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**Value of the Week
Service**

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Week ending Thursday 30th November**

'.....Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.....'
Peter 4:10

Sport News

It has been yet another busy week for our Sport Teams.

Last Friday, our girls played in the EFC Premier League Competition. They continued to improve throughout the day winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 2 games. Some great team goals and a lovely day out playing football alongside 30 other all girl teams. Girls' football is really getting bigger and bigger!



Pupils in Year 4 took part in a New Age Kurling Competition. They came second in their group! Well done to all who took part.



Our Year 5/6 girls competed in the LFC Foundation Girls League. For some of our girls, it was their first match. The girls won 4-2 and really impressed on some of their debuts!



Some of our Year 6 boys played in a friendly tournament in our school on Monday. All of the children were playing their first games for the school so it was a very special and exciting occasion. Even more exciting was the fact that we won the competition. Well done to all those involved especially our goal scorers: Thomas, Seb, Cayden, Oliver and man of the tournament Mason.



Congratulations



Well done to Erin, Abbie and Emily who all took part in a dance competition at the weekend winning gold and silver medals between them - congratulations girls!

Well done to Amelia and Autumn from 5KL who did fabulous in their gymnastics performance! Well done girls!



On Tuesday, EITC were in school to talk about equality and diversity under the theme of, 'No Room for Racism'. The children listened and contributed well in these sessions and have been producing posters that hopefully will get displayed on the big screen in Goodison Park on match day. Please keep a lookout for these if you go to the match.



Well done to Nancy and Isla in Y6. At the weekend, they won lots of gold medals between them on vault, floor, overall and in artistry! Two real superstars who competed in a very tough North West level category.

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Milo in 5KL who ran in the British Cross Country Challenge on Saturday in Sefton Park. Out of 206 children aged 11

years old or below running, Milo finished 164th which is an amazing achievement considering he was one of the youngest runners in the competition and was running against boys in running clubs who are a lot more experienced than him! He is now joining Kirkby Milers running club - well done and good luck Milo; we are super proud!



Reading News

This week, the winners of our 'Get Caught Reading' competition received their book prize. Here they are with their new books! Also in our library this week, the Year 6 Book Club members have just started reading *The Book of Stolen Dreams* by David Farr.



Assertive Mentoring Conversations

Assertive Mentoring Conversations commenced this week and we hope that parents have found them to be informative.

The remaining Assertive Mentoring Conversations will take place as follows:-

3HM Thursday 7th December

4CD Tuesday 5th December

4HW Tuesday 5th December

4KH Monday 4th December

4SC Monday 4th December

5AH Wednesday 6th December

5JK Monday 4th December

5KL Wednesday 13th December

5PS Monday 11th December

6AC Wednesday 6th December

6JP Thursday 7th December

6LT Tuesday 5th December

6SA Thursday 7th December

SEND Coffee Mornings



We hope that parents enjoyed this week's coffee morning. Our next coffee morning will take place on **Tuesday 5th December at 9:15am** and will again focus on **Neurodiversity** - which can include conditions such as Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and Dyspraxia.

Mrs Medway and Mrs Perry will be in attendance to help with any support you may need to support your child at home. It is also an opportunity to speak to other parents, who may be going through similar concerns with their children and may be able to offer help, advice and support. We hope to see lots of you there.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Mrs Medway on medway@smmj.org.uk

Support from your Local Councillor

Swanside councillors are here to support and signpost our community to relevant organisations. Anyone who is struggling (mental health, money, housing, etc) should contact their Swanside Councillors:-

Graham Morgan graham.morgan@knowsley.gov.uk

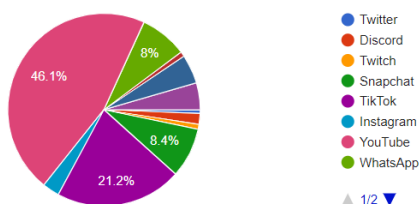
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Christine christine.bannon@Knowsley.gov.uk

Online Safety Survey- Wellbeing

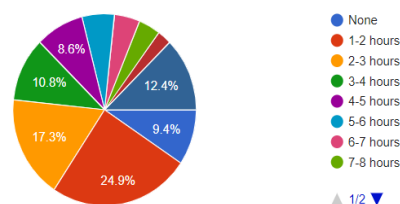
What Social Media platform do you use the most?

490 responses



How many hours a day do you spend on Social Media?

490 responses



The data this week is particularly interesting if not a little worrying. The information above shows the social media platforms that our children use and the time that they spend on them. Most, if not all of these platforms, have an age restriction of at least 13. If you have given your child permission to have this platform, we ask that you actively monitor their phones, conversations and interactions. Children's inappropriate use of social media is a big issue for us in school and your support and help in this matter is vital. Thank you

Wellbeing Ambassadors

Each of our Wellbeing Ambassadors across the school have decorated an SMMJ Caring Box to be placed in every classroom in school. These boxes will give children another way of sharing any worries or concerns with the adults in their room. This is in addition to our anti-bullying email address. Our ambassadors will check the boxes regularly (but not read any messages) and alert the adults in class if there are messages in the box.

antibullying@smmj.org.uk

CLC

Classes 3CF and 3ST are currently benefiting from computing sessions led by the CLC. Next week 3HM and 3ST will receive the same opportunity.

Power of Parenting Programme

In conjunction with the infant school, we are currently running a Power of Parenting Programme. The sessions are going well and in the next couple of weeks the children will join their parents for the final session.

Catholic Life

This week 4KH and 4SC attended the weekly Thursday mass in church.



We are now a part of the Ogden Trust partnership programme, which means we are working in collaboration with other local schools to support physics education and promote a love of physics within learners. There will be a competition from next week to launch our project!

Christmas Activities

Lots of exciting events for us to look forward to:-

8th December - SMMJ Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Coffee Morning 9.15am-Please come along and join us

Christmas Fair 2pm-4pm

Week beginning 11th December-Choir Events-children may be signed out of their classes any time from 2p
2pm. Year 3, 5 and 6 to be signed out from their classroom doors. Year 4
to be signed out at the school office..

11th December - Stay and Pray - from 3.30pm

12th December - Nativity Performance for **Year 2 and Junior Children** (1.15pm - 2.15pm)

13th December - Year 3 Nativity Performance for **Parents** (1:15pm - 2:15pm)

14th December - Year 3 Nativity Performance for **Parents** (10am - 11am)

18th December - Christmas Carol Service

Christmas Party

19th December - Children to the Christmas Pantomime at M&S Arena.

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.

December

Week Beginning 4th Assertive Mentoring Conversations (Dates and Times to be decided)

4th - 5JK Assertive Mentoring Conversations

5th - Year 4 Communion Session 3

5th - 6LT 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 - 3HM Assertive Mentoring Conversations

7th - 6JP 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

11th - 5PS Assertive Mentoring Conversations

12th - Year 4 Communion Session 3

- Year 3 Nativity Performance for Year 2 and Junior Children (1.15pm - 2.15pm)

13th - Year 4 Communion Session 3

- Year 3 Nativity Performance for parents (1.15pm - 2.15pm)

13th - 5KL Assertive Mentoring Conversations

14th - 3GT and 3HM to work with the CLC

- Year 3 Nativity Performance for parents (10am - 11am)

15th - Year 4 Reconciliation

- Christmas Lunch

18th - Christmas Carol Concert for Parents (9.30am - 10.30am)

- Christmas Party

19th - Whole School to the Christmas Pantomime-Sleeping Beauty

20th - End of Term Mass

- Christmas Talent Show

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO PUPILS ON
FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER**



Wake and Shake has been a great success and will now take place in the school hall EVERY morning 8.15am - 8.30am. All children are welcome and are encouraged to come along and start the day with a bit of fun exercise led by Mrs Mills and Miss Devonport. Sometimes Mickey and Minnie even turn up! Infant siblings are allowed to also come along (no toddlers) but must be accompanied by an adult.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YEAR 3	Before School					
	Lunchtime			Quiz Club 12:15 - 12:45 Mrs Medway	Origami Club 12:00 - 12:30 Mrs Culley	
	After School	Speech Choir 15:15 - 16:00 Miss Kearns Mrs V Bargaen	Junior Choir 15:15 - 16:00 Miss Finnegan Mrs Heynemand			
YEAR 4	Before School				Girl's Football 08:00 - 08:30 Miss Whewell Miss Scott	
	Lunchtime		Computer Club 12:10 - 12:30 Mr Silvano Homework Club 12:10 - 12:40 Mrs Dwerryhouse	Quiz Club 12:15 - 12:45 Mrs Medway Homework Club 12:10 - 12:40 Mrs Walters	Origami Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Culley	

	After School		Junior Choir 15:15 - 16:00 Miss Finnegan Mrs Heynemand Dodgeball 15:15 - 16:15 Rachel LFC		Art Club 3:15-4:15pm Miss Howell	Sewing Club 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs O'Brien Mrs Murphy
YEAR 5	Before School			Bleep Test 08:30 - 08:50 Mr Braithwaite	Girl's Football 08:00 - 08:30 Miss Whewell Miss Scott	
	Lunchtime			Quiz Club 12:15 - 12:45 Mrs Medway	Origami Club 12:00 - 12:30 Mrs Culley	
	After School	Boy's Football 15:15 - 16:15 Mr Lightfoot			Senior Choir 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Heynemand Mrs Wilkinson	
YEAR 6	Before School	Table Tennis 08:30 - 08:50 Mrs Tedford	Bleep Test 08:30 - 08:50 Miss Tansey	Table Tennis 08:30 - 08:50 Mr Arnold	Girl's Football 08:00 - 08:30 Miss Whewell Miss Scott Table Tennis 08:30 - 08:50 Mr Lightfoot	Table Tennis 08:30 - 08:50 Mrs Shipley
	Lunchtime	Chess Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Ambrose	Computer Club 12:00 - 12:30 Mr Silvano Library Club 12:30-13:00 Mrs Shipley Mrs Tedford	Quiz Club 12:15 - 12:45 Mrs Medway	Origami Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Culley Lego Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Povey	Fun Football 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Finnegan
	After School		Sewing Club 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs O'Brien Mrs Murphy	Boy's Football 15:15 - 16:15 Connor EFC Reading Club 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Finnegan	Senior Choir 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Heynemand Mrs Wilkinson	

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



