



# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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*Value of the Week*  
*Humility*

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"For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great."

— *Matthew 23:12*



## National Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been National Anti-Bullying Week and as part of their SHINE work, the children have focused upon the theme of Anti-Bullying this week. Last Friday our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors joined with other schools in the local area for an Anti-Bullying Conference.

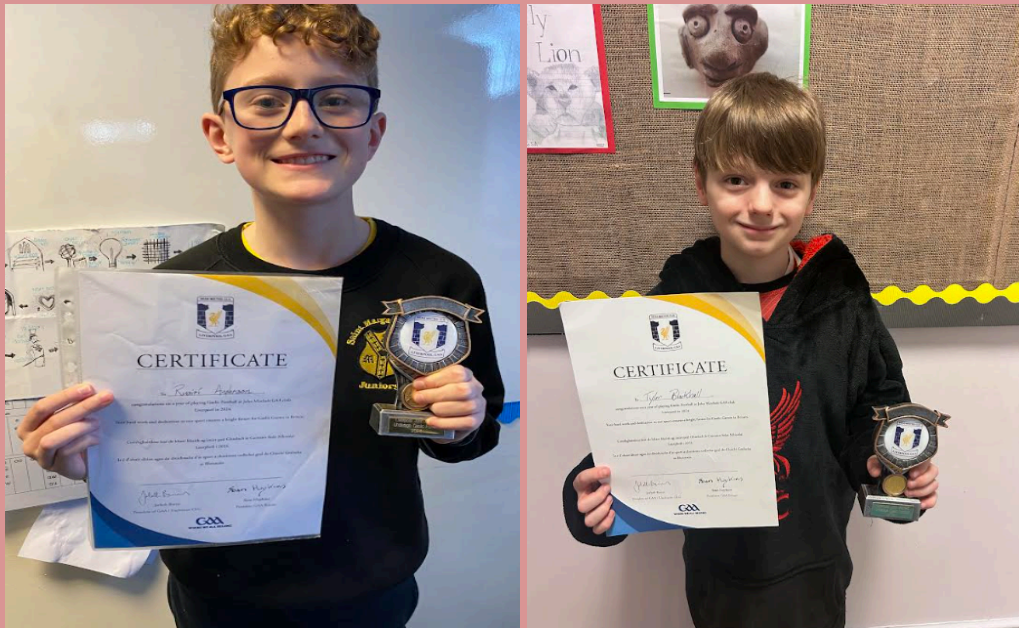
To coincide with national anti-bullying week, members of our Anti-bullying Ambassadors took part in the annual anti-bullying community cohesion conference organised by Learning Mentors Jackie Harris and Carmel Perry. The Ambassadors worked alongside representatives from six other local Knowsley schools. The children engaged in a variety of activities including a workshop delivered by PC White, all the activities focussed on this year's anti-bullying theme Choose Respect

By bringing together the children from across the wider community, positive relationships are formed, differences and similarities are acknowledged, and friendships are developed which help to strengthen community cohesion.



## RECOGNITION BOARD

Well done to Ruairi and Tyler who have completed a whole year at their Gaelic football club! Keep this up boys!



Well done to Eliza (4MW) who had a successful weekend, winning Queen of the week in her dance class and woman of the match at her football club.



Well done to Anpin (4MW) who got first prize in the UK-Europe-Africa Diocese Sunday School Exam.







Heidi in 4KH competed in North West Paul Raey Teams Competition on Saturday.  
Her Team came all around 1st out of 13 teams.

Individually, Heidi had the highest score of the day on Floor, 3rd highest on Vault and 6th Highest on Beam out of 58 Gymnasts. We are so proud of you Heidi!!

### ATTENDANCE

<u>Class that has lost the fewest days this week</u>	<u>Year Group with the fewest lost days this week</u>	<u>Class with the fewest children who are below the school target</u>	<u>Most Improved attendance this week</u>	<u>School Attendance this week</u>	<u>Impressive Attendance this week</u>
<u>6LT</u>	<u>YEAR 4</u>	<u>4KH</u>	<u>4SC</u>	<u>95.4%</u>	<u>3CF, 3GM, 6AC</u>

### SPORT NEWS

Our Sport teams have been very busy this week. A group of pupils participated in a New Age Kurling Competition. The children from Year 5 performed superbly and



managed to reach the final! Unfortunately, they missed out on victory by very small margins! We are very proud of your achievement!



Well done to our Year 3 boys for representing SMMJ at LFC Academy 🙌 A great team effort. Unfortunately, they were beaten in the semi-final. However, spirits were raised when they got to have their photograph taken with the Champion League Cup 🏆





## CHARITY DAY 'TIME FOR BED'

Thank you to all our families for your generous donations in support of 'Time For Bed' (our Children in Need funding initiative). Children loved coming into school wearing pyjamas and the money raised will go towards providing free beds to children between the ages of 0-18 years from across Merseyside who do not have a bed of their own. We are proud to demonstrate our schools gospel values of hope, kindness and compassion!



## Remembrance

On Monday, our children took part in an annual Remembrance assembly in the school hall. As always, the children showed reverence, paying respect to the fallen soldiers.

While Remembrance Day brings sadness, it also brings hope for the future. Hope of a better world, the world for which so many of those soldiers believed they were fighting.

Although we are thankful for the peace in our country. We hope for peace in countries where there is conflict.



### Child Centred Reviews

Year 6 Child Centred Reviews are scheduled for next week. All invitations have been sent and appointments made.

If you are having any concerns about your child's academic, social or emotional needs, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Medway to book a meeting.

### 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!

### GOOD NEWS!

This week we have received the fabulous news that our application for a second mini-bus has been successful. We are told that we should receive our minibus before the Christmas holiday

### BUILDING WORK

We are excited to inform our community that the first floor of our main building will undergo a major refurbishment project.

This will provide much needed improvements to this part of school for now and many years to come.

The works will be completed in stages which will impact on collection points for year 4 children. When we have more information regarding a roadmap we will let you know.

### YEAR 4 PARENT WORKSHOPS

Next week, Year 4 parents are invited to join our maths breakfast from 9:00am-9:30am. Please use the hall doors as an entrance.

4KH & 4HB - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
4SC & 4MW - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

### ASSERTIVE MENTORING CONVERSATIONS

Parents should, by now, have received their letter about their child's Assertive Mentoring conversations. These meetings will take place on the following dates in December-



This will be an opportunity to engage in some maths activities with your child, and discuss the upcoming Multiplication Tables Check taking place in June.

2nd December- 3KH, 6SA, 6AC and 5PS  
3rd December 3CF, 6LT and 5AH  
5<sup>th</sup> December 3GM, 4SC, 4MW and 5AW  
6th 3ST and 5HW  
10th 6JK  
12<sup>th</sup> 4KH & 4HB

### PARENT FORUM

Our next Parent Forum will take place next Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup> November) at 6pm. A zoom code will be sent out on Monday.

### YEAR 3 MOVIE NIGHT

Year 3 children are invited to a Christmas Movie Night on Thursday 21st November 🎬 It will take place after school from 3.15pm - 5pm.

There will be a £5 charge which includes refreshments. It would be lovely to see as many children as possible joining in the fun. 🎄

A letter with more information has been emailed out to parents.

### JAMIE LEIGH DAY

This is a little reminder that Monday (18<sup>th</sup> November) is Jamie Leigh Green Day. The children have the option to wear a splash of green or as much green as they like. We ask for a £1 donation which will be put towards the Jamie Leigh Foundation.



### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our PTA will be organising an 'Own Clothes Day' to raise tombola items for the school Christmas Fair which will take place in school on Friday 6th December (2pm-4pm). We would be really grateful for the following donations:-

- Years 3 & 4: Unused gifts or good quality nearly new toys/games (appropriate for 8-11 year olds).
- Years 5 & 6: Donations of alcoholic/non-alcoholic drinks (alcoholic drinks should be handed in to the school office by an adult).

#### Can you help?

On the day of the fair we need help to set up between 12 clock and 2pm, and/or help in manning stalls/games during the fair from 2pm to 4pm.

If you can help with either of the above please email - [stmargaret@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:stmargaret@knowsley.gov.uk)

## COMMUNICATION REQUEST FROM ALDER HEY

Please find attached a copy of the promotional flyer for a Youth Forum event. This showcases some of the activities we have taken part in over the summer holidays and will provide you with an insight into what we are all about!

If you would like to attend, can you please RSVP using this MS forms:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=G888R1c5sE6Cur6KaqH2SnK7XxDy9hIIsYToQGgakHNUOVI4Ujg2VkJZDUKNYVUNJWjVHNzFOMzVWMy4u&origin=QRCode>. You can also contact Alder Hey with key questions about the event on this email or using my mobile 07974 278006.



### 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
<b>YEAR 3</b>	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 Dodgeball			
<b>YEAR 4</b>	Before School					
	Lunchtime				Origami	
	After School		Choir	Dodgeball	Arts & Craft Club	Rebound Football
<b>YEAR 5</b>	Before School			Bleep Test	Girls' Football	
	Lunchtime		Times Table club	Homework club	Origami	
	After School		LFC-Dodgeball Choir		STEM Club for girls	Rebound

<b>YEAR 6</b>	Before School		Bleep Test	Table Tennis	Girls' Football	Table Tennis
	Lunchtime	Chess Club	Table Tennis		Origami	
	After School		Choir Art Club Craft & Sewing Club	EFC - Dodgeball	Boys' Football Speech Choir	

## 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**

### November

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

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

### December

Week Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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

9th Stay and Pray Event

10th 6JK Assertive Mentoring Conversations

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

13th Theatre Cafe

13th Year 5 Parent Workshop

16th Christmas Party

17th Whole School to the Christmas Pantomime-Peter Pan

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

19th End of Term Mass

Break up for the Christmas Holiday (1.30pm)

## 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

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