



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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Value of the Week
Faithfulness

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

Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week *	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure (Please refer to key later in newsletter)
3CF	Olivia	Layla	Harry	97.2%
3GT	Bella	Samuel	Lucas	96.8%
3HM	Francis	Lucas	Hattie	95.9%
3ST	Frankie	Felicity	Logan	96.4%
4CD	Caitlin	Olivia	Isla	95.2%
4HW	Bobby	Mia	Amelia	94.3%
4KH	Noah	Amaya	Rudy	96.7%
4SC	Ryan	Daphne	Joseph	92.7%
5AH	Paul	Kiara	Martha	98.7%
5JK	Casey	Tyler	Amber	94%
5KL	Thalia	Olivia	Milo	95.3%
5PS	Bella M	Liv	Rosie	99%
6AC	Shreya	Poppy	Finley	98.6%
6JP	Jamie W	Eva- Nicole	Daisy	93.9%
6LT	Lola	Niamh	Evie	96%
6SA	Frankie	Sophia	Amelia C	96.4%

Attendance for the whole school is 96.1%

Dinnertime winners: 3GT, 4, 5AH, 6AC

HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew			132	145	
St David			187	201	
St George			200	187	
St Patrick			198	194	

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following children on their out of school achievements:-



Well done to Ameila in 6SA who raised £355 for diabetes UK recently. What a great effort supporting a charity that is very close to her heart.

PHOTOS

Gallery

This week our Year 4 pupils took part in a Light Workshop.

The children talked about how we need light to see and that light is reflected from surfaces. They explored shadows and learnt how shadows are formed when a light source is blocked by an opaque item.



Parent Forum

Many thanks to all parents who attended this week's Parent Forum. We hope that you found it to be beneficial. Should any parents have any aspects of school life that they would like us to discuss at Parent Forum, please contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team (slt@smmj.org.uk)

Wellbeing Award

Our school is very proud that we were one of the first schools in Knowsley to receive the Wellbeing Award in 2020. We are equally proud of everything we offer our children and families to support them throughout their time in our school. We have now entered into a reassessment period and hope to retain the award in February. Please contact Mrs Culley or Mrs Perry if we can support you or your child in any way.

Spotlight Curriculum

Within school we are keen to develop our pupils as well rounded individuals with a range of talents, skills and interests. Our school curriculum definitely achieves this but it is now our aim to replicate this with our extra-curricular/out of school offer. Your child may have alerted you to our SPOTLIGHT offer and how they can use this offer to attain additional awards within our St Margaret Mary University Offer:-

		What they could do achieve this aspect of the SPOTLIGHT offer
S	Sport	Additional extra curricular sports clubs (at least 12 hours)
P	Performance	Any additional performances they do in their own time Eg. Theatre Cafe Talent Shows Choir Performances (eg. Care Homes) Whole School Productions Out of school Productions
O	Oracy	Take part in Speech Choir Recite poetry to an audience Learn a Shakespeare Sonnet/an additional poem of their choice Take part in a Debate against other schools. Talk to an audience on a topic of their choice
T	Trips / Travel / Transition	Residentials Museums Art galleries Theatre Trips

L	Learning a new skill (or this could be their Leadership Team Role)	Any new skill learnt out of curriculum time
I	Independent Project	An independent project on a topic of their choice.
G	Gospel Values	Organise a Charity Event Take Part in an Out of School Charity Event (eg. Race for Life/ Chicks etc) Receive the Disciple of the Week Award multiple times (ie more than once)
H	Health and Wellbeing	Activity of their choice to promote wellbeing
T	Team Work	Represent the school in some capacity Eg. Sport Team (even if a friendly with another school) Choir Quiz Team Debating Team Anti-Bullying Conference

Holy Communion

Most of our Year 5 children will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time this Saturday (16th September) and next Saturday (23rd September). We wish the children the best of luck on their very special day. Masses will take place at 10am and 12 noon.

Anti-Bullying email address

As a school we are keen to ensure that every child's experience is a positive one. If any child feels that they are encountering difficulties with other children, they should alert school using the following e mail address:-

anti-bullying@smmj.org.uk

A member of the Pastoral team will regularly check these emails.

Attendance

One of our school priorities this year is to raise attendance and to reduce Persistent Absenteeism (a persistent absentee is defined by the Government as a pupil whose attendance is 90% or less. A child's success in school (both academically and socially) relies on good attendance. If they are missing from school, they are not only missing out on valuable lessons but they are also missing out on the opportunity to forge friendships. If any parent would like some support in securing good attendance for their child, please contact school.

As a rough guide to how good your child's attendance is, please refer to the chart below:-

Equates to	ATTENDANCE	
	100%	PERFECTION
4 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	96%	GOOD
9 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	95%	NEARLY THERE
11 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
19 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS
29 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	85%	GRAVE CONCERNS

THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS FOR GETTING THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL ON TIME - IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

Reminder

The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on 17th October at 9.00am to administer the nasal spray vaccine to all our children. The online e consent link is now active from 1st September. Please see below the link and the QR code to complete a consent form for Flu.



<https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/>

If you need to complete the form over the telephone or require a paper copy don't hesitate to contact the Immunisation Team using the following details:

**Helen Rampling, Immunisation Team Administrator, Child Community Health Service, Knowsley Children's Care Admin Hub, Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, 1st Floor, Manor Farm PCRC, Manor Farm Road, Huyton, Liverpool, L36 0UB
Tel:- 0151 351 8805**

High School Admissions

For our Year 6 parents, applications for high school are now open and will close on **31st October 2023**. Application to high school should be made via the council that you reside in.

Details will be available on the council website.

Should any parent require any support in completing the high school admission form, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school and a member of our team will assist you.

Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast Club (£2) - 8.00am to the start of the child's registration session.

After School Club (£7) - End of the school day to 17.30pm.

We ask that parents do not send cash into school but instead pay via our ParentPay system.

It is essential that parents book their child a place for each session that they require. Children should not be sent into the Breakfast or After School Club without first having booked a place via parent pay.

Year 3 pupils have brought home their ParentPay login details this week.

Communication

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. Class teachers can be contacted via the Dojo app. If it is something that the class teacher will be unable to solve, please do not hesitate to contact school and request to speak with the Year Group Head (Year 6-Mr Arnold (6SA), Year 5-Mr Hurst (5AH), Year 4-Mrs Dwerryhouse (4CD), Year 3-Miss Finnegan (3CF) or a member of the Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Culley, Mrs Ambrose, Mr Pimblett).

Main Office	stmargaret@knowsley.gov.uk or 0151 4778490
Class Teachers	Dojo App
SLT	slt@smmj.org.uk
SENDSCO	senco@smmj.org.uk

We ask that, out of courtesy to staff, e-mails or Dojo messages are only scheduled to arrive between 8am and 6pm (Monday-Friday only).

Reminders

In order for us to include your child's image (eg. in the newsletter, on the website, on Twitter) we require consent from parents. With this in mind may we request that you click on the link below to indicate the permissions that you give to school?

<https://forms.gle/YuTCB1s47i5Lv4Zs8>

Please note that you may withdraw permission at any time. If you do wish to change your mind at a later date, please e mail school on:-

slt@smmj.org.uk

Healthy Eating

There is evidence to suggest that the healthier a child's diet is, the better able they are to concentrate. We would therefore like to offer parents a few suggestions as to what they might send in with their child to consume during their break times:-

Toast

Crumpet

Fresh fruit (avoid dried fruit at snack times)

Veg sticks

Low sugar rice cakes

Low sugar yoghurt

Soft cheese and crackers

Please note that crisps and chocolate will not be allowed to be consumed during morning break times. We recommend that children bring a labelled bottle of water to school to drink throughout the day.

School Uniform

Well done to all our children for looking so smart in their school uniforms returning to school this week.

We would like to remind everyone that a school tie is an essential part of our uniform and must be worn each day.

In addition, please ensure that your child wears school shoes and not black trainers. Guidance on appropriate footwear was provided in the summer term to all families. If you are unsure as to what is acceptable please ask your child's teacher or refer to the school website. The information can be found on the 'parent' tab under 'school uniform'.

PE Day

On their PE day, we ask that pupils come to school in their PE kit. The children may wear a tracksuit over the top of their kit. This year we ask that this is a school track suit or plain black and not a named tracksuit (Adidas, Nike etc)Ye

CLC

Pupils in 4CD and 4SC are currently benefiting from Computing sessions with members of the CLC

Mobile Phones

Please note that, unless a Mobile Phone contract has been signed (by the parent and child) and returned to school (for the attention of Mrs Culley), mobile phones will not be allowed in school. Mobile phones will be confiscated should a child without a contract bring one into school. Should this happen, the phone will be returned to a parent/responsible adult at the end of the day. Should parents wish their child to bring a phone into school (because their child is walking home/going home with someone different), please request a contract from Mrs Culley or your child's class teacher.

AUTUMN TERM DATES FOR DIARY

Dates are subject to change in certain circumstances-in the case of changes, we will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible.

September

21st 4CD and 4SC to work with the CLC
23rd Year 5 Holy Communion Services 10 am and 12 noon
28th 4CD and 4SC to work with the CLC

29th MacMillan Coffee Morning in the school hall 9.30-10.30am

October

Week Beginning 2nd-World Space Week
2nd School Photograph Day
5th 4HW and 4KH to work with the CLC
Week Beginning 9th-Year 3 Child Centred Reviews (for parents of pupils with SEND)
11th Bishop Tom in School
12th 4HW and 4KH to work with the CLC
Governor Morning
PTA Disco- Years 3 and 4 (3.15pm-4.15pm)
Years 5 and 6 (4.30-5.30pm)
13th St Margaret Mary's Feast Day Mass
Week Beginning 16th-Year 6 Swimming
Year 4 Child Centred Reviews(for parents of pupils with SEND)
17th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 1 (Treasure Hunt in Church)
Flu immunisation
18th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 1 (Treasure Hunt in Church)
19th 4HW and 4KH to work with the CLC
Governors' Buildings, Staffing and Finance Meeting (9am)
Week Beginning 23rd-Year 5 Child Centred Reviews(for parents of pupils with SEND)
24th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 1 (Treasure Hunt in Church)
25th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 1 (Treasure Hunt in Church)
Year 4 Harvest Assembly (2pm)-venue to be confirmed
26th 4HW and 4KH to work with the CLC
Year 4 Harvest Assembly (9.30am)-venue to be confirmed
27th Coffee Morning (9.30-10.30am)-doors will open at 9.10am
School closes for the half term holiday
31st Closing Date for Secondary School Applications

November

Week Beginning 6th November-Year 6 Child Centred reviews (for parents of pupils with SEND)
6th-Return to school following half term holiday
9th 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC
10th Pre-Loved Book Sale (Clare Lawson Room)
Week Beginning 13th National Anti-Bullying Week
Year 5 Swimming
14th PTA Meeting in 3CF (3.30pm)
Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2
15th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2
16th 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC
Governors' Curriculum Meeting (2pm)
Week Beginning 20th Year 5 Swimming
Assessment Week in School
21st Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2
22nd Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2
23rd 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC
29th 3GT & 3CF Assertive Mentoring Conversations
30th 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC

December

1st School closed for INSET Day
Week Beginning 4th Assertive Mentoring Conversations (Dates and Times to be decided)
4th - 5JK Assertive Mentoring Conversations
5th Year 4 Communion Session 3

5th - 5PS Assertive Mentoring Conversations
 6th - 5AH - Assertive Mentoring Conversations
 6th Year 4 Communion Session 3
 6AC Assertive Mentoring Conversations
 7th 3GT and 3HM to work with the CLC
 7th - 5KL Assertive Mentoring Conversations
 8th Christmas Jumper Day
 Coffee Morning
 Christmas Fair (pm) 2pm-4.15pm
 Week Beginning 11th Assertive Mentoring Conversations (Dates and Times to be decided)
 11th Stay and Pray Choir Event
 12th Year 4 Communion Session 3
 Year 3 Nativity Performance for Year 2
 13th Year 4 Communion Session 3
 Year 3 Nativity Performance for parents (1.15pm)-venue to be confirmed
 14th 3GT and 3HM to work with the CLC
 15th Breakfast with Santa
 Year 4 Reconciliation
 Christmas Lunch
 18th Christmas Carol Concert for Parents (9.30am)
 Christmas Party
 19th Whole School to the Christmas Pantomime-Sleeping Beauty
 20th End of Term Mass
 Christmas Talent Show

Extra-Curricular Timetable

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

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YEAR 3	Before School					
	Lunchtime				Picture News	
	After School		Junior Choir 26/9/23			Rebound Dance
YEAR 4	Before School					
	Lunchtime		Homework club 4CD		Picture News	
	After School		Junior Choir 26/9/23		Rebound Dance	
YEAR 5	Before School			Boys Football 20.9.23	Girls Football 21.9.23	
	Lunchtime				Picture News	
	After School Football 24.9.23	Art Club 25/09/23 Speech Choir 18/09/23	Athletics 19.9.23		Senior Choir 29/9/23	
YEAR 6	Before School	Table Tennis 6LT	Bleep Test	TableTennis 6SA	Girls Football 21.9.23 Table Tennis 6AC	Table Tennis 6JK
	Lunchtime	Cross Country		Cross Country	Picture News	

	After School	Art Club 25/09/23 Speech Choir 18/09/23		Football 20.9.23	Senior Choir 29/9/23	
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Social Media

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Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



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