



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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Value of the Week
Forgiveness

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'Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you' Ephesians 4:31-32

Congratulations

Congratulations to all our Year 5 pupils who received their First Holy Communion last weekend.



Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week *	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure
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				(Please refer to key later in the newsletter)
3CF	Anpin	Nadia	Luke	99.3%
3GT	George	Heidi	Freddie	95.3%
3HM	Harry	Lucia-Ivy	Ryan	99.3%
3ST	Maggierose	Luke	Elliot	99.3%
4CD	Jake	Ethan	Freya	95.5%
4HW	James S	Connie	Aiden	98%
4KH	Samantha	Nareeza	George	97.3%
4SC	Bobby	Alfie	Finley C	91.3%
5AH	Shawn	Alvina	Michael	99%
5JK	Faith	Abdullah	Christian	95.3%
5KL	Harriet	George	Milo	100%
5PS	Delia	Justin	Serah	97%
6AC	Alvina	Nyah	Carter	98.3%
6JP	Mason	Ava	Isaac	97%
6LT	Michael	Abbie	Dimple	95.7%
6SA	Laila-Grace	Nancy	Oliver	84.6%

Attendance for the whole school is 96.4%

Dinnertime winners: 3HM, 4SC, 5JK, 6JP

Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Bailey	Karthik	William	Diya
Class with the best engagement	3CF	4SC	5JK	6LT
Most Improved	Hattie	Connie	Isobelle	Laura

HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	209	225	287	301	1022
St David	211	228	266	298	1003
St George	215	218	281	304	1018
St Patrick	206	230	271	300	1007

Congratulations

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



Well done to Melissa in 6SA who represented her cadet unit in their district swimming competitions. She helped her unit to win the overall juniors trophy! She will compete against North West cadets in October.

Sport News

Cross Country

This week some of our pupils took part in cross country. Well done to all who competed. Well done to Amelia Clelland and Milo Sutherland for finishing in the top ten!

Football

This week our school football team took part in their first tournament of the year in the EFC competition. They played some very good football against all the Knowsley schools and ended up in the final where they were sadly beaten on penalties. The player of the tournament was Joseph. He scored some outstanding goals and was dominant in midfield.



Next week there will be two further matches for our footballers to take part in

- Upper School Huyton League Matches
- EFC Premier League Tournament

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Join us next Friday (29th September) for MacMillan Coffee Morning that will be organised by our Year 6 pupils.

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 to achieve this aspect of the SPOTLIGHT offer
S	Skill	Any new skill learnt out of curriculum time
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	Love of Reading	Read books from our recommended book spine (at least 10 books) Attend the extra curricular book club
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 Additional extra curricular sports clubs (at least 12 hours)
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

The second half of our Year 5 children will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time this 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

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 the 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	96%	GOOD

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.

(in a school year)		
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

THIS KEY WILL IDENTIFY HOW WELL YOUR CHILD'S CLASS IS DOING (SEE ATTENDANCE CHART EARLIER IN THE NEWSLETTER)

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).

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.

Theatre Café

Next week our Theatre Café will return. This initiative is an opportunity for pupils to showcase their talents during the lunch hour whilst the children are dining. We look forward to seeing all our talented pupils.

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

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).

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.

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

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

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 Summer 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 Chess		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	

Social Media

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Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



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Make the healthy choice