



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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Value of the Week
Love

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Week ending Friday 16th October

"Above everything, love one another earnestly, because love covers over many sins" 1 Peter 4:8

Congratulations

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week	Attendance Figure (Wednesday 7 th -Wednesday 14 th)
3CD	WHOLE CLASS	n/a *	92.4%*
3HW	Poppy	Kitty	95.9%
3MT	Orla	Annabel	95.7%
3ST	Scarlett	Mason	99.1%
4CF	WHOLE CLASS	n/a*	92.1%*
4GM	Romeo	Paula	95.2%
4JP	WHOLE CLASS	n/a*	95.6%*
4KW	Ellie	Harry	98.8%
5JO	Maisie	Theo	98.6%
5KN	Charlie	Lucie Mae	98.2%
5MB	Ava Mae	Mikaela	91.2%
5NW	Daniel	Harry	91%
6AC	Alfie	Alex Mae	94.2%
6JK	Regan	Nelda	97.3%
6LT	Louie	Ava	99.1%
6SA	Jenson	Olivia	93.8%

*These classes are currently self isolating

Please note that, due to COVID restrictions, the Disciple of the Week will be unable to visit the infant school at this time. Hopefully we will be able to arrange a visit later in the year

HEALTHY SNACK AWARDS- 3MT, 4GM, 5KN, 6LT

BEST CLASS AT LUNCHTIME 3MT, 4KW, 5JO, 6JK

Team Points (Week Ending 16th October)

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	112	165	297	277	851
St David	139	162	285	254	840
St George	141	147	288	292	868
St Patrick	140	150	312	248	850

St Margaret Mary's Feast Day

This week, we have celebrated St Margaret Mary's feast day. The children had a virtual service in school with contributions from our Head and Deputy Head Child as well as adults and pupils from both the infant and junior school. Please click on the link below if you would like to view the service.

<https://youtu.be/GCWQ29cJXU>

Catch Up

This week, we welcomed Mr Thomas to our school. Mr Thomas will be working with small groups of pupils to address gaps that have arisen as a result of lockdown. We are currently in the process of recruiting an additional classroom teacher and two academic mentors to assist us in ensuring that all pupils address any gaps within their learning. We are also looking to provide some after school boosting in all year groups. Children will be invited to these on rota.

PTA

The PTA do a wonderful job in raising funds for our school. This year, however, all activities will need to be virtual activities. If you have any ideas to support our fund raising or have a business that would be willing to support with raffle prizes, please contact the chair of our PTA, Libby Cook:-
libby_chauveau@yahoo.co.uk

Shout Out

A big 'shout out' to all our children in 3CD, 4CF and 4JP who are currently working very hard from home.

Well Being Wednesday

Next Wednesday is Well Being Wednesday in school. Pupils will given the opportunity to partake in some activities that will promote positive wellbeing

Health and Safety/Safeguarding

Next week we will be holding our school Health and Safety and Safeguarding Meetings. If you have any issues in relation to Health and Safety/Safeguarding that you would like to address, please inform the Senior Leadership Team:-
SLT@smmj.org.uk

Website

Please visit the school website for full details of our school (including curriculum, remote learning, Catholic Life). If you have any suggestions for ways in which we can improve our website, please do not hesitate to contact the Senior Leadership Team

Remote Learning

Our complete remote learning package is now available on the website. Remote learning will be put in place for any child who is absent from school for a COVID related reason (eg a bubble sent home, self isolating, shielding, quarantining, school closure etc). The purpose of the package is to ensure that any work completed at home will be as closely matched as possible to the work being undertaken in school by the children. The Remote Learning package will be very useful for all parents whether or whether or not the school is in lockdown as it will alert parents to the work that is currently taking place in school and will provide videos of lessons for use with your child. Please let school know (via your year group e mail address) if your child has an issue accessing technology from home.

Google Classroom

For any children/parents struggling to access Google Classroom, please click on the links below for some helpful videos:-

<https://youtu.be/GSDf9fQ4v34>

<https://youtu.be/GgEGMOD4SFM>

It has come to our attention that a minority of pupils are using the chat function on Google Classroom inappropriately. The only person that the children should be communicating with on Google Classroom is the class teacher. We are looking for a way to disable the chat function on Google Classroom (other than to the teacher). In the meantime, please could we ask that parents monitor their own child's use of the chat function.

What can I expect from school if my child is self-isolating

Please contact the school to alert us to a COVID related absence and your class teacher/year group head will direct you to your year group page, which is under the curriculum tab on the website, as well as to Google Classroom.

During your child's self-isolation, you can expect contact to be made from a member of school staff. Please report any issues to the member of school staff and we will endeavour to solve your problem.

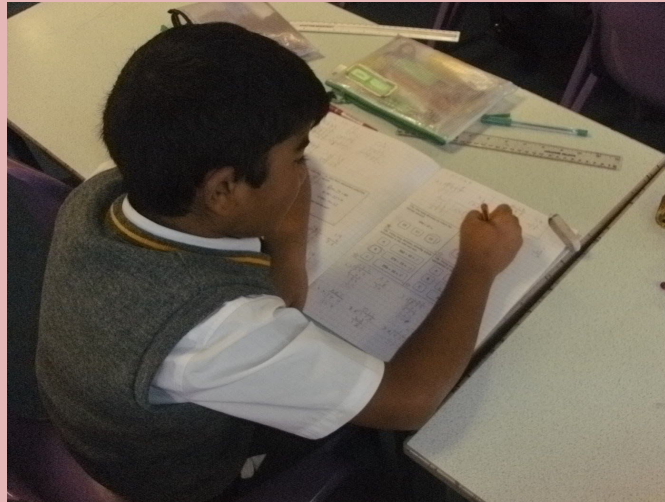
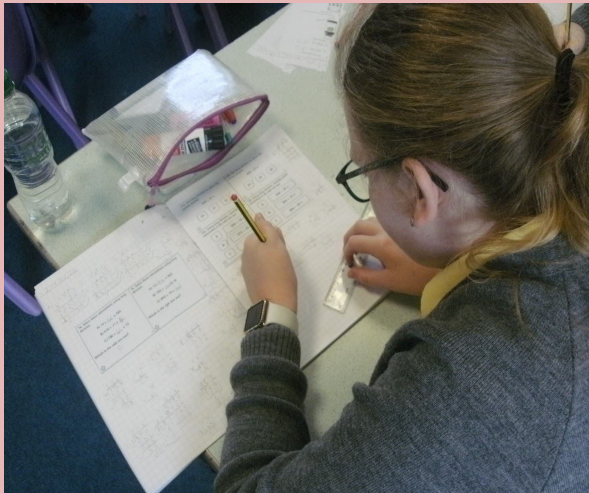
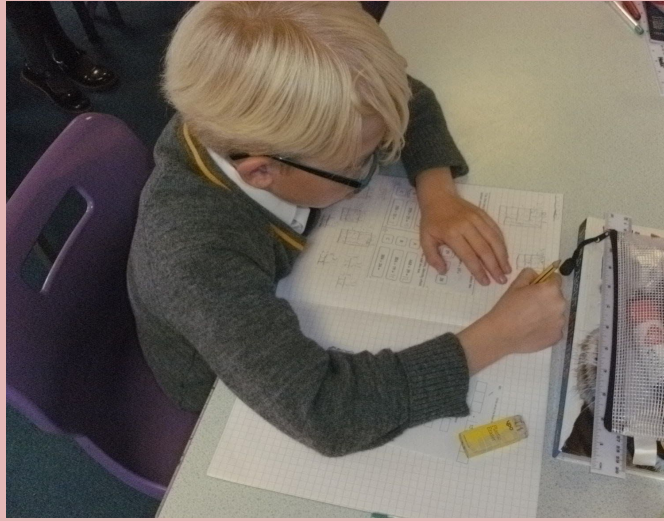
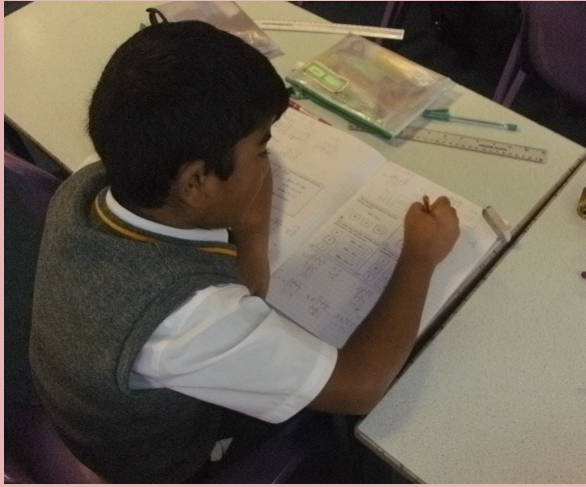
If you are concerned about any aspect of Home Learning, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance and the Senior Leadership Team if your class teacher is unable to answer your query (SLT@smmj.org.uk)

One Tree Own Clothes Day Event- 23rd October

On Friday 23rd October all children will be invited to wear their own clothes for school and in the process donate £1 to 'Just One Tree'. For every £1 donation a tree will be planted somewhere in the world. Watch this space and we will confirm how many trees as a school we have been able to plant.

Gallery

Look at our pupils working hard in school!



Attendance

Government Guidance has now changed in relation to school attendance and attendance in school is once again compulsory. Obviously, your child will be unable to come into school if :-

- 1.** They are displaying symptoms of COVID (temperature, continuous cough, loss of taste or and smell)
- 2.** If a member of your household has symptoms.
- 3.** If a member of your household has tested positive for COVID.
- 4.** If they have been advised by a medical specialist to shield due to an underlying health issue.
- 5.** If they have recently returned from a country where quarantine rules apply (this will only apply for the start of the term).
- 6.** They are unwell (in the case of school absence, parents' should contact school on the first day of absence and should follow up with a letter on their return to school).

Please note that we are closely following the advice of Public Health England. If a child displays symptoms in school, they (and any siblings) will be sent home and a COVID Test will be recommended. Bubbles will only be sent home if there is a positive case in that specific bubble (this is the advice at the time of going to print).

Useful Information

Knowsley Council have asked that we share the following web link with parents:-

School Travel

<https://www.merseytravel.gov.uk/customer-information/ethink-travel/>

School Attendance Service

<https://www.knowsleynews.co.uk/school-attendance-advice-hub-launched/>

PE Day

On their PE day, we ask that pupils come to school in their PE kit. T children may wear a track suit over the top of their kit (preferably blue, black or grey).

Communication

More than ever it is essential at this time that school has your most up to date contact details (telephone number and e mail address) so please can parents ensure that these details are given to school. If any parent has a question/concern/suggestion that they would like to bring to our attention, they should raise it via the class teacher in the first instance. If it is something that the class teacher will be unable to solve, please do not hesitate to contact your Year Group Head (Year 6-Mr Arnold (6SA), Year 5-Mr Oates(5JO), Year 4-Mrs Finnegan(4CF), Year 3-Mrs Dwerryhouse(3CD) or a member of the Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Culley, Mrs Ambrose, Mr Pimblett):- E mail addresses are as follows:-

YEAR 3		YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6	
3CD	class2024a@smmj.org.uk	4G M	class2023a@smmj.org.uk	5JO	class2022a@smmj.org.uk	6LT	class2021a@smmj.org.uk
3HW	class2024b@smmj.org.uk	4JP	class2023b@smmj.org.uk	5NW	class2022b@smmj.org.uk	6JK	class2021b@smmj.org.uk
3MT	class2024c@smmj.org.uk	4CF	class2023c@smmj.org.uk	5MB	class2022c@smmj.org.uk	6SA	class2021c@smmj.org.uk
3ST	class2024d@smmj.org.uk	4K W	class2023d@smmj.org.uk	5KN	class2022d@smmj.org.uk	6AC	class2021d@smmj.org.uk

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