

2022-2023 Highlights

Autumn highlights



Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year we hosted Macmillan Coffee Mornings for all our school community. The students served drinks. Thanks to their enthusiasm, hard work and the generous support of everyone we raised an amazing £248.23. Well done to all the winners of the various Have-a-Go activities, including Kobi who won the raffle.





Fundraising- CAFOD

Harvest Family Fast Day: Friday 7th October.

For our Autumn Term charity, we focused on helping the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD).

CAFOD aims to provide aid for millions of families who are facing a food crisis that could be worse than any we've lived through. This is a crisis created by other disasters: climate change, coronavirus, and conflict in Ukraine. Together, as one global family, we have the power to help. It takes love from all of us.





Children in Need

This year students raised money for Children in Need. Thank you to Rebecca Eyre and all the staff involved in the bake sale. As well as raising £135 for this worthwhile charity students and staff both had a fun day enjoying the activities. The day ended with a special assembly.





During this month, the school participated in several different activities to celebrate Black History Month. For example, there was an interactive drumming workshop. Staff and students dressed in some beautiful, colourful African costumes.



After the restrictions of the past few years it was wonderful to be able to come together for our Christmas Performances entitled – A Song of Peace. We were delighted to welcome the deputy Mayor Cllr. Ahmad Wallana.

Spring highlights



World Book Day

Students and staff enjoyed taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. The day started with an assembly, and there were many literary and craft activities planned throughout the day. Staff across the school enjoyed talking to students about the books that they enjoyed reading the most. The students really enjoyed the opportunity to dress up and talk about their favourite books and stories.







St Patrick's Day

 St Patrick's Day – Everyone was invited to wear something Green on the day. Monika Woloszyn / 3W led a special assembly to share information about St Patrick and all things associated with Ireland.



International Women's Day

 Thanks to Artur Kuznicki / 4N Team who led an assembly to mark International Women's Day. The theme this year was Embrace Equity. They looked at the value and importance of the women in our school, the women in our homes and families who play a part in our daily lives and also looked at examples of famous women around the world.





Christian Unity Week

• We marked Christian Unity Week which was from 18th - 25th January. The theme that was chosen for this year was to Do Good and Seek Justice. On 25th January we had a special Mass led by 3W Class team. The Mass was celebrated by Fr Nicholas on the theme that we are all unique each with our own personalities and differences, however we can still journey together in the same direction knowing that we are all unique and loved by God.





Summer highlights



Laudato Si

21st – 28th May marked the 8th anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on the care for creation called Laudato Si. The theme that has been chosen this year is – Hope for the Earth, Hope for humanity. To help us celebrate this, VBCD led the whole school in an assembly to introduce the work of our new Eco Committee and their various roles and responsibilities.





Lourdes Pilgrimage, France

• 2 of our students had the opportunity to go on a Pilgrimage and visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France. During their visit they also took time out to take a trip to The Pyrenees Mountains and to participate in various group building activities. Sincere thanks to Dr Jack Gorard and HCPT Group 12 for this amazing opportunity which brought blessings to our whole community.





Thank a Teacher Day

As you know 20th May was "Thank a Teacher Day". On behalf of all the SLT and Governors we extended our appreciation and sincere thanks for all they do throughout the year. We also saidThank you also to our SSAs and to every member of staff in all the various departments, who by their efforts support the care and education of all our students so that they can enjoy their school experience.



Race for Life

 Staff took part in a 5K Race for Life on Sunday 25th June to raise money for Cancer Research – Well Done to all who participated in this event and for put their Faith into Action.



Special Feast Days

We had a special Service to mark the Feast of 2 Great Pillars of the Church St Peter and St Paul on 29th June.

On 24th and 25th June we marked the Congregations Feast Day as we wished The Community of The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.





Confirmation Mass

Sacramental Preparation

Under the supervision of Agnes Komasiak our RE Coordinator and with the support of staff, 5 students participated in a Sacramental Preparation Programme.

The Confirmation Mass was celebrated on 21st June by The Episcopal Vicar - Fr Gerard Quinn and concelebrated by Fr Nicholas Schofield. With the support of Pinks Lotay the choir led the singing and the signing was modelled by Juli Critchfied our Signalong Tutor.



Whole School Picnic

On 21st July everyone was invited to grab a picnic blanket for a whole school picnic.

Thank you to Gurinder Bains and the Catering Department for organising all the students lunches and providing drinks and refreshments.







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