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Value of the Week:
Faithfulness

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'Let love and faithfulness never leave you..... ' Proverbs 3



ATTENDANCE WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Children are required by law to attend 190 school days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 lessons

89% and below
Drastic effect on academic achievement



95% - 90%
Cause for concern



100% - 96%
Excellent



Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure
3CF	Mariah	Olivia	Caitlin	93.3%
3GT	Esha	Finley H	Bobby	96.7%
3ME	Amelia	Emily	Max	99.3%
3ST	Charlie	Mia	Alex	99.7%
4CD	Owen	Carter	Tyler	93.3%
4HW	Michael	Scarlett W	Archie W	95.5%
4PS	Jessica	Justin	Mikey	97.0%

4SC	Luca	Nico	Ruairi	95.0%
5JP	Joseph	Daisy	Myla	96.8%
5KN	Melissa	Lucia	Nancy	96.7%
5MW	Alex E	Nyah	Alexandra	94.3%
5NW	Laura	Michael	Seb	92.4%
6AC	Nathaniel	Malgorzata	George	93.9%
6JK	Maggie May	Francesca	Dylan O	96.7%
6LT	Harry M	Lillia	Teagan	100%
6SA	Michael	Isla	Lakshit	92.0%

Attendance for the whole school is 95.8%

Best Classes at lunchtime: 3ST, 4PS, 5KN and 6LT

HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	156	147	145	276	791
St David	204	145	163	334	846
St George	200	175	161	255	791
St Patrick	195	151	148	296	790

Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Karthik	William Miller	Diya	Lewis Mills
Class with the best engagement	3CF & 3ST	4HW & 4PS	5MW	6JK & 6LT
Most Improved	Finley H	Ava S	Franek	Godwin
TTRS Class Champions	3CF- Isla 3GT- Esha	4CD- Timothy 4HW- Archie	5JP- Joseph 5KN- Brodie	6AC- Nathaniel 6JK- Lucas

3ME- Bella
3ST- Max

4PS- William
4SC - Oscar

5MW- Alvina
5NW-Diya

6LT- Harry
6SA- Lakshit

Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to Melissa from 5KN who has achieved 3 gold and one silver medal swimming this weekend! She has also received a certificate in gymnastics for her bridges on beam! Great work Melissa!



Myla (from 5JP) went to Sunderland at the weekend to compete in a Karate competition and here she is with her medals that she received for coming 1st in Brown belt Kata, Black and Brown belt Ippon Kumite and a trophy for Kata. Wow!!! Well done Myla.

Gallery

6SA have perfecting their Sewing skills in DT



Faith in Action

Well done to Macy in 6SA who completed some additional homework exploring our new topic of Vocation and Commitment this week. A brilliant example of somebody putting in some extra effort and putting her faith into action.



This week's theme for collective worship was 'Harvest'. Thank you to 4HW who delivered a beautiful collective worship on the importance of giving to others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Year 4 would welcome any food donation as part of their on-going harvest practice.

WELCOME TO THE 'SCHOOLS MUSIC SERVICE'

Pupils this week attended a music assembly from the 'Schools Music Service'. During the assembly they learned what music lessons are on offer to them.

The S.M.S provides quality music education and support in schools and in the community. Established in 1997, they provide tuition for over 2000 children in schools throughout the North West and to pupils of all ages in various music centres.

Group rate tuition fees are based on around 3 pupils sharing a half hour lesson. There are 10 lessons per term, totalling 30 lessons per academic year. The cost is £6.60 per lesson, £66.00 per term, a total of £198.00 per year. Parents may pay in advance or by 10 monthly instalments of £19.80.

Please note that the School Music Service is an external company who would manage all bookings and payments directly with families.

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS:

www.schoolsmusicservice.co.uk

Tel: 0151 426 9953

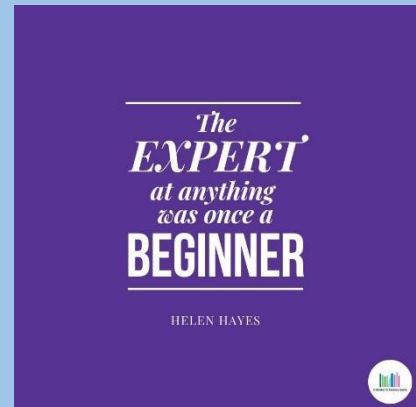
Email: schoolsmusicservice@gmail.com

Altru Drama

This year our Year 5 children (and staff) will be working closely with Kate Cotterell, the CEO of Altru Drama. Kate is highly experienced in the work that she does. Her work is very much child led and is taken at the pace/direction determined by the children. This week the children have met Kate for the first time and thoroughly enjoyed their session. The project that she will be developing with the children will commence after the half term holiday.



Growth Mindset



Power of Parenting

Mrs Perry and Mrs Harris are currently running a Power of Parenting Course. This takes place at the infant school every Friday morning 9.15-11.30 am. Next week's session will explore boundaries and routines. All parents /carers are welcome to join POPP, please contact Mrs Perry to reserve a place.

Theatre Café

Following the success of last week's theatre café our next Theatre Café will take place next Friday (12th October) 12-12.30pm in the school hall-we look forward to seeing next week's acts. It is hoped that by introducing this initiative, the children will be encouraged to practice their musical instrument/singing/dance-practice makes perfect!



National Spanish Day - Wednesday 12th October



On this day, the children can come into school wearing red or yellow. The green lunch choice that day is one of the children's favourites, All Day Breakfast, however for this day only there will be a twist - the children will enjoy it with a Spanish omelette (tortilla).

In the afternoon each year group will delve into parts of the Spanish culture:

- Year 3 will look at Spanish food and differences in daily routines.
- Year 4 will discuss Spanish traditions around religious beliefs.
- Year 5 will explore music and dance, as they have been learning a flamenco dance this term.
- Year 6 will enjoy looking at and recreating Spanish artwork.

We are asking for a donation of £1 on the day for school to purchase some Spanish/English dictionaries to support our lessons, so any donations will be greatly appreciated - GRACIAS!

Church News

St Margaret Mary's Feast Day Mass

Next week the children will attend mass to celebrate the feast day of St Margaret Mary. Parents are welcome to attend this service.



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>

Tuesday 18th October Autumn discos - look out for our e poster by email, and hard copy letter home to purchase tickets

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!

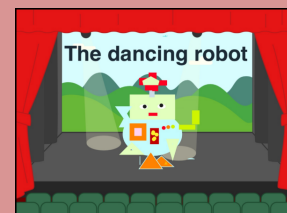
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmargaretmarysrcjuniorschoolpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-sch-e2

Book Fair

Thank you to all who have supported this week's Book Fair. Thank you to those families and parents who came along to Wednesday afternoons' open book fair, this was a great success and we have so far raised over £300.

CLC

This week two of our Year 3 classes have benefited from working with the CLC. They have been learning about coding and have worked hard to create their own interactive dancing robot game!



With You Always Programme- First Holy Communion

Thank you for returning your enrolment forms and Baptism Certificates to school. If you have still not done this please do so on Monday 10th October as a matter of urgency.

Our Yr 5 children will begin the programme this week by attending mass with their class followed by a Treasure Hunt around the church to explore the building respectfully. If any parent wishes to attend the mass, please join us. Parents will not stay for the Treasure Hunt in church afterwards.

Thursday 13th October 10am - 5JP

Thursday 13th October 1pm- 5NW

Friday 21st October 10am- 5KN

Friday 21st October 1pm- 5MW

Please ensure that you attend mass at least once a month, as this is a minimum requirement. As you arrive in mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning please give your child's name to one of the welcome team.



Sport News

Well done to our Y5 and 6 footballers who played their first four league matches last week. They won three and lost by a last minute goal in the other. A great start to the season at Prescot Soccer Centre. Player of the day was Joseph.



Another set of footballers went back to Prescot on Thursday and played three more league matches. They lost one and drew the other two. Well done boys. Player of the day Harry M.



Golden Ticket Initiative

This week, we have introduced the 'Golden Ticket Award'. One child per class will be awarded with a golden ticket and a hot chocolate treat for going above and beyond. It would be lovely if you could tweet a picture of your child enjoying their treat. @smmjjnr

This week's winners are:-

Year 3: Daphne B (3GT), Samantha (3ME), Brendan (3CF), Charlie (3ST)

Year 4: Bella M (4PS), Ayden (4HW), Aithan (4CD), William (4SC)

Year 5: Erin (5NW), Alvina (5MW), Sophia (5KN), James (5JP)

Year 6: Paul (6AC), Ella (6JK), Georgia (6LT), Macy May (6SA)

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.

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					
	After School				Rebound Dance	
YEAR 4	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Dodgeball	Boxing			Rebound Dance
YEAR 5	Before School					
	Lunchtime	Spanish Homework Help Reading Cafe				
	After School	Rebound Dance Basketball	Athletics		Dodgeball	
YEAR 6	Before School		6AC and 6JK Table Tennis	Bleep Test	6SA and 6LT Table Tennis	Netball is
	Lunchtime	Spanish				
	After School	Rebound Dance		Football Squad		Athletics

Autumn Term Dates for Diary

October

- 12th October-National Spanish day (children can wear red/yellow)
- 14th October-St Margaret Mary Feast Day
- 17th-20th October-Year 6 Swimming
- 18th October- PTA Disco
- 19th October-Governors' Staffing, Building and Finance Meeting
Year 4 Harvest Assembly (2pm)-**please note change of date and time**
- 20th October-5NW to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)
- 21st October- Year 4 Harvest Assembly (2pm)
Break up for half term holiday
- 31st October-Return to school following half term holiday
Flu Nasal Spray vaccinations

NOVEMBER

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

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



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