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Value of the Week
Love

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"God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God and God abides in them"
1 John 4:16

Recognition Board



Congratulations to Delilah (3CF) for winning a trophy in a Morris Dancing competition



Well done to Ethan from 4SC, who got player of the session at his football training!

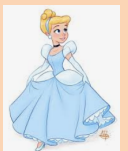


Jonjo scored 5 goals in his match on Sunday and received the man of the match award.



Well done to Jersey in 3CF who attended Yorkshire open stage dance festival where she came 1st in Acro and 2nd in Lyrical 🥰

Jersey also auditioned to be a dancer in Panto and was successful. She will be performing at Gladstone Theatre in Port Sunlight. Good luck!



Last weekend, Poppie in 3CF competed in the Yorkshire Open Dance last in Flamingoland. She placed in all three of her solo dancers. 1st place Acro, 2nd place Song and Dance and 4th place Lyrical. She came 4th place in a street improvement challenge and out of 300 dancers made it to the Supreme Finals, finishing 5th place. What an achievement!



Well done to Penny from 6AC, who came back from a dancing competition in Flamingo Land with these two huge trophies!

A big well done to Poppy from 4SC, who won first prize in her regional dance competition.

Kallie was asked by the brand Creative Nature to take part in a bake off Kallie was 1 of 10 people to be chosen to showcase her spooky pumpkin patch creations.

Attendance Highlights

| <u>CLASS IN SCHOOL WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF WHOSE ATTENDANCE IS ABOVE THE SCHOOL TARGET</u> | <u>HIGHEST ATTENDING YEAR GROUP IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK</u> | | <u>MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK</u> | <u>WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK</u> |
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| <u>CLASS</u> | <u>YEAR GROUP</u> | <u>PERCENTAGE</u> | <u>CLASS</u> | |
| 5AW (21 pupils) | Year 5 | 95.9% | 5AH | 94.9% |

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 |

SPORT NEWS

There will be a Primary Cross Country race at St Margaret Mary's on Thursday 25th October, 3:45pm to 4:30pm. Children from Years 4, 5 & 6 will be invited to represent our school. The event is organised by the Knowsley Sports School Partnership. It would be wonderful if family and friends were able to come along and show support. Good luck to all the children from SMMJ who will be taking part.



A great afternoon of Y6 football was played in the Huyton League. Our SMMJ boys remain unbeaten in the league. A hard fought draw with St. Aidan's and a well worked team goal, scored by Noah, sealed the win against St. Aloysius. Well done!



AUTUMN DISCO

Our Autumn Disco will take place on Monday 21st October. Please return the disco slip, along with a £3 cash payment.

The PTA Autumn Disco will take place next week:-
3pm-4pm Lower Keystage 2 (Years 3 and 4)
4.15pm-5.15pm Upper Keystage 2 (Years 5 and 6)



We hope that as many children as possible will be able to attend.

- **SMMJ Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** would like to welcome new and existing members on **Monday 4th November at 3:15pm to 4:15pm** in 3CF. This will give parents the chance to meet staff and other parents. There are a few more events planned for this term such as a Movie Night and Christmas Fayre, and we would be extremely grateful for any support in making these events a success. As a school, we are trying to provide the children with as many experiences as possible inside and outside the classroom such as updated technology, library books, residential and trips, and lots more. Any money raised through the PTA is spent with the best interest of our children in mind. Please come along and be part of an ever growing PTA.

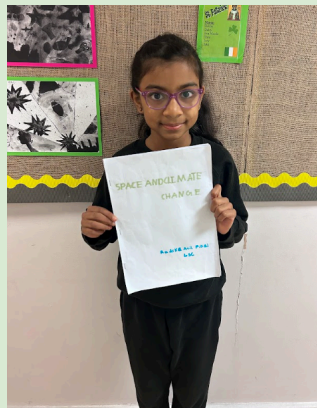
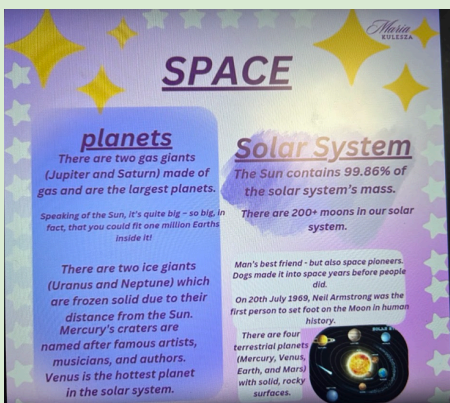
YEAR 5 TRIP TO PIZZA EXPRESS

This week, as part of the Technology curriculum, 5AH had a wonderful trip to Pizza Express.



World Space Week 2024

We have had some wonderful independent projects brought into school based around this year's theme 'Space and Climate Change'. In Science lessons, the children have also been learning about the role space plays in helping monitor climate change on Earth.



The Book Fair - Autumn 2024

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent Book Fair! Thanks to your generosity, we raised an impressive £1,081 and the school has received £500 in rewards to spend on new books for our classrooms and library. Your contributions will help with making a real difference in fostering a love of reading across the school - thank you!



HARVEST SERVICE

Join Year 4 next week for the Harvest which will take place on Thursday (24th October) at 9.30am and 2pm.

In preparation for our Harvest Assembly, Year 4 would love the support from our school community to donate to our collection to help Knowsley Food Bank's Harvest Appeal. These will be taken during half term to support members in our community.

If anyone can make a donation, we will be collecting up until half term. If you are able to donate, some suggestions include: rice, pasta, vegetables, fruit, cereal, tins, tea/coffee, biscuits or tinned food.

For more information email - michele.duckworth@knowsleyfoodbank.org



Save Zoe's Place

To our families,

Zoe's Place baby hospice which is part of our community will be closing its doors in December. Over 50 families will lose the service that provides 1:1 care for children aged 0-5 with complex and life-limiting needs.

The families and staff need the support of everyone to stop this from happening, this is the only baby hospice in Liverpool and for a lot of families there is no other support.

The hospice needs to raise 5 million pounds by the end of October to remain open.

Next week 21st - 25th October, we will be collecting donations for Zoe's place.

On Wednesday 23rd October Zoe's Place Mascot Bear will be on the gate to greet the children as they arrive at school with donation buckets. Thank you in anticipation for your support.



SHINE

This week has been 'Journey in Love' week.



Christmas Jumper Day

The Charity Champions are still collecting jumpers to sell for this event - thank you so far for your donations. The more we get, the more bargain buys we can sell!



St Margaret Mary's Feast Day Mass

Today our whole school attended mass to celebrate the feast of St Margaret Mary. Thank you to the children who read or sang as part of the choir.

In preparation for Quarante Ore, the altar was decorated beautifully with flowers and candles.

Quarante Ore is a Roman Catholic liturgical action in which continuous prayer is made for forty hours before the blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition.



Child Centred Reviews

This week, our Child Centred Reviews took place for the parents of Year 4 pupils with SEND. We hope that parents found their meeting to be informative.

Reviews for Year 5 parents will take place next week (week beginning 21st October) with Year 6 reviews taking place after the half term holiday. Child centred reviews are an opportunity for parents to see how well their child is progressing in line with the targets in their Personal Provision Plan.

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.

Your child will not be allocated a secondary school place unless an application has been submitted.

PARENTS ONLINE SAFETY SESSION

Here is the link to the parents online safety presentation for you to watch in your own time. We hope you find it useful.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uVtG0EnFD45ZN6gGrmxCCMDHsuggA2hd?usp=sharing>

Follow us on Instagram

Did you know that each Year Group has their own Instagram account? We would love as many Instagram followers as possible so please follow your child's year group account:-

@smmjyear3
@smmjyear4
@smmjyear5
@smmjyear6

@smmjnr

ROWLANDS PHARMACY NOTICE

Rowlands Pharmacy (Pilch Lane) asked that we share the following information with our parents. The pharmacy offers the free NHS service for common ailments, known as Pharmacy First. The benefits include; saving you time booking a GP appointment plus free confidential advice and where suitable treatment from your Pharmacist. The Seven conditions covered in the scheme are as follows:

- sinusitis (for adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- sore throat (for adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- earache (for adults and children aged 1 to 17 years)
- shingles (for adults aged 18 years and over)
- impetigo (non-bullous, for adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- infected insect bites (for adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- uncomplicated urinary tract infection in women (aged 16-64)

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 | Wake & Shake | | Wake & Shake | | |
| | Lunchtime | Construction, Games & Creative Art. | Construction, Games & Creative Art. | Construction, Games & Creative Art. | Construction, Games & Creative Art. Origami | |
| | After School | | Choir | | | |
| YEAR 4 | Before School | | | | | |
| | Lunchtime | | | | Origami | |
| | After School | | Choir | Boxing | Art | Rebound Football |
| YEAR 5 | Before School | | | | Girls Football | |
| | Lunchtime | | Times Table club | Homework club | Origami | |
| | After School | | LFC-Dodgeball Choir | | STEM Club for girls | Rebound |
| YEAR 6 | Before School | | | | Girls Football | |
| | Lunchtime | Chess Club | | | Origami | |
| | After School | | Choir | EFC - Dodgeball | | |

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

October

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

21st Autumn Disco

24th Year 4 Harvest Assembly (9:30am & 2pm)

25th School closes for the half term holiday

31st **Closing Date for Secondary School Applications**

November

4th-Return to school following half term holiday

Week Beginning 4th-Year 6 Swimming (Monday - Thursday for 2 weeks)

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

7th - Speech Choir Extra-curricular Club Starts (3:15-4pm)

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

Week Beginning 11th Year 6 Swimming

Anti-Bullying Week

11th-Remembrance Assembly

15th-Charity Day-Time for Bed

Week Beginning 18th Year 5 Swimming

Assessment Week in School

19th - Year 4 Maths Breakfast 9:00-9:30am - 4KH & 4HB

20th - Year 4 Maths Breakfast 9:00-9:30am - 4SC & 4MW

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

Week Beginning 25th Year 5 Swimming

29th-School Closed for INSET Day

December

Week Beginning 2nd Assertive Mentoring Conversations

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

2nd 3KH, 6SA, 6AC and 5PS Assertive Mentoring Conversations

3rd 3CF, 6LT and 5AH Assertive Mentoring Conversations

4th Year Meeting of the Full Governing Body

5th 3GM, 4SC & 4MW Assertive Mentoring Conversations

5AW Assertive Mentoring Conversations

6th 3ST and 5HW Assertive Mentoring Conversations

7th 3GT and 3HM to work with the CLC

5th Christmas Lunch

6th Christmas Jumper Day

Coffee Morning

Christmas Fair (pm) 2pm-4.15pm

Week Beginning 9th Assertive Mentoring Conversations (Dates and Times to be decided)

9th Stay and Pray Event

9th 6JK Assertive Mentoring

11th Year 3 Nativity Performance for Parents (1.30pm)

12th Year 3 Nativity Performance for parents (9.30am)

12th 4KH & 4HB Assertive Mentoring Conversations

13th Theatre Cafe

16th Christmas Party

17th Whole School to the Christmas Pantomime-Peter Pan

18th-Christmas Carol Event for Parents (2pm)

19th End of Term Mass

Break up for the Christmas Holiday (1.30pm)

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England

