



# The Three Saints Academy Trust

"If you can believe, all things are possible to those who believe."

Mark 9:23

## Newsletter

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St Ann's CE Primary



St Mary & St Thomas' CE Primary



Blackmoor Park Infants



St Michael with St Thomas CE Primary

## Message from the Chief Executive Officer

As we approach Spring and the new life and growth that this offers, I hope you feel the optimism shared in this, the 25<sup>th</sup> edition of our Trust Newsletter.

We are very proud of all our wonderful staff across the Trust, so we always like to celebrate their achievements. The Family Support Worker at St Ann's; Mrs Taylor, was nominated for a Rainhill Good Citizenship award for the amazing work she does in our community.

Three of our staff have achieved the NPQLBC (National Professional Qualification for Leading Behaviour and Culture). Well done Mrs Brimble and Mrs Fisher from St Michael's and Mr Harrison from St Ann's.

Well done to everyone on these fabulous achievements; you've all been very busy!

This week, we say goodbye to Mrs Mulvihill the KS1 leader at St Mary & St Thomas. Mrs Mulvihill retires this week after 39 years service at the school. She has made a huge difference to the children and families she has worked with over this time, and to the countless teachers and support staff who have been lucky enough to work with her. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

We are looking forward to our fifth school joining Three Saints, which we hope will be completed on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Willow Tree is a primary school in St Helens who we have a long-standing relationship with. We are very happy they are joining our family of schools.

In March, all our schools supported 'Wear Blue for Bobby' day which remembers and celebrates Bobby Colleran a pupil at who attended on of our schools, Blackmoor Park Infants. Bobby died after being hit by a car outside his school and would have been 16 this year. Bobby's family have set up a charity in his name which promotes road safety and also provides bereavement counselling. The charity is based in the grounds of Blackmoor Park Infants and is a wonderful legacy for Bobby's memory, which

helps and supports children in the North West. It was lovely for us all to come together for this wonderful cause.

As a Trust we are working with Michael Rosen and Charlotte Hacking from CLPE on 'Another Year with Poetry' project. All our Year 5 teachers have been involved in the training and this has had a huge impact on the teaching of poetry in their classrooms. Each Y5 & 6 also class welcomed best-selling and award-winning poet Matt Goodfellow, who worked with them to develop poetry writing. We have already seen the impact this project is having on pupils and changing attitudes to poetry and we are excited about rolling out our new learning to the rest of the year groups in our schools.

You will get a flavour of our schools' amazing work during the spring term on the following pages. All our schools are very special places and testament to the hard work of all staff and children.

Wishing you a bright and restful Easter break; we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term.

Kirsty Tennyson  
Chief Executive Officer  
The Three Saints Academy Trust



# News from St Mary & St Thomas

*Believe, Achieve, Shine*

## British Science Week

We had a fantastic week celebrating British Science Week this half term. From Y1 trying to keep Humpty Dumpty safe by testing materials, to Y6



building their very own wire loop games, the school was alive with Scientific discovery! The RMS even loaned us their incredible microscopes, so we turned the hall into our very own SMST lab. STEM-tastic!



## St Helens Transport

### Museum

Our Reception class had such a wonderful time at the St Helens Transport Museum to mark the end of their learning topic this term. The children explored double decker buses, planes and automobiles – they even shared all they had learned with the staff who were very impressed with the knowledge and excellent behaviour. Well done, YR!



## Y4 Sleepover

Spring term is one of the most exciting for our Y4 pupils as they get to have a sleepover in their classrooms – how exciting! The preparation starts early in the day as the pupils head out shopping, then prepare their own meals for the occasion. The fun never ends from setting up tents, to scavenger hunts in the dark, to donut eating challenges, as well as making their own fires on the school playground. As ever, thank you to Mr Brooks, who returns from retirement each year to make it happen.



## The World of Glass

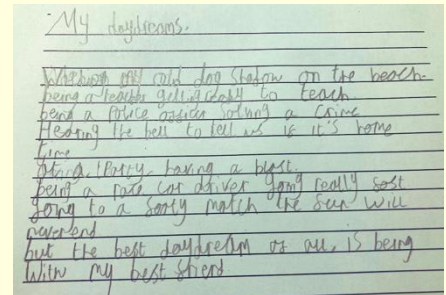
Another fantastic day out was enjoyed by pupils who spent the day at this landmark of our town, learning all about engineering and the importance of glass. Minds were blown by the glass-blowing workshop and our future

engineers even crafted their own epic marble run using their scientific knowledge of gravity and friction.



## The Power of Poetry

Thanks to our engagement with CLPE and the project focussing on poetry, with expert training from Michael Rosen, the bear hunt king himself, our children have been immersed in the power of poetry this term. Long may it continue! We wanted to share this brilliant poem written by Tyler in Y5; a poem born from a daydream, through an explorative activity recommended by Mr Rosen. Just beautiful!



## World Book Week

We just LOVE reading at SMST, so we decided to dedicate a whole week to celebrating World Book Day. We welcomed a Saints rugby player to read a story – it was very fun to hear 'Tiddler' read in an Aussie accent! The children made story boxes to capture their favourite tales and character potatoes too, which we displayed in the school hall for all to see. We even had parent visitors read stories and a visit to the book shop!





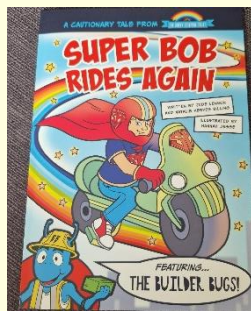
# News from Blackmoor Park Infants

Learning and Achieving Together

## WEAR BLUE FOR BOBBY

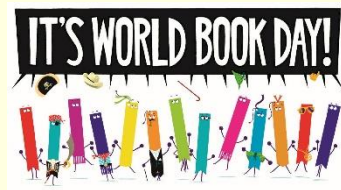


On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March our school alongside many others across the North West, supported the Bobby Colleran Trust on 'Wear Blue for Bobby' day. This year marked Bobby's 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We remembered by inviting all children and staff to wear blue for the day and



to donate what they could to support The Bobby Colleran Trust. In school we had a day filled with talk about road safety and reading the latest 'Super Bob' book - Superbob Rides Again.

## WORLD BOOK DAY



As part of our celebrations of World Book Day we asked Jude Lennon local storyteller and author of 'Super Bob' (a series of stories raising awareness of road safety in memory of Bobby Colleran) and Little Lamb tales. Our Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoyed a workshop with Jude; creating their own stories, choosing their own characters and settings and telling their stories to each other.



## LITTLE KINDI NURSERY



Little Kindi also took part in 'Wear Blue for Bobby' day. We shared the story of Super Bob, talking about road safety. We went in small

groups to the pedestrian crossing outside school and demonstrated how to cross the road safely using the traffic lights. We learned that Red is for stop, green is for go!

## GIRAFFES CAN'T DANCE



This term we were delighted to invite our Kindergarten 3+ families into school to share in a Bookworm story telling session. This exciting and engaging session was an absolute joy for all and as you can see from the engrossed faces, it really has ignited imaginations and supports our mission to foster a love of reading in all our children.



## SPRING CLEAN



Thank you to all our EYFS families that were able to give their time to support the Outdoor Spring

Clean. Your support is very much appreciated and the area is looking wonderful!



# News from St Ann's

Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly

## STAND UP SPEAK UP WEEK



This year's Stand Up Speak Up Week was centred around social justice.

During the week children learned about famous social activists who have campaigned for change, from Florence Nightingale to Michelle Obama, and from Mahatma Gandhi to Harriet Tubman.

## SUPER LEADERS UPDATE

This term our Super Leader Teams have continued to consider how they are active citizens and make a positive contribution either locally or globally. Our Arts Council have created the artwork for a new attendance display. Our Righteous Readers have promoted reading for pleasure at play/lunchtime. Our Digital Leaders have created an online safety video for other classes and supported Y2 in learning to use the chrome books. Our Town Troopers have supported our consultation with local residents about the planting of trees on our school grounds by writing and delivering letters to neighbouring properties.



## STAR DAY



Much fun was had by all during our annual charity fund raising day; STAR Day. This year, awareness and funds were raised for Young Carers, Africa's Children in Education, Facial

Palsy UK and RDA Riding School. We are delighted to announce £1300.30 was raised through penalty shoot outs, welly wanging, a team quiz and a meet and groom session with ponies. Team St Ann's even made a donation to Teardrops food bank. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.



#TogetherWeCanMakeADifference

## PARENT INSIGHT

This term's Parent Insight sessions focused on our foundation as a church school. Following a briefing from our class teachers about our Christian distinctiveness and ethos, the children and their parent/ carer enjoyed the opportunity to spend time together decorating a cross based on one of our Christian Values.

## SAFER INTERNET DAY



Once again Altru drama launched this year's Safer Internet Day with a performance for KS2, and Y5 were fortunate enough

to benefit from follow up workshops. Together they explored the characters' actions and feelings about e-safety matters. Throughout the day children completed a series of age-appropriate activities focused on this very important matter and 3H brought our work to a close by leading a family worship.

## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



During British Science Week, each year group completed several tasks related to this year's theme – time. This ranged from creating sand timers and water timers to sundials on the playground. By the end of the week, children developed a greater understanding of the impact of the passing of time. Children also had the opportunity to explore different professions within the Science industry, which linked beautifully to our Aspirations Focus Day. The week closed with a Family Worship, celebrating the impact of British Science, from 20.

## TREE PLANTING



Our Y4 pupils have worked alongside The Mersey Forest to plant saplings on our school field. The benefit of these trees includes increasing biodiversity, reducing noise from our grounds, increasing privacy to properties surrounding our field and potentially reducing surface water retention once the roots develop. We look forward to watching our saplings grow over the coming years.



# News from St Michael with St Thomas

## Learn, Achieve, Love, Believe

### Wide Awake to the World Week



We started the term off with our whole school 'Wide Awake to the World' week, where every class looked at places in the world where children weren't able to have

access to their children's rights. The class then chose a particular right that they felt strongly about and campaigned for those children who didn't have access to it. Reception looked at every child's right to play, and Y3 launched a campaign to raise money to build toilets for children who weren't able to have their right to clean water. Our children were fantastic courageous advocates, standing up for those who needed their voice and showing that they have the power to make change in the world.

### Children's Mental Health Week

We celebrated Children's Mental Health week this term, raising awareness and ensuring open conversation about mental health and wellbeing. As part of this week, we celebrated Dress to Express week where all of the children dressed in a way that expresses something unique and special about themselves.



All of our work in this area has been recognised this term through our Carnegie Mental Health in School Accreditation, where we were awarded the Gold accreditation.

### Y5 Poetry Project



Y5 have been having a fantastic time working on the Trust Poetry project with Michael Rosen. They have found a new love of poetry and have been working on developing their oracy skills to perform poems to their class. We

have been amazed at how much they have grown in confidence and with their understanding of performance skills. They have applied this learning to their new topic of Macbeth, performing some of the most iconic Shakespeare scenes with flair!

### Big Schools' Bird Watch

The whole school took part in the national bird watch event this term, and even used their creative skills to enter an art competition to showcase their favourite birds. The children loved getting out in the school grounds and observing the local wildlife that we have.



### Anne Frank Trust

Y6 completed a two day project with the Anne Frank Trust, building their understanding of the need for tolerance and acceptance, and challenging stereotypes that they may come across. The children discussed some hard hitting topics, looking at what we have learned from history and how to make sure we don't make the same mistakes again. One of our Y6 pupils was so inspired, he has written his own playscript and rehearsals are in full swing – we can't wait to see it!



### We Love Reading!

This term has been all about books and stories! As well as our World Book Day celebrations, all classes have visited the library, we celebrated National Storytelling week, launched our Mystery Reader in each class, where a special visitor comes to read the end of day story and also held a competition to see what unusual places children could snap themselves reading a book! #readinginunusualplaces

