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Value of the Week
Kindness

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'.....So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.....'
Matthew 7:12

Anti-bullying Week.

This week has been National Anti-Bullying Week. The theme for this year has been 'Make a Noise about Bullying'



Please remember that we have an anti-bullying e mail address for any pupil to access should they feel intimidated by any other child:-

Anti-bullying@smmj.org.uk

Olivia Memorial Garden-Court Hey Park

During the Summer Term, our pupils worked with pupils from Malvern, Roby Park and the Infant school to create a memorial garden in Court Hey Park for the family of Olivia Pratt-Korbel. This year, our pupils will have the opportunity to maintain the garden. The first group went along to the garden this week.



Don't mess with Zuzanna!

She got a bronze medal on Saturday for kumite which is one of the three main sections in karate. Well done Zuzia!



Watch out Bollywood, Sankeerth is on his way! He came second place in a hip hop competition recently. Well done Sankeerth.

Is there anything Lucia can't do?
She has crocheted a gorgeous pink and blue hat



which she spent 6 hours making over the weekend. Well done Lucia.

Ethan won this certificate for successfully swimming a total of 100 metres



Elijah played a tournament at Manchester United's training academy during half term. His team weren't successful in winning the tournament but it was an excellent opportunity to play there.



Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week *	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure (Please refer to key later in the newsletter)
3CF	Jacob		Oscar	97.6%
3GT	Lennon		Aadrika	92.6%

3HM	Poppy		William	97.9%
3ST	Lola		Brandon	99.3%
4CD	Bredon		Jake	97.9%
4HW	Abi		Gabriel	97.1%
4KH	Isobel		Patryk	98.1%
4SC	Blu		Daphne	92.9%
5AH	Shawn		Alvina	97.3%
5JK	Maria		Jay Jay	99.4%
5KL	Ryan		Harli-Rae	93.7%
5PS	Jack		Rosie	99.7%
6AC	Kitty		Pranav	90.4%
6JP	Isaac		Tess	96.4%
6LT	Charlie		Daisy	93.8%
6SA	Brodie		Mason	97.5%

Attendance for the whole school is 96.4%

Dinnertime winners:

Attendance

One of our school priorities this year is to raise attendance and to reduce Persistent Absenteeism (a persistent absentee is defined by the Government as a pupil whose attendance is 90% or less. A child's success in school (both academically and socially) relies on good attendance. If they are missing from school, they are not only missing out on valuable lessons but they are also missing out on the opportunity to forge friendships. If any parent would like some support in securing good attendance for their child, please contact school.

As a rough guide to how good your child's attendance is, please refer to the chart below:-

Equates to	ATTENDANCE	
	100%	PERFECTION
4 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	96%	GOOD
9 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	95%	NEARLY THERE
11 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
19 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS
29 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	85%	GRAVE CONCERNS

THIS KEY WILL IDENTIFY HOW WELL YOUR CHILD'S CLASS IS DOING (SEE ATTENDANCE ABOVE)

Please note that holidays taken in term time are never authorised by school (other than VERY exceptional circumstances) and are likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice Fine.

Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Dollie	Karthik	William	Diya
Class with the best engagement	3CF	4KH	5JK	6SA
Most Improved	Claire	James G	Alvina	Aaron

HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	192	112	396	204	904
St David	188	66	380	237	871
St George	198	111	405	214	928
St Patrick	193	87	400	250	930

Sport News

It has been a busy week for our sport teams this week. On Monday our Year 5 and 6 girls took part in the Sylvia Gore girls football league competition in Halewood.

Despite the wind, the girls won four of their matches and drew one! They are joint top of the league with two games to play. They are also yet to concede a goal!



Our Year 3 boys have been to Finch Farm to take part in an Everton Festival Tournament. They reached the final and were sadly beaten on penalties. Well done to all the boys involved. A great team effort!

Next week it will be the turn of Year 4 to take part in the Everton Tournament.

Reading News

Many thanks to everyone who got involved in our 'Get Caught Reading' campaign. The children are going to be voting for the winners next week. In the meantime, here are a few we'd like to share:



Green Day

Many thanks to all families for your support of 'Green Day'. All proceeds will go towards the Jamie Leigh Foundation.

Online Filtering and Monitoring

Filtering and monitoring systems are used within our school to keep pupils safe when using our school's IT system. **Filtering systems:** block access to harmful sites and content.

Monitoring systems: identify when a user accesses or searches for certain types of harmful content on our school devices.

Our school is alerted to any concerning content so that we can intervene and respond. Please remind your child about the correct, responsible and safe way of accessing the internet. If your child has accessed inappropriate material within school you will be contacted by their class teacher or a member of the SLT.

SEND Coffee Mornings



We will be running a series of SEND Coffee Mornings throughout this year, to give parents some background information about specific SEND conditions and to offer guidance and ideas of how best to support your child at home.

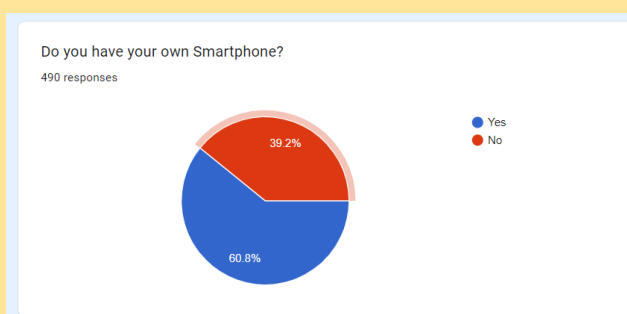
Our first coffee morning will take place on **Tuesday 28th November at 9:15am** with a follow up meeting on **Tuesday 5th December at 9:15am**. Both of these coffee mornings will focus on **Neurodiversity** – which can include conditions such as Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and Dyspraxia.

These two coffee mornings will be led by Emily from Knowsley Mental Health Services. Mrs Medway and Mrs Perry will also attend to help with any support you may need to support your child at home. It is also an opportunity to speak to other parents, who may be going through similar concerns with their children and may be able to offer help, advice and support. We hope to see lots of you there.

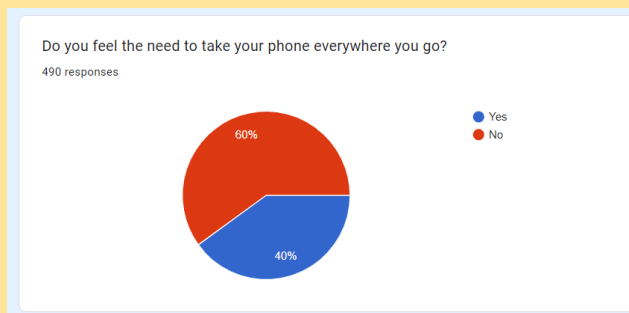
If you are interested in attending, please contact Mrs Medway on medway@smmj.org.uk

Online Safety Survey

All our children have taken part in an Online Safety Survey recently. Over the next couple of weeks we will share some of that data with you in the newsletter. We are sharing this information with you as parents and carers to raise your awareness of our children's thoughts and use of technology and access to the internet. In doing so we hope we can encourage you to monitor their use and safety on their Smartphone and the internet.



298 of our children have access to a Smartphone, therefore could have constant access to the internet and social media.



294 of our children feel that they need to take their phone everywhere with them.

EDUCATE Awards

This weekend our Senior Leadership Team and members of the school community will be attending the EDUCATE Awards ceremony at the Liverpool Anglican. Our school has been nominated for the 'Community' Award.

CLC

Classes 3CF and 3ST are currently benefiting from computing sessions led by the CLC.

Assessment Week.

Next week is Assessment Week in school. The results of these assessments will be given to parents at their Assertive Mentoring conversation later this term.

Parent Forum

Join us for Parent Forum which will be held on Tuesday (21st November) at 6pm. The zoom code will be sent out on Tuesday morning.

RSHE Meeting for Parents

Join us on Zoom next Thursday (23rd November) to find out what will be covered in our Relationships, Sex and Health Education lessons. The Zoom link will be shared on Monday 20th.

Anfield Trip

Next Thursday, our Sport Ambassadors will visit Anfield Stadium to visit the Hillsborough Museum. On Friday, Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Culley will also visit Anfield to deliver a presentation to the Wooden Spoon Charity (the charity that supported the development of our Olivia Performance Area).

Multi-language Event

Next week, Miss Scott will take a group of our pupils to Huyton Library to a Multi-language event.

AUTUMN TERM DATES FOR DIARY

Dates are subject to change in certain circumstances-in the case of changes, we will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible.

November

Week Beginning 20th Year 5 Swimming
Assessment Week in School

21st Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2
22nd Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2
23rd 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC
30th 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC

December

1st School closed for INSET Day

Week Beginning 4th Assertive Mentoring Conversations (Dates and Times to be decided)

4th - 5JK Assertive Mentoring Conversations

5th Year 4 Communion Session 3

5th - 5PS Assertive Mentoring Conversations

5th - 6LT Assertive Mentoring Conversations

6th - 5AH - Assertive Mentoring Conversations

6th Year 4 Communion Session 3

6AC Assertive Mentoring Conversations

7th 3GT and 3HM to work with the CLC

7th 3HM Assertive Mentoring Conversations

8th Christmas Jumper Day

Coffee Morning

Christmas Fair (pm) 2pm-4.15pm

Week Beginning 11th Assertive Mentoring Conversations (Dates and Times to be decided)

11th Stay and Pray Choir Event

12th Year 4 Communion Session 3

Year 3 Nativity Performance for Year 2

13th Year 4 Communion Session 3

Year 3 Nativity Performance for parents (1.15pm)-venue to be confirmed

14th 3GT and 3HM to work with the CLC

15th Breakfast with Santa

Year 4 Reconciliation

Christmas Lunch

15th - 5KL Assertive Mentoring Conversations

18th Christmas Carol Concert for Parents (9.30am)

Christmas Party

19th Whole School to the Christmas Pantomime-Sleeping Beauty

20th End of Term Mass

Christmas Talent Show



Wake and Shake has been a great success and will now take place in the school hall EVERY morning 8.15am - 8.30am. All children are welcome and are encouraged to come along and start the day with a bit of fun exercise led by Mrs Mills and Miss Devonport. Sometimes Mickey and Minnie even turn up!

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

YEAR 3	Before School					
	Lunchtime			Quiz Club 12:15 - 12:45 Mrs Medway	Origami Club 12:00 - 12:30 Mrs Culley	
	After School	Speech Choir 15:15 - 16:00 Miss Kearns Mrs V Bargaen	Junior Choir 15:15 -16:00 Miss Finnegan Mrs Heynemand			Rebound Dance 15:00 - 16:00 Mrs Finnegan
YEAR 4	Before School				Girl's Football 08:00 - 08:30 Miss Whewell Miss Scott	
	Lunchtime		Computer Club 12:10 - 12:30 Mr Silvano Homework Club 12:10 - 12:40 Mrs Derryhouse	Quiz Club 12:15 - 12:45 Mrs Medway Homework Club 12:10 - 12:40 Mrs Walters	Origami Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Culley	
	After School		Junior Choir 15:15 -16:00 Miss Finnegan Mrs Heynemand Dodgeball 15:15 - 16:15 Rachel LFC		Rebound Dance 15:15 - 16:15 Art Club 3:15-4:15pm Miss Howell	Sewing Club 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs O'Brien Mrs Murphy
YEAR 5	Before School			Bleep Test 08:30 - 08:50 Mr Braithwaite	Girl's Football 08:00 - 08:30 Miss Whewell Miss Scott	
	Lunchtime			Quiz Club 12:15 - 12:45 Mrs Medway	Origami Club 12:00 - 12:30 Mrs Culley	
	After School	Boy's Football 15:15 - 16:15 Mr Lightfoot			Senior Choir 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Heynemand Mrs Wilkinson	

YEAR 6	Before School	Table Tennis 08:30 - 08:50 Mrs Tedford	Bleep Test 08:30 - 08:50 Miss Tansey	Table Tennis 08:30 - 08:50 Mr Arnold	Girl's Football 08:00 - 08:30 Miss Whewell Miss Scott Table Tennis 08:30 - 08:50 Mr Lightfoot	Table Tennis 08:30 - 08:50 Mrs Shipley
	Lunchtime	Chess Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Ambrose	Computer Club 12:00 - 12:30 Mr Silvano Library Club 12:30-13:00 Mrs Shipley Mrs Tedford	Quiz Club 12:15 - 12:45 Mrs Medway	Origami Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Culley Lego Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Povey	Fun Football 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Finnegan
	After School		Sewing Club 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs O'Brien Mrs Murphy	Boy's Football 15:15 - 16:15 Connor EFC Reading Club 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Finnegan	Senior Choir 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Heynemand Mrs Wilkinson	

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