each class, our Believe, Achieve and Shine awards. We then choose a pupil who is awarded with our Citizen of the Year award for being a fantastic ambassador for our school. The children who won awards have worked incredibly hard all year, are excellent role models and have contributed greatly to school life. Here is a picture of the proud winners.



#### **Careers Day**

This term the School Council organised a careers day where the pupils had the opportunity to speak with a number of professionals from a range of jobs. Our pupils had lots of questions and this helped them think about their next steps in the future and what they may want to work towards. We were really grateful to everybody who helped us out.



**Summer Trips** 

This term our pupils have enjoyed a range of educational trips. Reception visited Windmill Farm. Year 1&2 visited Chester Zoo and Year 3-6 visited Ariel Extreme and Knowsley Safari Park. Each class thoroughly enjoyed their trip and learned lots from it. Reception really enjoyed meeting the different animals on the farm and learned about how they are all looked after. Year 1&2 all completed a workshop at Chester

Zoo which looked at the curious creatures which live in the zoo. Years 3-6 faced some of their fears on the Ariel Extreme course and then took some time to look at the different animals in the park and their habitats.

#### Confirmation

This term four pupils were confirmed in a service at Rainford Parish Church which was led by Bishop Richard. The four pupils have worked with Mr Brooks and Miss Collins for a number of weeks to prepare them for this service and this next step in their faith.



**Camping Trip** 

Our Year 5& 6 pupils took part in a two-night camping trip this term at Scarisbrick Guide Camp. They completed a range of activities linked to our forest school curriculum. They also developed lots of other skills such as teamwork and communication.



### **Preventing Violence and Extremism**

Our Y6 pupils have worked closely with Ariel Trust this term to trial their new educational resources which have been designed to address the 'Prevent Duty'. Ariel Trust have been eager to receive feedback from the children to ensure that their resources are most effective.



## **News from St Ann's**

Always our best for God, each other and ourselves.

### St. Ann's 'Really' Has got Talent!

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March saw our highly acclaimed talent show contestants take to the stage at the St. Helens Theatre Royal. Everyone who made it through to the final, judged by Radio City's Claire Simmo, did such a fantastic job. Well done to our winners; Ellie Fryer, Sam Wilson, Year 1, Year 5, Sofia Wilkinson-Hill, Briony Christian and Lights Out.



### Year 5/6 London Residential

On Friday 24th March, Year 5 and 6 were lucky enough to enjoy a visit to London! During the weekend, the children attended a performance of Wicked, went on the London Eye, experienced a tour of London (during which they saw St. Paul's Cathedral and Buckingham Palace!) and visited the Natural History Museum. The trip was a huge success and enjoyed by all!



## Year 4 Residential to Kingswood

Year 4 have had a brilliant time during their residential trip to Kingswood. They followed the adventure activity programme which was both challenging and fun. Over the course of the weekend, Year 4 took risks, thought for themselves and made their own decisions. It was a superb weekend overall and the children's behaviour was impeccable.





**Summer Fizz** 

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May all pupils who are learning to play a musical instrument or who are a member of our choir performed in our musical extravaganza of the year; the Summer Fizz. All the children's hard work and commitment to learning to play a musical instrument had clearly paid off. A special well done goes to Max, who was this year's Musician of the Year.





#### **Arts Week**

The main focus for Arts Week this year was on oracy development. Throughout the week the children produced artwork based on their favourite Launchpad. Art forms focused on specifically were; sculpture, printing, pointillism, drawing skills, big art and painting to name but a few. The children had the opportunity to work with our very own art specialist; Mrs Greenough, and the 'Fun Food Chef' throughout the course of the week.

