



# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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*Value of the Week*  
*Hope*

*Newsletter Issue 13*  
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"May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit."  
Romans 15:13

## RECOGNITION BOARD



A big well done to Max from 65A who did the 5K Santa Dash over the weekend. As a team they raised £500 which is just brilliant. Max's face just tells us how hard he worked - well done Team Max!



Also a really big well done to Logan in 6SA for being chosen by the LFC coaches to represent SMMJ School for being gifted and talented at football. Logan is a season ticket holder and a die hard blue but still couldn't pass up this golden opportunity to play at the LFC Football Academy!

### CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all who attended today's Christmas Coffee Morning. We hope you enjoyed it.



## ICE CATS

We had our annual visit from Jo, from Ice Cats this week, who worked with every child in the school looking at how we can be safe in an emergency and ensuring all our children know the procedures for a lockdown. Here we have some of our Y6 children getting down low in the 'hedgehog' position to keep themselves safe.



## ART CLUB

Our Art Club children have been busy being creative again this week. They have been having lots of fun making their own Christmas decorations.



## 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>
6SA 5AW	Year 6	5KH	6AC	95.6%	6AC 6SA 5AW 5PS

## EVOLVE EVENT

This week, a group of our Year 6 pupils took part in an EVOLVE event held at the Odeon Cinema in Liverpool One. This unique opportunity featured spoken word artist Joseph Roberts, who performed his powerful poem, "Dear Merseyside," accompanied by a video that underscores our commitment to community messaging, including 'Clear, Hold, Build' and 'Silence is Not an Option'. The aim of the programme was to inspire young people to explore choices related to gangs and to improve their future prospects. The event programme included an introduction to EVOLVE by a police and council spokesperson, performances, a presentation by Catch 22 on exploitation, and a Q&A session.

## Sport News

A huge well done to our Year 5 and 6 girls who finished second this week in a Liverpool Foundation competition. The girls played really well, reaching the final but sadly lost 2-0.



## ROCK STEADY CONCERT

Congratulations to all our musicians who performed at this week's Rock Steady Concert. They deserve to feel very proud of themselves.



## ASSERTIVE MENTORING CONVERSATIONS

The results of the children's recent assessments will be made available to parents at their Assertive Mentoring conversation. The remaining conversations will take place on the following dates:-

10th 6JK

12<sup>th</sup> 4KH & 4HB

## SHINE

This week the 'E' of our SHINE Curriculum (Equality and Diversity) has been studied. The children have looked at the theme 'Embracing Others'. This theme links well with December's Disability Awareness Month

## ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Next week, the children will have the opportunity to participate in a range of Advent activities.

## YEAR 5 PARENT WORKSHOPS

Year 5 parents are invited on Friday 13th December for our 'Parent Workshop'. We will be doing a SHINE lesson on Equality and Diversity followed by a review of our curriculum so far this year. 😊

5AH and 5PS - 1:10 - 2.05

5HW and 5AW - 2.05 - 3.05

This will take place in the hall. Please come into school via the main office and a member of staff will bring you through.

We are excited to welcome you as parents to join in our learning!!

## NEW MINI BUS

We are delighted to have received our brand new mini bus donated to us by Sunshine Coaches and sponsored by TJ Morris- Home Bargains and local business man, Barry Houghton OBE



## BUILDING WORK & ICE Cats

Building work has started on the redevelopment of the first floor of our main building. Pupils have adjusted to the changes brilliantly! We even completed a lockdown early this week with our ICE Cats coach. A BIG well done to everyone!

## NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

Next week our Year 3 children will showcase their talent as they perform their Nativity to their parents and to our older children. Performances will take place on the following dates and times:-

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December-performance for Years 2, 4,5 and 6

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December-1.30pm (Year 3 parents may, if they wish, take their child home after the performance. However, older siblings must remain in school).

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December-9.30am

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Parents are invited to join us for our Christmas Carol Service which will be held in church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## OTHER CHRISTMAS EVENTS

16th December Christmas Party Day

17th December Whole School to the Christmas Pantomime-Peter Pan

18<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Carol Event for Parents (2pm) in church

19th December End of Term Mass for the infant and junior children.

19<sup>th</sup> December-Carols around Olivia's Tree on Finch Lane (3.30pm) for a 4pm start

PLEASE NOTE THAT, DUE TO THE BUILDING WORK, WE HAVE UNFORTUNATELY FOUND IT NECESSARY TO CANCEL THE 'STAY AND PRAY' EVENT THAT WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

## 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>Y 3</b>	Before School	Wake & Shake		Wake & Shake		
	Lunchtime	Construction, Games & Creative Wake & Shake Art.	Construction, Games & Creative Art.	Construction, Games & Creative Art.	Construction, Games & Creative Art. Origami	
	After School		Choir Dodgeball			
<b>Y 4</b>	Before School	Wake & Shake		Wake & Shake		
	Lunchtime				Origami	
	After School		Choir	Dodgeball	Sewing Club	Rebound Football
<b>Y 5</b>	Before School	Wake & Shake		Wake & Shake Bleep Test Girls' Football		
	Lunchtime		Times Table Club	Homework Club	Origami	
	After School		Choir		History Podcast Club	Rebound
<b>Y 6</b>	Before School	Wake & Shake	Bleep Test	Wake & Shake Table Tennis Girls' Football		Table Tennis
	Lunchtime	Chess Club	Table Tennis		Origami	
	After School		Choir Art Club Craft & Sewing		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**

### December

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

13th Year 6 History Trip

16th Christmas Party

17th Whole School to the Christmas Pantomime-Peter Pan

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

19th End of Term Mass

Break up for the Christmas Holiday (1.30pm)

Carols around Olivia's Tree (4pm)

### 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

@smmjyear 6

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