



Hbly Family



The Mini Vinnies are the youngest members of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need.

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Vinnie the Mini Vinnie Bear

You may have noticed the teddy bear in a mini SVP shirt, set up in the window on the far side of the hall. Well, this bear is called Vinnie! He is a soft and loveable teddy, and you have the chance to keep him within the school grounds for a week. You can nominate somebody in the school – who, you feel – has been kind enough to deserve Vinnie.

Some gestures of kindness worthy of getting Vinnie are helping new children settle in, doing something kind for a friend, and helping in an incident such as someone falling over on the playground, etc.

There is a window display in the hall as mentioned, and this will show what we do as Mini Vinnies, as well as a nomination box with a picture of Vinnie on it. There will be pens and pencils beside it, along with pieces of paper to write who you would like to win this privilege.

Please note that you may need to write the year of your nominee, as there could be other people with the same or similar name.

At the end on the week, we will pick out a sheet of paper, and if we think that person has been worthy enough of this award, it will be announced in the Values Assembly on Friday. The selected person will win Vinnie from the next Monday to Friday.



Mini Vinnies Opening Prayer

President: In the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

President: Holy Spirit, guide us in our meeting.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven...

All: Lord, Thank you for our gifts and talents.

All: Lord, show us who needs our help.

All: Lord, Use our hands to help those who are hungry.

All: Lord, open our hearts to love and comfort those who are sad and lonely.

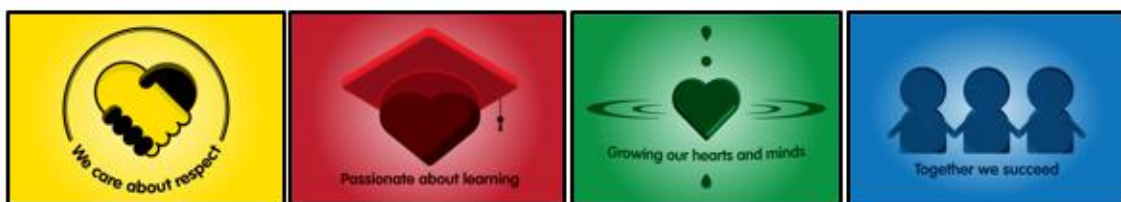
All: Lord, let us share our time, gifts and talents with those in need.

All: Lord, help us to care for the sick.

All: Lord, may we all help and support each other as Mini Vinnies to build a better world.

President: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen



Why should you join the Mini Vinnies?

- You can make a difference to people that need your help.
- You learn about problems around you.
- You can set a good example as a role model to others.
- You can enjoy yourselves and have fun.



Mini Vinnie Roles

- Treasurer – this includes counting money that you have raised.
- Secretary – someone who helps arrange the meetings
- President – the most important person. The President works with Mrs Davison
- Vice President – the Vice President steps in for the President when they are not in.



Mini Vinnie's Pledge



Caring for, respecting and loving myself.



Making my family happy by my help, respect and showing kindness and consideration.



Caring for others in my school and community by being a friend to those who are alone, in need or in trouble



Strengthening my friendship with Jesus by talking to him each day and talking to others about him.



Treating others the way I would like them to treat me.



Caring for and enjoying God's world.



St Vincent De Paul

1581- 1660

Vincent was born poor and in the beginning he wanted to be rich. This was what he first became a priest! Later he changed his mind and decided to spend his life helping the sick and mentally ill, orphans and old people, beggars and the starving prisoners and galley slaves. Vincents life is a great reminder for us all to find ways to help those around us.



Frederic Ozanam

1813- 1853

The St Vincent De Paul society was founded in 1833 by a 19 year old catholic student called Frederic Ozanam. In a discussion one day , Frederic was asked to say what the catholic church was doing for the poor in France. Frederic was embarrassed. He knew in his heart that the church was doing very little. So Frederic and his friends began to meet each week to plan visits and help local people in need. He now realized that Christianity was about actions, not just words. Though, they formed the worlds first SVP group. In 1997 Frederic Ozanam was beatified by Pope John Paul II in France.