



# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council • St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School • Pilch Lane • Liverpool • L14 0JG  
Telephone: 0151 477 8490 email: [stmargaret@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:stmargaret@knowsley.gov.uk)

**Value of the Week:**  
**Love**

**Newsletter Issue 18**  
**Week ending Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

*'....love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may become the children of your Father in heaven....'*

Matthew 5

## ***Faith in Action***

Congratulations to Maisie (Year 5) who has joined Councillor Harry Doyle's campaign to tidy up the streets in our community. Of all the volunteers, Maisie is the youngest and we are very proud of her. Well done Maisie for putting your faith into action.



Well done to Hana (Year 5) who decided to do some fundraising for SHARE KNOWSLEY (small local charity supporting refugees and asylum seekers - <https://shareknowsley.org.uk/>). She has organised a cake sale during a coffee morning after Sunday Mass at St Margaret Mary's parish centre and managed to raise just over £100!

An incredible achievement 😊



## Punctuality in School

Good punctuality is very important as the first few minutes of the school day are often used to give out instructions or to organise school work for the rest of the day. Persistent lateness has a detrimental effect on a child's education.

<b>S/he is only missing just...</b>	<b>that equals...</b>	<b>which is...</b>	<b>and over 13 years of schooling that is</b>
10 minutes per day	50 minutes a week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour and 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

If a child misses the start of the day, their work for the whole day may be affected. Late arrivals are disruptive to the whole class and often embarrassing for the child. We take the view that there are no late children, only late parents.

## Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week *	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure
3CF	Aidan	Alfie	Olivia	94.6%
3GT	Ryan	Imogen	Aimee	96.6%
3ME	Luca	Bella	Mary-Jane	96.7%
3ST	Owen	Kian	Abi	94%
4CD	Jennifer	Christian	Amber	94.2%
4HW	Harley	Kiara	Emme	98.3%
4PS	Bella M	Justin	Sebastian	96.7%
4SC	George	Harli-Rae	Milo	96.7%
5JP	James	Steven	Jake	98.4%
5KN	Orlagh	Jacob	Annabel	97.8%
5MW	William	Kitty	Charley	97%
5AH	Jacob	Maisy	Cody	91.7%
6AC	Amjithan	Nathaniel	Luke	95.8%
6JK	Eliza	Mason	Amelia F	96.6%
6LT	Sera	Freya	Georgia	97.5%
6SA	James	Faye	Liam	94.2%

**Attendance for the whole school is 96%**

**Dinnertime winners: 3GT, 4HW, 5JP, 6SA**

## Golden Ticket Initiative

Congratulations to all our Golden Ticket winners who have gone above and beyond this week-enjoy your hot chocolate!

This week's winners are:-

Year 5 - Maisie C for being the youngest volunteer in Harry Doyle's tidy the environment initiative.

Hana H for raising over £100 for SHARE Knowsley (a Charity that supports refugees and asylum seekers). Hana ran a cake sale after Sunday mass.

### Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Karthik	William	Diya	Teagan
Class with the best engagement	3CF	4SC	5KN	6LT
Most Improved	Esha	Isobelle W	Stevie	Erin
TTRS Class Champions	3CF - Sebastian 3ST - Max 3GT - Khloe 3ME - Bella	4PS - Jack 4HW - Archie 4CD - Timothy 4SC - Oscar	5AH - Diya 5MW - Alvina 5KN - Brodie 5JP - Joseph	6AC - Nathaniel 6SA - Lakshit 6LT - Harry M 6JK - Lucas

### HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	298	311	343	385	1337
St David	264	307	362	371	1304
St George	301	301	340	386	1328
St Patrick	299	322	351	368	1340

## Gallery

Over the half term holiday, we had a new pagoda installed on the playground. This will be a great resource for pupils who wish to chat/play quietly. It will also provide lots of shade (for the children and adults) during the Summer months.



During the February break, Isla took part in a dance competition. She came 1st in doubles disco, 3rd in disco solo, 3rd in doubles rock and roll and won 1st place overall as part of a team. Well done Isla, a great achievement!



**Congratulations!**

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



**We would like to wish a very happy birthday to the following children who are celebrating their birthday this week! We hope you enjoy your special day!**

**Year 3:**

Jacob - 3GT

**Year 4:**

**Year 5:**

**Year 6:**

Lewis - 6JK

Eliza - 6JK

### **Merseyside Violence Reduction Team**

This week the Merseyside Violence Reduction Team has been into school to work with our Wellbeing Ambassadors this week. The ROCKET has been developed in partnership with children across Liverpool, to train up groups of children within schools to be resilient champions! Rocket stands for (Resilient, Open, Caring, Kind, Equal, Togetherness). ROCKET is a course that explores topics such as mental health and resilience, and the children talked about how they can help themselves and their friends if they are feeling a little bit down, and also about the importance of kindness. Our children worked with the others to share their ideas of how they think they can spread kindness and resilience across our school!

#### **Bitesize Sessions- Parents**

The RAISE team held the first Bitesize session for our parents this week via zoom. Thank you to those parents who attended the sessions. We hope you found it useful.

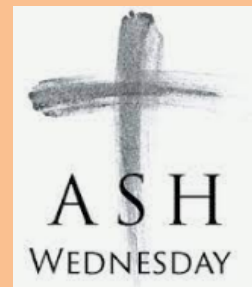
The sessions looked at:

- General Signs & Symptoms of Anxiety
- Types of Anxiety
- How to Deal with a Panic Attack
- Strategies to Support Someone Experiencing Anxiety
- Breathing Techniques
- Resources & Books

Next Week's session is around the topic of Managing your Child's Worries. The link to the session will be emailed to all parents on a number of occasions during the next week.

### **Ash Wednesday Service/Lent**

This week, our Year 6 pupils took part in the Ash Wednesday Service with the parishioners. The remaining year groups received ashes in school from Miss Finnegan, Mrs Dwerryhouse and Mrs Culley.



Throughout Lent, our pupils will be taking part in the CAFOD Lenten walk. Mrs Wilkinson intends to join a different class each day!



## Visits to the Infant School

This week our disciples of the week had a wonderful time spending some time in the infant school. The infant staff all commented on how wonderful our disciples were. From next week our singing ambassadors will also have the opportunity to go across to the infant school (during playtimes) to promote singing with the children.

## Parent Forum

Join us for the Parent Forum which will take place next Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> March) at 6pm-all welcome!

## St David's Feast Day

Next Wednesday 1st March is St David's Feast Day. Pupils in St David's Team have the option to come to school wearing yellow. Please note that all 'own clothes' days are 'optional'. The children may wear one item of yellow with their school uniform, their own clothes with a yellow item or head to toe in yellow! Please do not buy anything new for the occasion.



## PTA

Next Thursday (2nd March) the PTA will be hosting a Spring Disco. The disco will take place at the following times:-

Upper Keystage 2 (Years 5 and 6)-3.00pm-4.00pm

Lower Keystage 2 (Years 3 and 4)-4.15pm-5.15pm

## World Book Day



World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 2nd March** and we hope you'll join us as we come together to encourage every child in school to be a reader and to love books.

To celebrate World Book Day, we will be asking the children (if they wish) to dress up as their favourite book character on this day. There is no need to go to a



great deal of expense to get involved, and of course dressing up is optional. Children could even just wear their pyjamas if they feel comfortable.

You can find lots more creative ideas at

[worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas](http://worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas)

On Thursday 2nd March, your child will also bring home a £1 book token. Take your book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more.

We're looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school.

Best Wishes,  
Mrs M Wong.

## Sport News

Sports clubs will resume properly from Monday 27th February 2023.

On Monday 27th February children from Year 3 and Year 4 will be competing in a dodgeball competition at Kirkby High School.

## Church News

**Children's Church at Sunday 10am Mass.**

Tea & coffee served after Sunday 10am Mass in the Parish centre - all welcome!



**Dovecot Food Club next to Sayers:** Mondays 10am to 1pm. Families can receive £15 worth of food for £5. Food can be dropped off during these times. Please note the following items are desperately needed: **Tea bags, coffee, tinned beans, pasta, tinned tomatoes, tuna, spaghetti, biscuits, crisps. Nappies 4/5, toothpaste, soap, shower gel, shampoo, toilet rolls.** Donations are welcomed in church before or after Saturday and Sunday Masses or can be left in the school entrance.



**A group of volunteers from our school and parish community** go into the city centre on a Tuesday evening to take food, hot drinks and helpful items to the Homeless men and women of our city. Any offerings will be gratefully received. Please leave the school office for Miss Finnegan.

## Thursday Masses

Next week 5JP and 3ME will take part in Thursday Mass with the parishioners.

## LiveSimply Award for schools

We are working towards achieving the LiveSimply award. It is an opportunity to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us". #smmjcatholiclife #smmjLiveSimply



The Laudato Si is a letter from Pope Francis to everyone on the planet urging all of us to protect the earth; our common home. The earth is God's gift to us, full of beauty and wonder, where the fruits of the earth belong to everyone.

The children have made a class pledge to take action on caring for creation and the environment.

## Extra-Curricular Timetable

We have a wide range of extra-curricular activities for our children to participate in during the Spring Term. Please see the timetable below:-

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YEAR 3	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Athletics	Tennis		Rebound Dance	
YEAR 4	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Basketball			Netball	Rebound Dance
YEAR 5	Before School					Girls Football
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Boxing				
YEAR 6	Before School	Intra School Football Comp	Table Tennis	Bleep Test	Table Tennis	Girls Football
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Boxing				

## Social Media

Why not give us a follow on Instagram or Twitter? @smmjnr

## Spring Term Dates for Diary

### MARCH

1<sup>st</sup> March-St David's Feast Day-St David's House Team have the option to attend school wearing yellow/ a splash of Yellow

CLC in school to work with the pupils

Parent Forum (6pm)

2<sup>nd</sup> March-World Book Day

CLC in school to work with pupils

School Discos. Years 3&4 from 4.15 to 5.15pm and Years 5&6 from 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

3<sup>rd</sup> March-SEND Coffee Morning

Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> March-Assessment Week

8<sup>th</sup> March- CLC in school to work with pupils

Governors' Curriculum Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> March- CLC in school to work with pupils

Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> March-British Science Week

13<sup>th</sup> March-Science Day in school

17<sup>th</sup> March- St Patrick's Feast Day-St Patrick's House Team have the option to attend school wearing green/ a splash of green.

20<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March-Assertive Mentoring Conversations (individual class teachers to confirm a time)

20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March-Year 5 Residential Visit to Winmarleigh Hall

29<sup>th</sup> March-Full Governors' Meeting

31<sup>st</sup> March-Coffee Morning

#### APRIL

4<sup>th</sup> April-PTA Easter Event

5<sup>th</sup> April-Easter Talent Show

6<sup>th</sup> April-Easter Variety Showcase

The Greatest Week Assembly

Break Up for Easter Holiday

17<sup>th</sup> April-Return to school for the Summer Term