



# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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*Value of the Week*  
*Kindness*

*Newsletter Issue 2*  
*Week ending Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024*

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

## *Recognition Board*

*Well done to all the children who auditioned for Annie over the last few weeks. Fingers crossed, we might have more of our children performing on The Empire this year following on from Olivia doing so well in The Sound of Music earlier on this year.*

*A special congratulations to Scarlett in 6SA who won this fabulous trophy for Majorettes.*



*A huge congratulations to Thomas in 4MW for winning in his Taekwondo match!*

*A special mention to Anpin in 4MW, who completed a test in his bible group and won a trophy!*

## Attendance Highlight

<u>CLASS IN SCHOOL WITH THE FEWEST MISSED DAYS</u>	<u>HIGHEST ATTENDING YEAR GROUP IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK</u>		<u>CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PUPILS WHOSE ATTENDANCE HITS OUR SCHOOL TARGET (97%)</u>
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>YEAR GROUP</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
<u>6 LT</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>96.6%</u>	<u>4KH and 5AH</u>

As a rough guide, the impact of missing school is as follows:-

Equates to	ATTENDANCE	
0 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	0 missed lessons	PERFECTION
4 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE(in a school year)	20 missed lessons	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	35 missed lessons	GOOD
9 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	45 missed lessons	NEARLY THERE
11 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	55 missed lessons	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
19 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE(in a school year)	95 missed lessons	SERIOUS CONCERNS
29 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	145	GRAVE CONCERNS

### Parent Forum

Many thanks to all who attended this week's Parent Forum. We hope you found it to be useful. Any parent who has any suggestions to bring to the attention of the Senior Leadership Team should drop an e mail to [SLT@smmj.org.uk](mailto:SLT@smmj.org.uk) with your suggestion.

### 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 email address:-

[anti-bullying@smmj.org.uk](mailto:anti-bullying@smmj.org.uk)

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

### SHINE

#### Personal Development Curriculum

This week has been S week in school (SAFETY). The children have been focussing upon keeping themselves safe in the world around them

**S**afety  
**H**ealth and Wellbeing  
**I**ndependence  
**N**ews  
**E**quality and Diversity

#### **BIKEABILITY**

Next week, as a continuation of 'Safety' week, a group of our Year 5 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in 'Bikeability' sessions.

## High School Admissions

For our Year 6 parents, applications for high school are now open and will close on **31st October 2024**. 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.

## 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.

## 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. If it is something that the class teacher will be unable to solve, please do not hesitate to contact your Year Group Head, Year 6-Mr Arnold (6SA), Year 5-Mr Hurst (5AH), Year 4-Miss Howell (4KH), Year 3-Miss Finnegan (3CF) or a member of the Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Culley, Mrs Ambrose, Mr Pimblett). The SLT email is [slt@smmj.org.uk](mailto:slt@smmj.org.uk)

**We ask that, out of courtesy to staff, emails are only scheduled to arrive between 8am and 6pm (Monday-Friday only). Weekend/holiday emails should not be sent to any member of staff.**

## 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

## Theatre Cafe

Our popular Theatre Café provides an excellent platform for our pupils to showcase their talents. Based upon the principle of the Theatre Café in London, the children perform on stage during the lunch hour, providing entertainment for our diners. In the past, we have had a variety of acts

:-

Singers

Dancers (range of dance styles)

Jugglers

Comedians

Gymnasts

Musicians

Footballers (demonstrating skills)

Kickboxing

Magicians.

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.

The first Theatre Café of the Year will take place on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. Performers from all year groups are welcome to audition to take part. Priority for this Theatre Café will initially go to Year 6 Pupils but other year groups will be selected should there not be enough Year 6 acts to select from.

Auditions for the 4<sup>th</sup> October Theatre Café will take place next week (**Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September**).



## Football Trials



We are currently conducting football trials for our Y6 children. We understand that football is such a big thing for many of the children and we would love to take as many as we can to train on a weekly basis with Mr Lightfoot. Unfortunately, we can only accommodate a limited number of pupils in the squad. We hope to let the children know by next Tuesday who has been selected and they will attend sessions on a Thursday after school until Christmas. Children from this group will then be selected for any competitions (so long as their teacher feels that they deserve this privileged opportunity).

In January, all children will be allowed to compete in an intra football competition. If we spot other children at this point who we feel have progressed well, they will be given opportunities to represent the school along with any Y5 children who are playing at this level.

## Enrichment Fair

At St Margaret Mary's, we pride ourselves in the wealth of extra-curricular activities that we have on offer for the children.

Yesterday morning, all the children got to attend an Enrichment Fair in the school hall. They got the opportunity to find out about all the clubs that will be going on in school this year and sign up for areas that they would enjoy. There was a real buzz of excitement as the children found out different ways that their school days could be enriched outside of the school curriculum.



By attending these clubs, the children will also be able to build up their hours which will support them in achieving their St Margaret Mary's Awards.



### Autumn Half Term Enrichment Timetable

	Year Group	Before School (With start time)	Lunch Time (With start time)	After School (With finish time)
<b>Mon</b>	Y3			
	Y4		Mindfulness Colouring 12:20	
	Y5			
	Y6		Chess 12:20	
<b>Tue</b>	Y3			Choir 16:00
	Y4			Choir 16:00
	Y5			Choir 16:00 Dodgeball 16:15
	Y6	Bleep Test 08:30		Choir 16:00

<b>Wed</b>	Y3			
	Y4			Boxing 16:00
	Y5	Bleep Test 08:30		
	Y6			Dodgeball 16:15
<b>Thur</b>	Y3		Origami 12:00	
	Y4		Origami 12:30	Art 16:00
	Y5	Girl's Football 08:00	Origami 12:00	
	Y6	Girl's Football 08:00	Origami 12:30	Football 16:00
<b>Fri</b>	Y3			
	Y4			Rebound 16:00 Football 16:15
	Y5			Rebound 16:00
	Y6	Table Tennis 08:30		

All children are also very welcome to come along and '**Wake and Shake**' every Monday and Wednesday with Mrs Mills, Mrs Campbell, Mrs McHale and Mrs Devonport. This will be a great way to get your child ready for their school day!

**Lunchclub** will be on everyday for children who teachers feel will benefit the most. Sadly, as with all clubs, there is a limit to the number of children that can attend.

**Please Note:** This Enrichment timetable will change on a half termly basis throughout the year. All children will have an opportunity to be part of an intra school football competition within their year group at some point in the year.

**Also in November**, watch out for exciting details of new clubs for that half term including art, speech choir, sewing, craft, quiz and history clubs!

### 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.

**Dates may also be added**

**September**

10th Parent Forum (9.30am)

Holy Communion Enrolment for Year 4 (5.30pm in the school hall)

25<sup>th</sup> Full Governors' Meeting

27<sup>th</sup> MacMillan Coffee Morning in the school hall 9.30-10.30am

30<sup>th</sup> School Photograph Day

### **October**

4<sup>th</sup>-Theatre Café (priority to go to Year 6 before other year groups are selected)

Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> October-Year 3 Child Centred Reviews (fr parents of pupils with SEND)

8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>- Book Fair in School

Week Beginning 14<sup>th</sup>-Year 4 Child Centred Reviews(for parents of pupils with SEND)

Week Beginning 21<sup>st</sup>-Year 5 Child Centred Reviews(for parents of pupils with SEND)

18<sup>th</sup> St Margaret Mary Mass

22<sup>nd</sup> Year 4 Harvest Assembly (1.30pm)

23<sup>rd</sup> Year 4 Harvest Assembly (1.30pm)

25<sup>th</sup> School closes for the half term holiday

31<sup>st</sup> **Closing Date for Secondary School Applications**

### **November**

4<sup>th</sup>-Return to school following half term holiday

Week Beginning 4<sup>th</sup>-Year 6 Swimming

Year 6 Child Centred Reviews(for parents of pupils with SEND)

8<sup>th</sup> Theatre Café (priority to go to Year 5 before other year groups are selected)

Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Swimming

Anti-Bullying Week

11<sup>th</sup>-Remembrance Assembly

15<sup>th</sup>-Charity Day-Time for Bed

Week Beginning 18<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Swimming

Assessment Week in School

22<sup>nd</sup> Theatre Café (priority to go to Year 4 before other year groups are selected)

Week Beginning 25<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Swimming

29<sup>th</sup>-School Closed for INSET Day

### **December**

Week Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> Assertive Mentoring Conversations

2<sup>nd</sup> St Andrew's Day to be celebrated today (St Andrew's House Team have the option to wear a splash of blue)

2<sup>nd</sup> 3KH, 6SA, 6AC and 5PS Assertive Mentoring Conversations

3<sup>rd</sup> 3CF, 6LT and 5AH Assertive Mentoring Conversations

4<sup>th</sup> Year Meeting of the Full Governing Body

5<sup>th</sup> 3GM, 4SC & 4MW Assertive Mentoring Conversations

5AW Assertive Mentoring Conversations

6<sup>th</sup> 3ST and 5HW Assertive Mentoring Conversations

7<sup>th</sup> 3GT and 3HM to work with the CLC

6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day

Coffee Morning

Christmas Fair (pm) 2pm-4.15pm

Week Beginning 9<sup>th</sup> Assertive Mentoring Conversations (Dates and Times to be decided)

9<sup>th</sup> Stay and Pray Event

9<sup>th</sup> 6JK Assertive Mentoring

11<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Nativity Performance for Parents (1.30pm)

12<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Nativity Performance for parents (9.30am)

12<sup>th</sup> 4KH & 4HB Assertive Mentoring Conversations

13<sup>th</sup> Theatre Cafe

16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party

17<sup>th</sup> Whole School to the Christmas Pantomime-Peter Pan

18<sup>th</sup>-Christmas Carol Event for Parents (2pm)

19<sup>th</sup> End of Term Mass

Break up for the Christmas Holiday (1.30pm)

## Thank You!

Many thanks to all parents for your ongoing support of the school. It is very much appreciated!  
We very much look forward to once again working in partnership with you this year

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



We're working towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts Council England

