



# *The Voice*

Autumn Term 1

*The newsletter written by the children!*



**Welcoming the Reception children into our St Vincent's Family.**

Over the last couple of weeks we have been welcoming our new Reception children into school. They have all settled into school life and our Year 6 children Grace and Olivia interviewed some children to let us know what life was like starting in Reception.

**Charlotte, Holly Class**

On my first day I met my friends Lexi and Stella. I was excited when I came in. I loved painting, writing and love the teachers. I read books and drew pictures, played with my friends and said prayers.

**Danny, Willow Class**

I felt great on my first day and I made friends with Eoin and Adam. Sometimes I see my big sister on the playground and it makes me happy.

I like my teacher because she is kind. I'm excited to learn new things next year and I like playing with my friends. It is really fun when we go on the big pitch,

**Visit to Etz Chaim School—Year 1**

Last week Year 1 children visited Etz Chaim School and learnt about the Jewish tradition of Rosh Hashanah.

We sat in on their assembly and saw children dipping apples in honey. We learnt about horns like antelope horns.

We enjoyed watching a video about anti-bullying and helping others.

We like the singing and that they have a drink after assembly. They also believe in god too! **Seinna & Ryan, Blackthorn Class**

**Transition from Reception to Year 1 & 2**

We have also spoken to the children about how they feel changing classes and how they felt moving from Reception to Year 1/2.

**Emilia, Juniper Class** I was a bit scared and happy.

**Patrick, Juniper Class** I like learning money in maths.

**Evie, Hawthorn Class** I feel excited and not scared about starting Year 2.

**Ethan, Poplar Class** I like learning about numbers, maths is my favourite subject.



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## **New Starters within School.**

Our Year 6 have been roving reporters this week interviewing all the other new children that have started within the school and asking them what their experience of their new school is like. They asked questions like How were they made feel on there first week? Have they made friends? How is the work in class?

### **Angy, Poplar Class**

I like this school and I am learning about the Great Fire of London.

### **Zack, Oak Class**

I was a little bit nervous but everyone was very nice and Theo and Mame were kind.

### **Clarence, Oak Class**

I have felt very welcomed and I am enjoying the lessons even though my first language is French!

### **Oscar, Rowan Class**

I made friends with Gabriel, Shane, Chiji and William. I have been made feel very welcome by my class.

### **Lulu, Hazel Class**

I have made friends with Juliette, India, Sophia and Angelina. I have been made feel welcome and the work is the same as my old school.

### **Jacob, Sycamore Class**

I was very nervous on my first week but it was fun. I have made friends with Kyle, Kieran, Yan and Noah. The work is the same as my old school and it is a lot closer to home.

### **Annika, Beech Class**

My first week was great and exciting. I have made lots of friends Annie, Aoife, Harriet, Mia and Ellen. I chose this school as everyone was very kind to me when I visited. The work is harder than my old school. I would like to see a drama and gym club here.

### **Jenson, Beech Class**

Beech class have been very friendly since I started and I was lucky to go to Kingswood with them. I have made friends with Matthew, Nathan, Orlando, Daniel S and Ruben. The work is the same as my old school but I have been made feel very welcome here at St Vincent's.

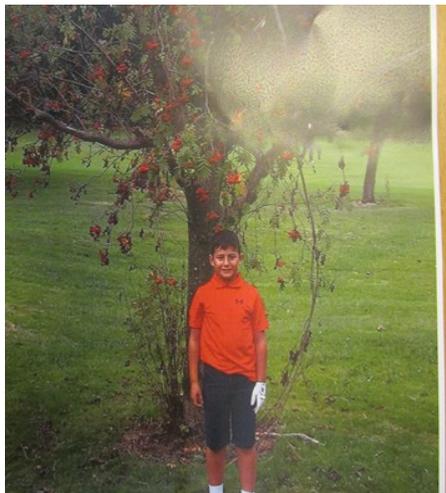


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## Golf Competition

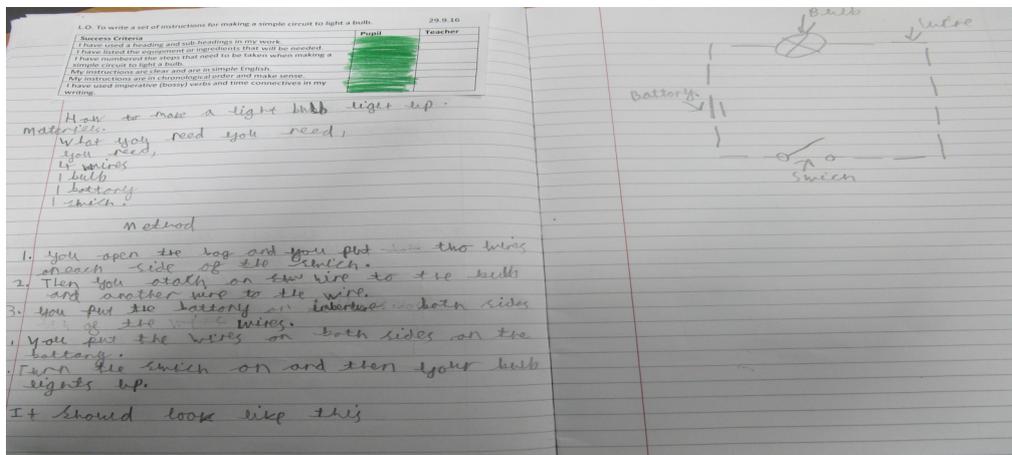
Conrad, Oak Class



Two weeks ago Conrad took part in a golf tournament. Conrad has been playing since he was 4 and his Dad taught him at Hendon Golf Club.

Conrad played at Pinner Hill Gold Club and played for 2 hours and was 5 points down but came back to win and get 1st place. What an achievement! His mum watched on the side lines and was very proud when he lifted the winners trophy.

Well done Conrad.



## Electricity

Lower Key Stage 2 have been learning all about Electricity. We have been learning to turn a bulb on by using wires and bulbs and switches and batteries.

We have learnt how to make a circuit.

We have learnt also how to draw circuits using symbols.

Joseph and Lee, Rowan Class





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## Football

Over the last two weeks football trials have taken place for the prestigious place of being on the St Vincent's Football Team. Our team consists of;

Nathaniel Joseph

Albert Smlsal

Nathan Adu

Owen Sheridan

Martin Ojo

Orlando Dennis

Yan Kasobia-Binga

James Fay

Paulo Bocchi

Kaima Obi

Congratulations to all for passing Mr B's hard trials and well done to all the children that took part, it made his choice very hard!

## Netball

This year we have had a big interest in netball and the Year 5 & 6 have been taking practice very seriously every Thursday.

In netball we have been learning pivot which is a turn with one leg and one leg stays on the ground and the other leg spins around until you stop.

Pivots are essential in netball as they will help you have different options to pass. In netball you're not allowed to move with the ball but you can move one leg. We also have great coaches Kevin and Miss Grant who are really helpful.

**Annie O'Shea, Beech Class**



## Tag Rugby

On 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 10 of us went to take part in a tag rugby event at Hendon Rugby club.

We played tag rugby and we really enjoyed it, I really liked learning the skill of passing the ball backwards whilst running forwards.

*(Oliver S) Hazel Class*

I liked it because it was a team effort and everyone worked together. I found passing backwards hard. *(Juliette) Sycamore Class*



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## **St Vincent's Day Mass**

We celebrated our patron Saint Feast Day last week where we saw all our new children receive a miraculous medal as they join our St Vincent's Family. Our reporters thought it would be interesting to ask staff and children - **'What does St Vincent's mean to us and what is the ethos of our school?'**

Our Vincentian ethos is one where we all care for and respect each other at all times. We accept one another and nurture relationships based on trust in one another and in God so we know that we are treated fairly. We pray openly and honestly that we care for those less fortunate and our actions are sincere as we learn and work towards making our beautiful world a place for all to live life to the full. **Miss Tuohy**

Our ethos is all about love the love of learning and how we treat each other. What makes us, us is the positive attitude and how we have a positive learning experience. **Mr Griffin**

The ethos of our school is how everybody can encourage one another to be kind and helpful and how we explore aspects of our faith to make us more than just a community. **Orla, Beech Class**

The ethos of our school is based all around our St Vincentian Values and how we treat one another, our behaviour towards one another which makes us feel like one big family. **Mrs Lee**

The ethos of our school is all reinforced by our mission statement to care for and look out for one another and to strive for excellence in everything we do. **Mr Johnson**

The ethos of the school is how the teachers give us a good learning experience by making it fun and creative. **Ruben, Beech Class**

The ethos of our school is how we learn differently towards school life. In our school we have the keys to kindness which identifies many people on how they show a positive learning approach. **Alethea, Beech Class**

The ethos of our school is about the keys to kindness because it encourages children to be kind. The Vincentian Values play a big part by helping us understand what to do. **Zita, Beech Class**



## **Formal and Informal Language Year 6**

Recently in literacy in Year 6 we have been studying formal and informal language. Yesterday on the 27th September Miss Mc Carthy set us a challenge:

The challenge was; she would award us 6 marbles which equates to 12 minutes golden time if Jessica A, Noah B, Alethea and I could speak formally till 2 o'clock. In the end with a lot of effort and determination we managed it! Unfortunately Alethea misunderstood and spoke formally till the end of the day. On the other hand Emma, Zita and Orla did the informal challenge: which consists of speaking slang all day long.

We all loved this lesson and won the challenge with ease!

**Ruben Lluch**



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## FORCES

Lately, in class we've been learning about forces such as gravity, air resistance and water resistance and how they affect our lives today. This report is all about the experiments we did over these past weeks.

In forces the first thing we looked at was some pictures of people either pushing or pulling and had to find out if they were pushing or pulling in each one then we looked at how air resistance and gravity affected flight. We found out that air resistance would allow it to stay for a while but gravity would soon pull it down. Kind of like a paper plane or a paper helicopter. Our experiment was on paper helicopters and the time taken to drop paper. We conducted our experiment carefully and uses different techniques and after the lesson was over we had successfully completed a full blown science experiment. These where my results

Object/test no.	Time taken to drop in seconds
Scrunched up paper	1.24
Flat paper	1.73
Helicopter test 1	1.48
Helicopter test 2	1.52
Helicopter test 3	1.54

Then we changed a variable and tested that.

Next we learned about Friction. Friction is when two things rub together like tectonic plates or paper Mr. Griffin showed us that if you put two books together, overlapping the paper so that it creates a friction force. We saw that only two death stalker tanks could rip them apart. Our final topic was about if the mass of something effects how fast it falls and this is the story behind the theory. One day Aristotle said the heavier things are, the faster they fall but Galileo disagreed he thought that it is not the mass that makes a difference to how fast things fall. So in class, we had a poll on whether Aristotle was right or if Galileo was right. The majority said Aristotle but they were wrong. Because when we tested by using pots and slowly making 1 heavier with clay they usually landed together so we discovered that Galileo was right all along. I've really enjoyed learning about forces and was very happy to be asked to write about it. Thank you to Mr. Griffin and Mr. Begaria for being my teachers.

**Ben Wilkinson, Sycamore Class**



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## **KINGSWOOD**

At Kingswood we did many activities and here are some of the activities we endured; Power Fan, Jacobs Ladder, Charlotte's Web, Zip Wire and Leap of Faith. My favorite activity was the Power Fan it was 40 feet high and we had to jump off when we reached the top. It was scary but fun at the same time. We woke early and had breakfast and we were on the go till 9.00pm at night. Tuesday we all visited the shop and we bought souvenirs, sweets and chocolate. All of us had a fun time and most of the Year 6 loved the 3G swing it was one of my favorites. It was not great leaving on Friday although we wanted to see our families we loved all being together and having a laugh. Thanks to everyone for making it a great experience.



## **Noah Beauchamp**

