



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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Value of the Week:
Justice

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'Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice' Psalm 122:5

ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

was 95%
 was 90%
 was 85%
 was 80%
 was 75%

9 Days from School
19 Days from School
29 Days from School
38 Days from School
48 Days from School

50 Lessons
100 Lessons
150 Lessons
200 Lessons
250 Lessons

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week *	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure
3CF	Noah	Grace	Riley	95%
3GT	Theo	Jacob	Eva	99.2%
3ME	Noah	Nareeza	Isobel Chand	97.1%
3ST	Connie	Aiden	Jude	95.4%
4CD	Maria	Casey	Abdullah	92.5%
4HW	Eva-Grace	Paul	Franki	98.3%
4PS	William	James	Delia	97.1%
4SC	Colbie	Harriet	George	97.1%

5JP	Scarlett	Neveah	Kenzo	94.4%
5KN	Zuzanna	Melissa	Oscar	96.7%
5MW	Vincent	William	Isla	95.5%
5NW	Cayden	Lola	Michael	92.2%
6AC	Samantha	Nathaniel	Lily	91.5%
6JK	Francesca	Kady	Archie	94.6%
6LT	Nevina	Freya	Issy	95.8%
6SA	Gabrielle	Lilly	Mason	99.2%

Attendance for the whole school is % 95.7%

Best Class at lunchtime: 3ME, 4SC, 5KN, 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 3 Eva R for a beautiful piece of art work created for Mrs Wilkinson.

Year 4 Harli Rae (4SC) for continuing her learning about Stephen Hawkings at home.

Year 5 - Amelia (5MW) for completing beautiful Come and See work at home, creating a wonderful handbook on marriage.

Year 6 Ava M for going above and beyond helping her teachers outside of school hours. Thank you!

***We have made the decision that our Disciples of the Week also deserve Golden Tickets for the efforts that they go to to demonstrate the Gospel Values.**

It would be lovely if you could tweet a picture of your child enjoying their treat @smmjnr or tag us on instagram smjnr

HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	138	157	181	156	632
St David	146	149	121	124	540
St George	129	158	111	197	595
St Patrick	137	143	122	145	547

Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Karthik	William	Diya	Ryley
Class with the best engagement	3GT	4PS	5NW	6LT
Most Improved	Oliver S	Aithan	Amy J	Junior
TTRS Class Champions	3CF - Sebastian 3ST - Oliver 3GT - Khloe 3ME - Scarlett	4PS - William 4HW - Archie 4CD - Timothy 4SC - Oscar	5NW - Diya 5MW - Alvina 5KN - Brodie 5JP - Joseph	6AC - Nathaniel 6SA - Lakshit 6LT - Harry 6JK - Lucas

Congratulations!

Anna swimming achievement certificate.



Elijah, he scored 2 goals for his team and was named player of the match



Harli's with her certificate and award that she received for gaining a Distinction in her tap exam.





Congratulations to Tess from 5JP for her fantastic achievements in her swimming gala last weekend.



Well done to Amelia from 4PS for her fantastic achievement in football this week.

Gallery

AUTUMN DISCO - THE CHILDREN HAD A GREAT TIME AND LOOKED AMAZING!

A BIG THANK YOU TO SMMJ PTA FOR ORGANISING THE DISCO.



Parent Workshop- Supporting Reading at Home

Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents, who attended our Parent Workshop this morning, on Supporting Reading at Home. Our Specialist Teacher, Virginia Johnson, delivered a fantastic session to our families, which included working with the children to try out some of the strategies taught. We are looking forward to the next session, which will take place next half term and will focus on Spelling. All are welcome to join us!!

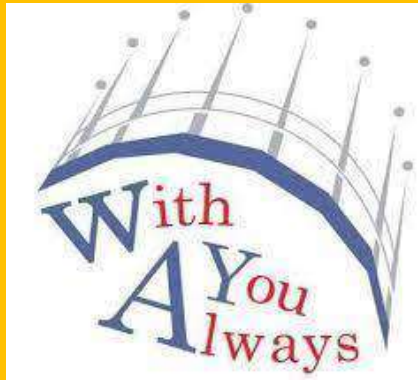


Faith in Action

Our Year 5 pupils continued with their Holy Communion Programme 'With You Always' this week. 5KN and 5MW celebrated mass and then enjoyed a treasure hunt around the church.

Please ensure that your **child does not receive Holy Communion** when you attend mass with you. They may walk up to the altar and receive a blessing by crossing their arms across their chest. The children will be able to receive communion once they have celebrated Holy Communion for the first time.

Attending mass once a month is an essential part of the programme. As you arrive in mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning please give your child's name to one of the welcome team.



PTA Disco

Many thanks to the PTA on their super organisation of the disco this week. A wonderful time was had by all!

Swimming

This week our Year 6 pupils benefited from Swimming lessons. Swimming is an essential part of the National Curriculum as there is an expectation that all children are able to swim 25m by the time they leave primary school.

Growth Mindset

We always encourage our pupils to have a Growth Mindset as the effort that is put into something is far more important than the outcome.

FIXED MINDSET

Intelligence is static

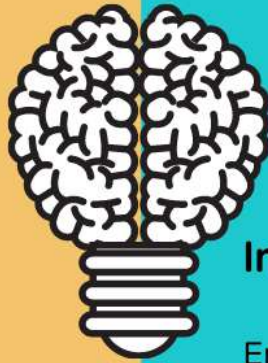
Avoid challenges

It's too hard

Expect reward without effort

Ignore feedback

Threatened by success of others



GROWTH MINDSET

Intelligence can be developed

Embrace challenges

I can train my brain.

Effort is a path to mastery

Learn from feedback

Inspired by success of others



Flu Vaccinations

Reminder that Flu Vaccinations will take place on the first day back after the school holiday (31st October).

Church News

St Margaret Mary's Feast Day Mass

Today the children attended mass to celebrate the feast day of St Margaret Mary.



Thursday Mass at 10am

5NW will be taking part in next week's Thursday mass. Parents are warmly welcome to join the children.

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



PTA News

Asda's green token giving scheme - we are currently one of three nominated causes and you can vote for us via the link below. You can vote every 7 days until 31st December and we will win £500 if first place, £400 if 2nd, and £300 if 3rd. Monies will go towards playground equipment/improvements.

<https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=5864>

Thursday 10th November - Pre-loved book sale for the children during the school day. Book donations gratefully received from Monday 31st October onwards, after half term. Books will be sold back to the children for 50 pence each. E poster to follow.

Friday 2nd December - Christmas fair. Can you or someone you know help by providing a raffle prize???. If you'd like to be involved contact us via smmjpta@gmail.com

Easyfundraising - This is a shopping affiliation scheme, where you sign up and then when you shop online via the browser or app, we receive a donation. There is no monetary cost to the shopper. We have raised £776.98 so far using this scheme. Please support us!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmargaretmmarysrcjuniorschoolpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-sch-e2

Birthday Treat

Starting next half term, we are giving pupils the opportunity to wear their own clothes on their birthday.

- Those children whose birthday falls over a weekend may select to wear their own clothes on either the Friday before or the Monday after their birthday
- Children whose birthday falls over a school holiday may choose to wear their own clothes either the day we break up or the first day back of the new term.
- Children whose birthday falls on Own Clothes Day may wear their own clothes on the previous day.
- Pupils whose birthday was between 1st September and 14th October 2022 may wear their own clothes next Friday (21st October).

Pupils should let their teacher know that they intend to wear their own clothes and should expect lots of people to wish them a Happy Birthday on the day that they wear their own clothes.

Pastoral Support

A range of Pastoral support is currently available to our pupils. This includes:-

- Support from Mrs Perry and Mrs Culley
- Support from Listening Ear Counselling Service
- Bereavement Groups
- Anxiety Groups
- Rainbows (to commence in the near future)

We also have a Mental Health Nurse who will be in school once a week to support any pupils who require support.

Reminder - Closing Date for Secondary Applications - 31 October 2022

The closing date for making applications for year 7 places in secondary school for September 2023 entry is Monday 31 October 2022.

Knowsley residents should apply online wherever possible - the direct link to the application portal for both primary and secondary admission is <https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place/annual-school-admission-procedures>

If schools or parents have any queries regarding the secondary school application process, please contact schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk or telephone (0151) 443 5142 / 5143 / 3372

Liverpool residents should apply online wherever possible - the direct link to the application portal for both primary and secondary admission is

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/>

Please be aware that Some schools also ask you to complete additional paper forms that must be sent directly to them.

Finding it difficult to support your child with their homework? 😞

Don't worry, you are not alone! We will be running a series of Parent Courses throughout the year, to offer guidance and ideas of how best to support your child at home. Our first one will take place on **Friday 21st October at 9:15am** and will focus on **Supporting your Child with Reading at Home**. There will be an opportunity, during this workshop, to work with your child, on the strategies taught. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mrs Medway on medway@smmj.org.uk

Extra-Curricular Timetable

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

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YEAR 3	Before School					
	Lunchtime	Games Art & Crafts Construction	Games Art & Crafts Construction	Games Art & Crafts Construction	Games Art & Crafts Construction	Games Art & Crafts Construction
	After School				Rebound Dance	
YEAR 4	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Dodgeball catch up				Rebound Dance
YEAR 5	Before School					
	Lunchtime	Spanish Homework Help Reading Cafe				
	After School	Rebound Dance Basketball catch up	Tennis		Dodgeball catch up	
YEAR 6	Before School		6AC and 6JK Table Tennis	Bleep Test	6SA and 6LT Table Tennis	
	Lunchtime	Spanish Homework Help				
	After School	Rebound Dance		Football Squad		Netball

Social Media

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

Autumn Term Dates for Diary

October

31st October-Return to school following half term holiday
Flu Nasal Spray vaccinations

OCTOBER

31st October-Harvest Assembly-2pm+

NOVEMBER

3rd November-6SA and 6AC to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)

4th November - Harvest Performance 10.30am

10th November-6JK to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)
PTA Pre-Loved Book Sale (Clare Lawson Room)

Parent Forum 6pm

14th-18th November-National Anti-Bullying Week

14th-24th November Year 5 Swimming

16th November-Anti-Bullying Conference
Governors' Curriculum Meeting
17th November- 4CD to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)
18th November-PTA Non Uniform Day
SEND Coffee Morning
21st-24th November-Assessment Week
25th November-School Closed-Staff INSET Day

DECEMBER

1st December-5MW to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)
2nd December-Christmas Fair
5th-15th December-Assertive Mentoring Conversations (dates of individual classes to be released)
5th December - 5JP Assertive Mentoring Conversations
7th December - 6AC Assertive Mentoring Conversations
7th December-Full Governing Body Meeting (5pm)
8th December-5JP to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)
8th December - 6JK Assertive Mentoring Conversations
8th December - 5MW Assertive Mentoring Conversations
9th December-National Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Coffee Morning
Christmas Lunch
12th December - 5NW Assertive Mentoring Conversations
13th December-Year 3 Nativity Performance (2pm)
14th December-Year 3 Nativity Performance (9.30am)
15th December - 6LT Assertive Mentoring Conversations
19th December-Christmas Party Day

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



We're working
towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Choices ✓
Make the healthy choice