

ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL

SINGING FOR THE QUEEN

Some of our pupils were given a once in a lifetime opportunity to sing for Her Majesty the Queen. The girls had an amazing time, they were honoured to be such a key role in such a special event. The girls travelled to the Liverpool Town Hall and met so many people! The students proclaimed that it was an absolutely amazing experience and one they will never forget. Here is some pictures from their experience...



Special points of interest

- Singing for HRH The Queen
- John Muir Awards
- Freedom of the City
- Independence matters
- I can do it course
- Comic book and coding workshop
- Vision Pioneer Awards
- Term dates 2016-17

JOHN MUIR AWARDS

During the Autumn term of 2015 students participated in many activities, they had so much fun while undertaking them. These activities took place as the pupils were completing their John Muir Award. Throughout these activities the students

discovered and explored the great outdoors and the many amazing things within it. They explored the school grounds, the National Wildflower Centre, Court Hey Park and even Everton Park. When in these locations the students helped conserve the

environment by maintaining willow features, picking up litter, and by making bird boxes.

This wouldn't have been possible without Anne Faulkner of "We're in the wild" project. Thank you!

In twenty years as a teacher (nearly eight as a Head) I can't recall a visiting artist (musical, dramatic or anything) who has had such a positive impact on the children and the school as a whole. Daniel Hains – Headteacher – St. John's CE Primary School, Southport

After working for the New York based **Marvel Comics** publishing giant for over twenty years, Tim Quinn brings a graphic storytelling and art workshop to St Vincent's School. Having worked as editor, writer and illustrator on such world famous titles as *Spider-Man*, *X-Men*, *Iron Man*, *The Avengers*, *Captain America* and the *Incredible Hulk* (and the *Beano* and *Dandy* before that!), Quinn will show students techniques and methods in story and character creation. An exciting way to encourage the reading habit is to show children how to create, write and draw fun and thrilling comic book stories themselves. Spider-Man's former editor will show students how to build personality, tension, pace, humour, emotion and style into their work. Turning the students into story creators encourages a love of reading within each child. "I will

COMIC BOOK AND CODING WORKSHOP

guide each student to create a new super-hero character and storyline based on their own lives and school," says Quinn. "This workshop will enrich students' work in English, Art and Drama. I'm keen to find new extraordinary talents."

<http://www.mightyquinnmanagement.com>

CoderDojo is a global movement of free, volunteer-led, community based programming clubs for young people

At a Dojo, young people, between 7 and 17, learn how to code, develop websites, apps, programs, games and explore technology in an informal and creative environment.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/business/technology/coderdojo-unveils-coding-events-for-visually-impaired-1.2654002>

If you know a VI or HI pupils who would benefit from these workshops on 14th Sept or would like more information please contact Marion at St. Vincent's: 0151 228 9968 office@stvin.com



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Activities include:

- Social & Emotional skills
- Keeping safe at home, outside & online
- Daily living & Kitchen skills
- Transitions, goals & aspirations



Where	Henshaws, Duke St or St Vincent's School
Duration	3 days (school holidays) or 8 x 2 hours sessions after school (Plus one day for parents)
Hours	9:30am - 3:00pm (3 days) or 4pm - 6pm (8 weeks)
Cost	Free

UPCOMING DATES IN AUGUST TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!!!

For more information

For more information or to book your place contact on 0151 708 7055 or email fiona.mcmullen@henshaws.org.uk

VISION PIONEER AWARDS

Well done RNIB on the marvelous Vision Pioneers Awards that took place on 13th June, London.

Both St. Vincent's School and our sister organisation Christopher Grange Rehabilitation Centre were nominated for awards. St Vincent's for Team of the Year and CGRC for Innovation.

Competition was very tough and neither of us actually won our category but we feel truly honored to have been nominated alongside such prestigious and worthy others.



Dr Patterson and his team would like to wish all pupils, their families and all friends and supporters of the school a very happy and healthy summer break.

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School Term Dates/Holiday Dates 2016-17

Pupil dates	Staff dates
AUTUMN TERM 2016	
Tuesday 6 th September to Wednesday 21 st December (72 days)	Monday 5 th September – INSET day
Half-term : Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October	Pupils return on Tuesday 6 th September
	Half-term : Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October
	Term ends: Wednesday 21 st December (72 days + 1 INSET day)
SPRING TERM 2017	
Monday 9 th January – Thursday 13 th April 2017 (64 days)	Thursday 5 th January – INSET day Friday 6 th January – INSET day
Half-term: Monday 20 th February – Friday 24 th February	Monday 9 th January – Thursday 13 th April 2016
	Half-term: Monday 20 th February – Friday 24 th February (64 days + 2 INSET days)
SUMMER TERM 2017	
Tuesday 2 nd May – Friday 21 st July (54 days)	Tuesday 2 nd May – Friday 21 st July
Bank Holiday: Monday 1 st May 2017	Bank Holiday: Monday 1 st May 2017 (incorporated into Easter holidays)
Half-term: Monday 29 th May - Friday 2 nd June	Monday 24 th July – INSET Tuesday 25 th July - INSET Half-term: Monday 29 th May - Friday 2 nd June (54 days + 2 INSET days)
Total for 2016-17: 190 days	Total for 2016-17: 190 days + 5 INSET Days