



The Three Saints Academy Trust

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

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Newsletter

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St Ann's



St Mary & St Thomas



St Michael with St Thomas



Blackmoor Park Infants

Message from the Chief Executive Officer

As we approach the end of this academic year, I hope you enjoy the news shared in this, the 26th edition, of our Trust Newsletter.

As usual all our schools have had a very busy term and you will get a flavour of their amazing work during the summer term on the following pages, all our schools are very special places and testament to the hard work of all staff.

We were very proud of how resilient all our children have been during the various national tests that they have undertaken this term. Well done to our Y1, Y2 and Y6 children, you are superstars, as are all our wonderful staff who have supported them.

We are very pleased to announce that a fifth school, Willow Tree Primary will be joining us on 1st September, we can't wait to welcome them to our family of schools.

It is an exciting time for the Trust with our 6th School currently awaiting approval by the DfE to join Three Saints.

The Three Saints Trust has been successfully awarded a grant of almost £100,000 to develop a programme to build a solid early foundation in maths. Initially this will be to work with our Trust schools that have nurseries attached to them; St Mary & St Thomas and Blackmoor Park Infants, to develop and pilot the programme; 'Nurturing Young

mathematicians'. An additional 8 Nursery Schools and Private Nurseries in our area will also be included in the project to enable local networks to collaborate further.

At this time of year, we recognise that some staff may be moving to pastures new and we would like to say goodbye and thank you them all. We wish all these staff the very best for the future and thank them all for their contributions and commitment to our schools.

We wish all those children leaving us to start new schools in September the very best of luck, we will miss them all.

We wish all our families a fun and energising summer break, we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the new school year in September.

Kirsty Tennyson
Chief Executive Officer
The Three Saints Academy Trust



News from St Mary & St Thomas

Believe, Achieve, Shine

'HEALTHY HEARTS AND SAFE STARTS' WEEK

This term we have held our newly packaged 'HEALTHY HEARTS AND SAFE STARTS' week which is designed to promote and educate pupils around how to live a healthy lifestyle. We had a range of agencies and partners who came to speak to the children during the week on a broad range of subjects including: a dentist, two counsellors from The Children's Society, Emma our MHST practitioner, firefighters, the community safety team, a coach from Wigan's Rugby Team, a parent who led some meditation sessions and many, many more! Mr Hodgkinson led a Euro 24 style football competition, and Mr Jones & the sports ambassadors led an Olympic-themed treasure hunt around school. Needless to say, it was a fantastic week which we can continue to build upon.



'STORIES AT ST TOM'S'

Each month we host a **STORIES AT ST TOM'S** session at St Thomas' Church where we listen to some scripture and complete some activities linked to our bible story. It is a wonderful session, and our children thoroughly enjoy working with Reverend Michelle and Father Harry. It is also a lovely way for families to build relationships with the church. This month we explored the story of the 'Feeding of the 5000' followed by a family picnic.



Sessions are held on the second Sunday of every month at St Thomas' Church at 11am.

SMST Brass Band

This term we were delighted when our brass band were invited to perform at St Helens Town Hall as part of their summer concerts. They played 3 songs in front of a packed audience! We are so very proud of their achievements! Mr MacDonald also arranged for Y4, Y5 and Y6 to perform a summer showcase for the children in school and their parents. Parents were thrilled to see the amount of progress their child has made!



CURRICULUM & CULTURAL VISITS

This term our children have enjoyed a multitude of trips and visits which they have thoroughly enjoyed. All trips have enabled our pupils to further develop knowledge and skills across the curriculum. Trips and visits have included: Y6 residential to London, Y5 residential to Petty Pools, Y3/4 trip to Rock and River, Y2 trip to Eureka, Y1 trip to Safari Park, Reception trip to



TRANSITION WEEK This term we have held our transition week when all year groups move up to their new classes and are taught by their new class staff. It is a fantastic week for the children to get to grips with new routines and parents and carers get to 'Meet the Teacher' and find out about the year ahead.



News from Blackmoor Park Infants

Learning and Achieving Together

I SING

Congratulations to our school choir who took part in Liverpool's iSing event with over 1250 children from schools across Liverpool. The choir performed on stage in front of a large audience, singing with the Liverpool Gospel Choir, and joining in with Nasher 'The Power of Love'. Their impeccable behaviour throughout was a credit to the school and choir lead Miss Sutton.



HELPING HANDS



As part of the Kindergarten 3+ curriculum, the children have been learning about people within our

community that help us. We were very lucky to have had lots of family members in to talk about a wide range of professions including health care, education and firefighting. We also spoke to people in our school community that help us, e.g the Kitchen and Office team, and our Reception Teachers. Thank you to everyone that contributed to enriching the curriculum.

SPORTS DAY

The sun shone for our week of Sports Day fun.

The children loved the opportunity to showcase the physical skills that



they have developed over the year, including running, jumping, balancing and throwing. It was wonderful to see so many parents supporting the event, and many volunteering for the 'grown up's' race which the children loved cheering on!

ROCK POOL EXPERIENCE

Reception were delighted to welcome Aqualase in to school this term. The children have explored environmental conservation through the books 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' and 'That's our Home'. This incorporated the importance of recycling and keeping oceans and coastlines clean to protect our wildlife. During the visit children had the opportunity to talk to the marine rangers and take part in interactive hands-on learning about a range of coast line wildlife.



Katumba Drummers

Year 1 welcomed the Katumba Drummers into school this term. They were taken on a journey through the Rainforests of Brazil as we played the drums and moved to the beat. It was so much fun! We learnt out about the Rainforest and the different plants, animals and trees you would find. We made musical instruments and looked at The Artists Henri Rousseau and John Dyer. It was a fantastic day!



#SEARCH FOR SAINT

Don't forget to check twitter for our #searchforsaint pictures. All Reception

children new to Three Saint Trust schools in

September have been gifted a Saint bear. Children and school staff will be posting their pictures of Saint with the #searchforsaint throughout the summer break. Please check in to see how far he gets to travel and all the exciting adventures that he takes part in.





News from St Ann's

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

HEALTHY LIVING



A fantastic time was had by all during this term's healthy living focus. The children displayed excellent sportsmanship and a

healthy competitive spirit as they took part in sports' days and the Mark Barrow Fun Run. All children have benefitted from road and open water safety workshops. Y6 have had a visit from Kooth to support their mental health and wellbeing. Our EYs, Y1 and Y5 have taken part in Bikeability lessons and Y2 to Y6 enjoyed scooting games during a session delivered by Scoot Fit.



The Bikeability Trust

RESIDENTIAL HOLIDAYS

This term our Y4 pupils have enjoyed a residential to Kingswood in Staffordshire. The children showed resilience and strength of character when taking part in the array of outdoor pursuits. Meanwhile many of our Y5 and 6 children have visited the capital in recent weeks. Children enjoyed seeing the famous landmarks, a turn on the London Eye, visiting museums and the cultural experience of watching the West End show-Wicked!



WIND IN THE WILLOWS

Huge congratulations to our Y6 children whose performance of Kenneth Grahame's children's classic, 'Wind in the Willows' was truly magnificent. What a fabulous memory to look back upon. Many thanks goes to First Act Arts Ltd, the Village Hall, our



sound engineer Mr Bolton Maggs, our staff and parents/carers for their support and involvement.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION



We are looking forward to this year's children's university graduation ceremony which will take place in church shortly. This year we have more children than ever graduating due to our high club uptake at school. Congratulations to all those who will be graduating!

SPORTS COMPETITIONS AND EXPERIENCES



143 children across the school have taken part in an array of sporting competitions/experiences this term, which would not be possible without the

unwavering support of PEco. Just look at the opportunities that have been available; SCDF Rugby Community Festival, Y1 football, Y1/2 Y3/4 and Y5/6 girls' football, KS2 Tri-golf, Y5/6 netball, Y4 & Y6 cricket, KS2 swimming, Y2 LFC Academy visit, Rainhill Schools football cup (held by St Ann's for all Rainhill primaries) and Y5 RHS football competition. We are already excited to find out what competitions we will be able to enter in the Autumn term.

CURRICULUM & CULTURAL VISITS



Some fabulous curriculum and cultural visits were organised for

the children to take part in this term. These included: Y3 visit to the Catalyst Museum, Y6 Recycling Centre visit, EYs visit to Knowsley Safari (this sparked lots of fabulous talk and writing about animals!), a visit to Calderstone's Park Story Barn for Y1 and Y2 visits to a local Buddhist temple and the Liverpool Empire to watch David Walliams' Awful Auntie. I wonder where we will visit together next year?



News from St Michael with St Thomas

Learn, Achieve, Love, Believe

Gold, Gold, Gold!



We are extremely proud of our school this term as the hard work of the pupils and staff has been recognised with not just one, but three Gold awards! We have been awarded the

Gold award from the Anti-Bullying Alliance for the United Against Bullying programme, the prestigious Gold Award from Carnegie for Mental Health in Schools and finally we have been accredited at the highest level as a Gold Rights Respecting School. Although all of these practices are part of the everyday fabric of our school, it is an honour to have them recognised at a national level and we are very proud to be able to celebrate the amazing successes of our school family.

World Music Day

As part of our Access Arts Week, we celebrated World Music Day across school. Our theme this year was 'Music throughout history' with each class focusing on a different period in time and the music typical of this era. From nursery rhymes to Baroque, classes enjoyed listening to how music has changed over time and have



even had the opportunity to create their own pieces of music using instruments, body percussion and singing. It was a wonderful celebration of all things music!

Summer Concert 2024

The end of this term was marked with our fantastic summer concert, where children from all year groups showcased their creative talents with dances, singing and playing of musical instruments. It was amazing to watch the performances, from our youngest to our oldest pupils, and we were blown away by not only their talent but their confidence at performing in front of such a big audience.

Our Spiritual Garden is Open!

Over the last year we have been developing our Spiritual Garden in school, and thanks to two very generous donations from St Michael with St Thomas Church, and one of the members of the congregation, we have finally been able to complete this project. Our grand opening of the spiritual garden is planned for the last week of the year when hopefully the finishing touches will be done, and from September it will be used by the pupils for reflection and quiet time, as well as our Ethos Team leading daily activities in there each day.



Y5 DOT Art Competition

This term our Y5 artists took part in the annual DOT Art competition in partnership with



Liverpool Edge Hill University. Three students were voted as finalists and attended the awards ceremony at St Georges Hall in Liverpool, with the winner, Lydia, having her artwork displayed in the art gallery amongst the great works of famous artists. The children had a fantastic time at the awards ceremony and even met the Mayor of Liverpool! Well done to all of our fantastic artists.

Poetry Project



This year, our Y5 pupils have taken part in a poetry project with our other Trust schools and Michael Rosen. Not only have they found a new love of poetry, but they have impressed Michael Rosen

himself, who has passed on his personal congratulations to Holly who wrote a fantastic poem.