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Value of the Week:
Joy

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'...You are like light for the whole world...'
Matthew 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%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	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	Olivia	Isabella	Aidan	94.6%
3GT	Karthik	Finley H	Theo	99.1%
3ME	Eringrace	Luca	Nareeza	97.5%
3ST	Julia	Amber	Gabriel	95.2%
4CD	Carter	Lucy	Casey	90.01%
4HW	Isaac	Jack	Logan	92.5%
4PS	Isabella	Penny	Lee	97.9%
4SC	Oscar	Olivia	Harli Rae	89.2%
5JP	Joseph	Jessica	Mason	96.8%
5KN	Sonny	Gbemishola	Nancy	94%
5MW	Pranav	Leo	Leon	92.7%
5AH	Connie	Niamh	Lexi	90%
6AC	Tobie	Samantha	Jaise	97.5%
6JK	Dylan O	Alexandra	Jayden	98.7%
6LT	Michael	Mabella	Sera	98.3%
6SA	Liam	Penny	Jil	96.7%

Attendance for the whole school is 95%

Dinnertime winners: 3ME,4PS,5MW,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 4 -

Year 5- Eva Nicole for going above and beyond to support her own learning this week. After our first lesson on written multiplication, Eva-Nicole asked if she could take home additional worksheets to practise using the new method introduced. Eva completed a large amount of calculations that evening and returned them back to school the next day. She was able to tackle the rest of the week's lessons with great confidence!

Year 6 - Jacob and Romeo for supporting Year 3 pupils in their dodgeball lesson. The boys arrived with enthusiasm and taught the children the rules, how to be a good sportsperson and set the highest example to 3GT about the importance of following the rules in team games. They helped the children a great deal.

Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Karthik	William	Diya	Lily
Class with the best engagement	3CF	4CD	5MW	6JK
Most Improved	Mia W	Gracie-Alana	Poppy	Teagan
TTRS Class Champions	3CF - Sebastian 3ST - Max 3GT - Khloe 3ME - Bella	4PS - Jack 4HW - Archie 4CD - Timothy 4SC - Oscar	5AH - Diya 5MW - Alvina 5KN - Brodie 5JP - Joseph	6AC - Nathaniel 6SA - Lakshit 6LT - Harry M 6JK - Lucas

HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	291	304	341	338	1274
St David	271	322	329	316	1238
St George	288	300	351	358	1297
St Patrick	290	299	341	352	1282

Gallery

This week, some members of our Media and Communication Leadership Team attended Anfield Football Stadium where they took part in a Safer Internet session.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to the following children who are celebrating their birthday this week. We hope you enjoyed your special day!



Year 3:

Poppy - 3ST

Year 4:

Robyn - 4HW

Year 5:

Luis - 5MW

Year 6:

Archie - 6JK

Children's Mental Health Week

6th - 10th February 2023



Mental health, like physical health is something we all have, it is part of our wellbeing.

Mental health is how we think, how we act and how we feel.

Over the coming week the children will take part in a variety of activities which focus on identifying and connecting with their own feelings and ways in which we can build positive connections with others. All of these activities will support and build on emotional and mental wellbeing and help remove the stigma around mental health. Building, strengthening and maintaining relationships through connecting with others helps to create a sense of belonging and develops confidence and self-worth, which are critical for boosting mental wellbeing.

'Be Yourself Day'

On Friday 10th February one of our Year 6 pupils has asked if we would consider raising money for the MIND (a charity that supports mental health). Her idea is that we call the day 'Be

Yourself Day' and that the children come into school in whatever they feel the most comfortable in. This might be:-

- A football kit (if their passion is football)
- A Swimming/Dance/Sport Tracksuit (if they are part of a club)
- Their favourite outfit
- A fancy dress outfit that they like to dress up in
- Their PJs (if they are someone who likes to chill at the weekend in their PJs)
- Their school uniform-if this is the outfit that they feel the most comfortable in.

There is no right/wrong attire that day. We would just like the children to 'be themselves' and have the freedom to choose what to wear **(without putting parents to any expense)**. **In other words-no new outfits!**

Our Year 6 pupil has asked that the children consider making a donation to MIND charity- a lovely idea from a child so young and one which we hope parents would be able to support.

The Met Office have issued a Level 2 Cold Weather Alert, with a 60% probability of severe cold weather between 1800 on Sunday 05 Feb and 1800 on Tuesday 07 Feb in parts of England, including the North West:

Sport News

Well done to the boys who represented school in the Huyton Football League this week, winning every match!

Sport clubs for this half term will end next week. A new round of after school sport clubs will start after half term.

Next week, we will take part in the LFC Premier League Finals for both girls and boys at Liverpool Academy.

There will also be a Year 5 football competition at Everton's training ground, Finch Farm.

A note for any girls looking to join a football team, please see the details below:

- GIRLS FOOTBALL -
• GET INVOLVED •
- HUYTON - LIVERPOOL -
U7 - U16




WILDCATS COMING SOON!

The image shows a group of young girls in blue and white football kits, some holding trophies, posing in a circle. The background is a light blue gradient.

Contact Terri from St Annes Rovers at 07702405295.

Church News

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. Please note the following items are desperately needed: **Tea bags, coffee, tinned beans, pasta, tinned tomatoes, tuna, spaghetti, biscuits, crisps. Nappies 4/5, toothpaste, soap, shower gel, shampoo, toilet rolls.** Donations are welcomed in church before or after Saturday and Sunday Masses or can be left in the school entrance.



A group of volunteers from our school and parish community go into the city centre on a Tuesday evening to take food, hot drinks and helpful items to the Homeless men and women of our city. Any offerings will be gratefully received. Please leave the school office for Miss Finnegan.

Thursday Masses

Next week 3ST will join the parishioners at the morning service. Please note-parents are welcome to come along to the mass.

Merseyside Violence Reduction Team

Lucy & Kate joined the Parent Forum recently to take a poll of what contents our parents would like in their Bitesize sessions which will be delivered in the Spring Term. These sessions will be for parents, will last approximately 30 mins and will be delivered via Zoom. They will deliver guidance and raise awareness for parents on the following topics:

- Social Media & Mental Health
- Managing Child Worry

- UNderstanding and Managing Anxiety
- Worries of the World
- Behaviour as Communication

The Team will also begin working with our children on 21st February following their recent audit with a group of children across the school.

LiveSimply Award for schools

We are working towards achieving the LiveSimply award. It is an opportunity to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us". #smmjatholiclife #smmjLiveSimply



The Laudato Si is a letter from Pope Francis to everyone on the planet urging all of us to protect the earth; our common home. The earth is God's gift to us, full of beauty and wonder, where the fruits of the earth belong to everyone.

This week, the children made a class pledge to take action on caring for creation and the environment.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

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

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YEAR 3	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Boxing Multisport			Rebound Dance Dodgeball	
YEAR 4	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School					Rebound Dance Multisport
YEAR 5	Before School					Girls Football
	Lunchtime			Multisport		
	After School					
YEAR 6	Before School	Intra School Football Comp	Table Tennis	Bleep Test	Table Tennis	Girls Football
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Dodgeball	Multi Sports	Football Squad		

Social Media

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

Spring Term Dates for Diary

FEBRUARY

- 1st February-Governors' Building, Staffing and Finance Meeting
- 2nd February-Year 5/6 Football League Tournament at Prescot Soccer Centre
- Week Beginning 6th February-Children's Mental Health Week
- 8th February-Year 6 EFC Football Tournament at Finch Farm
- 9th February- Year 5/6 Football League Tournament at Prescot Soccer Centre
- 10th February-Parents' Coffee Morning (Performance Poetry)
Break Up for Half Term Holiday
- 21st February (TUESDAY)-Pupils return to school after the half term holiday
Merseyside Violence Reduction Team in school to work with pupils

- 22nd February - Merseyside Violence Reduction Team in school to work with pupils
- 23rd February-Safer Internet Day

MARCH

- 1st March-St David's Feast Day-St David's House Team have the option to attend school wearing yellow/ a splash of Yellow
CLC in school to work with the pupils
Parent Forum (6pm)
- 2nd March-World Book Day
CLC in school to work with pupils
- 3rd March-SEND Coffee Morning
- Week Beginning 6th March-Assessment Week
- 8th March- CLC in school to work with pupils
Governors' Curriculum Meeting
- 9th March- CLC in school to work with pupils
- Week Beginning 13th March-British Science Week
- 13th March-Science Day in school
- 17th March- St Patrick's Feast Day-St Patrick's House Team have the option to attend school wearing green/ a splash of green.
- 20th-29th March-Assertive Mentoring Conversations (individual class teachers to confirm a time)
- 20th-22nd March-Year 5 Residential Visit to Winmarleigh Hall
- 29th March-Full Governors' Meeting
- 31st March-Coffee Morning

APRIL

- 4th April-PTA Easter Event
- 5th April-Easter Talent Show
- 6th April-Easter Variety Showcase
The Greatest Week Assembly
Break Up for Easter Holiday
- 17th April-Return to school for the Summer Term