



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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Value of the Week
Gratitude

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*"Don't worry about anything ,but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart'
Philippians 4:6*

Congratulations

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week	Attendance Figure(Wednesday14th Wednesday 21st)
3CD	Emi	n/a	n/a*
3HW	Charley	Logan	92.1%
3MT	Oliver	Gbemi	94.4%
3ST	Ivey	Neveah	98.5%
4CF	Issy	n/a	85.7%*
4GM	Joseph	Amy	96.2%
4JP	Whole Class	n/a	n/a*
4KW	Francesca	George	98.3%
5JO	Dilan	Lily Ann	96.1%
5KN	Samuel	Hollie	98.2%
5MB	Bobby	Max	94.1%
5NW	Andreas	Harriet	90.2%*
6AC	Jasmine	Abby	94.8%
6JK	Charlie	Annaliese	98.3%
6LT	Rosie	Pavel	98.5%
6SA	Sienna	Daisy	95.2%

*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- 5JO

BEST CLASS AT LUNCHTIME -3ST, 4KW, 5JO, 6SA

Team Points (Week Ending 16th October)

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	467	301	368	420	1556
St David	471	299	381	456	1607
St George	411	313	464	467	1655
St Patrick	401	310	405	421	1537

Wellbeing Wednesday

In a bid to promote positive Mental Health and Wellbeing amongst our pupils the children have this week had the opportunity to take part in a range of Wellbeing Activities.

First Holy Communion Preparation

As we are not in normal times, Father Ian has decided that, with all the restrictions, First Holy Communion preparation and celebrations will this year move into Year 5 so that the children will have the necessary preparation time before they celebrate their Holy Communion Masses. This means that these Masses will be celebrated in the Spring of 2022.

PTA News

Our school PTA are now registered with Easyfundraising and parents could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourselves? Since many of our usual fundraising events are on hold, this is a great opportunity to keep raising much needed funds for the school.

When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for St Margaret Mary's RC Junior School PTA.

If you are not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the Easyfundraising website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the school, at no extra cost to yourself.

Visit our easyfundraising page to get started:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmargaretmarysrcjuniorschoolpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e2

Shout Out

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following pupils on their roles within school:-

Head of St Andrew's House

Head of St David's House

Head of St George's House

Head of St Patrick's House

Senior Values Ambassador

Children's Well Being Champion

Head of Communications

Fundraising

One of our Year 6 pupils, Savannah, has decided to fundraise to support Zoe's Place Baby Hospice who provide palliative end of life treatment care and respite care for babies. On 20th November, Savannah will be having her long hair cut and donated to The Little Princess Trust where it will be made into a wigs for children and young people who suffer from hair loss. We are all very proud of Savannah's fundraising efforts. Within 24 hours she had reached her target and many celebrities are supporting her cause. If you would like to support Savannah, please visit her 'Just Giving' page :-

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/savannahshairchopforfamilies?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=savannahshairchopforfamilies&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm_term=757896b061d9420f9ae9743839683b9f

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

Fluenz

Due to some bubbles being closed, some children did not receive the Fluenz nasal spray. We will be making arrangements for the nurses to catch up with these children at a later date .

Road Safety-Be Bright Be Seen!

Reminder to all our Year 4 children to get their 'Be Bright, Be Seen' competition entry into school after the half term holiday. This will support Knowsley Council's Road Safety Campaign.

Signing Choir

After the half term holiday, Miss Bromley (Year 5) will be starting a remote signing choir. The children (and parents) are all warmly welcomed to join in by Zoom and learn the wonderful skill of sign language whilst at the same time having a good old sing song in the comfort of your own home. We hope that as many children as possible (and parents) will take part in this wonderful opportunity.

Shakespeare Event!

The nationally renowned, five star, all-silly, Rubbish Shakespeare Company present the last play in their madcap 'Shakespeare Shorts' series, only for Knowsley Arts in Libraries. The hilarious performance will retell the beloved Shakespeare classic Macbeth!

In this edition the actors turn their attention north of Hadrian's Wall for the dread Scottish play, as ambition - with a little help from his scheming wife - forces brave Macbeth to commit the ultimate act of treason in Shakespeare's bloodiest masterpiece, 'Macbeth'

Expect witches, mime, terrible Scottish accents and more, as this wild and wacky interpretation tickles your funny bone - even when it's supposed to be a tragedy! Perfect for all ages, from 4-104

Pop along to [Knowsley Library Service's Facebook Page](#) at 2pm on Thursday 29th October

FAO Families entitled to a Free School Meal

*Knowsley Council have agreed to fund the provision of school meals for the October 2020 half term period. Families will receive £15 per eligible child (£3 per day). The system used will be the system school operated initial through a company called 'Wonde'. Vouchers will be sent to you via text and parents have the option to choose the supermarket of their choice. Parents who are happy to continue to use the same supermarket do not need to do anything. **However** parents who wish to change their supermarket should contact school before 10.30am on Monday morning. Wonde have advised that the vouchers will be sent to parents on Monday (between 4pm and 10pm). If parents do not receive any communication they should contact school first thing **Tuesday Morning**.*

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

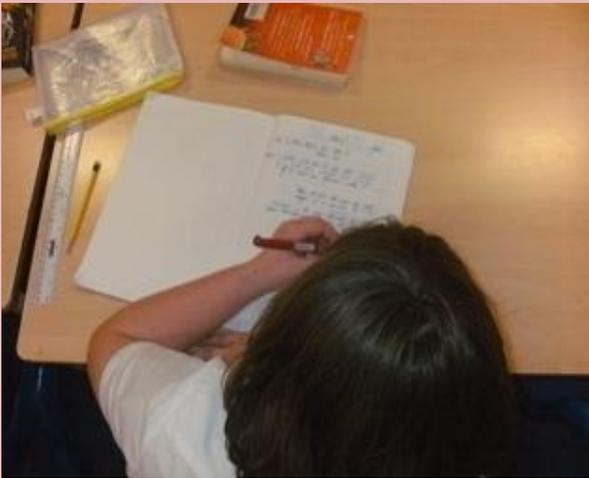
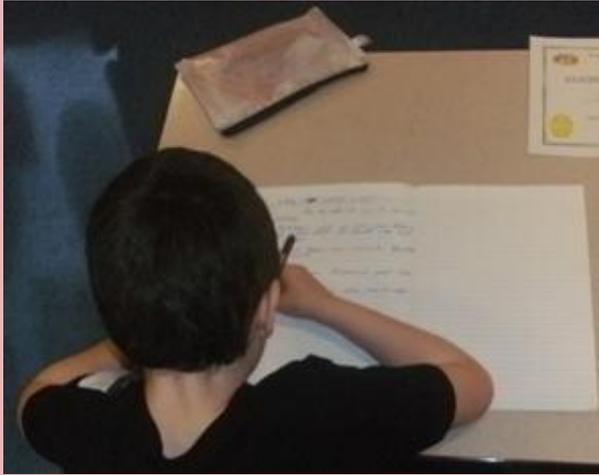
Please contact the school to alert us to a COVID related absence and your class teacher/year group head will direct you to your year group page, which is under the curriculum tab on the website, as well as to Google Classroom.

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)

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/rethink-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	4GM	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	4KW	class2023d@smmj.org.uk	5KN	class2022d@smmj.org.uk	6AC	class2021d@smmj.org.uk

SLT (Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Culley, Mrs Ambrose, Mr Pimblett)- SLT@smmj.org.uk

The staff are always willing to answer any queries that parents may have. However, may we request that parents e mail staff during school hours and do not e mail staff after 6pm Monday to Friday or at any point over the weekend. The staff do need to have a 'cut off' from work during their free time.

Coming Soon

Some things to look forward to after half term include:-

Virtual Parent Workshops

Parent Forum

Assertive Mentoring Conversations

Christmas Jumper Day

And lots more!

PTA News/Requests

The PTA are looking to add to their raffle prizes. If any parent works for or knows of a business that is able to donate a raffle prize, they would love to hear from you. Please contact Libby Cook, the Chair of our PTA if you are able to help:- libby_chauveau@yahoo.co.uk

High School Applications

The closing date for high school applications is 31st October 2020

Applications should be made on line at www.knowsley.gov.uk (Knowsley residents)

Applications should be made on line at www.liverpool.gov.uk (Liverpool residents)

Thank You!

Many thanks to all parents for your patience and understanding at this time. It is very much appreciated! For details of our school Risk Assessment, please visit our website.

We look forward to seeing all our pupils after the half term holiday on Monday 2nd November



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