



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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*Value of the Week:
Faithfulness*

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'The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does'

Psalm 145:17

Attendance in School

NUMBER OF DAYS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL	CHILD'S ATTENDANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR
If your child has 1 day off school during the year...	...their attendance will be 99.5%
If your child has 2 days off school during the year...	...their attendance will be 99%
If your child has 5 days off school during the year...	...their attendance will be 97.4%
If your child has 10 days off school during the year...	...their attendance will be 95% This is below target.
If your child has 15 days off during the year...	...their attendance will be 92.4% School will now monitor attendance on a regular basis. Letters home will be sent and you will be invited in for an attendance panel meeting
If your child has 20 or more days off during the year their attendance will be below 90% and school will now be in contact with Education Welfare Service of Knowsley Local Authority. This may lead to sanctions, court and penalties against the parents

Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week *	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure
3CF	India	Lena	Maisie	92.7%
3GT	Blu	Amelia	Theo	97.9%
3ME	Brody	Mia-Rose	Scarlett	96%
3ST	Charlie	Shea	Madyson	92.3%
4CD	Jay Jay	Jennifer	Luca	90.7%
4HW	Oscar	Archie W	Archie E	92.7%
4PS	Thomas	Finley	Lee	95%
4SC	Autumn	Amelia M	Sienna	98.3%
5JP	Scarlett	Jamie W	George	94.8%
5KN	Aaron	Amelia C	Zuzanna	92.4%
5MW	Olivia	Frankie	Amy	95.2%
5AH	Daisy	Stevie	Hana	95.7%
6AC	Bella	Darcie	Gosia	96%
6JK	Oakley	Paula	Dylan D	97.2%
6LT	Ellie	Lily	Evie	98%
6SA	Austin	Jil	James	98.6%

Attendance for the whole school is 95.2%

Dinnertime winners: 3ME, 4CD, 5MW, 6SA

Golden Ticket Initiative

Congratulations to all our Golden Ticket winners who have gone above and beyond this week-enjoy your hot chocolate!

This week's winners are:-

Year 3 & 4 - Jace (4PS) and Else (3CF) who both climbed Moel Famau in memory of their brother. Together they have raised over £5000 for Alder Hey's neonatal unit. Fantastic you two! We are very proud!

Year 4- Luca for raising £9.60 for CAFOD

Year 5 -

Year 6 -

Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Karthik	William	Diya	Lily
Class with the best engagement	3CF	4PS	5MW	6LT
Most Improved	Brendan B	Martha R	Olivia S	Michael M
TTRS Class Champions	3CF - Sebastian 3ST - Max 3GT - Khloe 3ME - Nolan	4PS - Jack 4HW - Archie 4CD - Timothy 4SC - Oscar	5AH - Diya 5MW - Alvina 5KN - Brodie 5JP - Joseph	6AC - Nathaniel 6SA - Lakshit 6LT - Harry M 6JK - Lucas

HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	284	311	354	392	1341
St David	266	315	372	377	1330
St George	293	327	366	399	1385
St Patrick	271	309	381	378	1339

Congratulations!



A huge congratulations to Sofia who competed in the 'Midland Open Taekwondo Championship' and was awarded a silver medal. Well done Sofia!



A huge congratulations to Alexandra (5MW) who had her karate grading over the weekend and achieved her brown belt! Well done Alex - we're very proud of you!

On Saturday, Jace and Elsa both climbed Moel Famau and raised over £5000 for Alder Hey's neonatal unit in memory of their big brother Jude who would have been 10 years old. Great achievement by both of them! 💙



Congratulations to Elijah (5JP) who was awarded 'Player of the Match' on Saturday. On Monday evening Elijah's football team, FPA Bayern, were invited to Finch Farm to play the U10 Everton Development Team. After beginning the match with a disappointing score of 2-0 down, they battled back to finish the game 5-3 winners.



A huge congratulations to Amelia from 5KN who took part in a Morris dance competition and got her first medal. Well done!



A huge congratulations to Laila-Grace from 5KN who came 5th in her cheerleading competition. This was only her second competition. We are all super proud of you!



Olivia Pratt Korb

Following the tragic death of nine year old Olivia Pratt Korb during the Summer holidays, our Year 5 pupils have been planning lots of ways to remember her.

Memorial Performance Area

As a keen performer, we want to develop part of our playground as a performance area. This area will be dedicated to Olivia. Olivia's class (with involvement from Olivia's mum) has planned this and we have managed to secure funding from Knowsley Council, the Archdiocese of Liverpool and the Wooden Spoon charity to fund it.



Pink Day

Plans are underway to celebrate Olivia's birthday on 13th June. Her friends are busy planning this event and are doing a very good job of it too! They are keen for it to be a fun day for the whole school to celebrate Olivia's birthday.

Request for Volunteers

As part of our Pink Day celebrations, we are looking for volunteers to assist us in tidying up an area of our school grounds to create a garden in memory of Olivia. Wednesdays after school would be an ideal as school is open late. If anyone is in a position to help with this (eg. sparing an hour after school on Wednesdays should either e mail the slt on slt@smmj.org.uk or should speak to Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Culley on the gate.

We are also working closely with three other local primary schools (St Margaret Mary's Infant School, Malvern and Roby Park) on projects involving Art, Music, Dance and Gardening. This preparation will commence after the Easter holiday. Watch this space.....

Gallery

This week the children in 5MW had a wonderful time working with Curtis Watt-a local poet/rapper. Thank you to all parents who came along to support the children



SPORT NEWS

This week our school football team finished second in their league. The boys won all four matches on the final day, meaning they narrowly missed out on first place. Well done to all boys who have represented school this year.

Sportshall Athletics Finals which should have taken place on Wednesday were cancelled and will be rearranged for after half term.

Well done to all children who have taken part in clubs this term. Athletics and boxing have now finished. Basketball and netball will finish next week.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



We would like to wish a very happy birthday to the following children who are celebrating their birthday this week! We hope you enjoy your special day!

Year 3:

Sebastian - 3CF
Blake - 3ST
Eva - 3GT
Nareeza - 3ME
Max - 3ME
Samantha - 3ME

Year 4:

Alexander - 4SC
Evie - 4SC
Daniel - 4CD
Billy - 4CD
Louie - 4PS
Isabella - 4PS

Year 5:

Ethan - 5AH
Ethan - 5KN
Amelia C - 5KN
Oscar - 5KN

Year 6:

Bobby - 6AC
Nevaeh - 6LT
Sofia - 6LT

Church News

Children's Church at Sunday 10am Mass.

Tea & coffee served after Sunday 10am Mass in the Parish centre - all welcome!



Dovecot Food Club next to Sayers: Mondays 10am to 1pm. Families can receive £15 worth of food for £5. Food can be dropped off during these times. Please note the following items are desperately needed: **Tea bags, coffee, tinned beans, pasta, tinned tomatoes, tuna, spaghetti, biscuits, crisps. Nappies 4/5, toothpaste, soap, shower gel, shampoo, toilet rolls.** Donations are welcomed in church before or after Saturday and Sunday Masses or can be left in the school entrance.



A group of volunteers from our school and parish community go into the city centre on a Tuesday evening to take food, hot drinks and helpful items to the Homeless men and women of our city. Any offerings will be gratefully received. Please leave the school office for Miss Finnegan.

PTA News

Class bingo/Easter trail

Big thanks to all families who donated items for last Friday's non uniform day. Prize bundles have been made up and will be used for children's bingo in class next week. The children will also enjoy taking part in an Easter word trail and receive a little treat on completion.

Pre-loved spare uniform

Unfortunately this week's event scheduled for Tuesday had to be postponed due to the rain. We will instead hold this on Monday 3rd April 3.05pm - outdoors near the year 6 block. Take what you need and a box will be available for those who may wish to make a cash donation.

Easyfundraising

You can help St Margaret Mary's RC Junior School PTA Liverpool WIN from a £2,000 prize fund in the new #easyfundraising Refer to Win giveaway!

St Margaret Mary's RC Junior School PTA Liverpool will get a FREE entry each time a new supporter signs up before the 31st March!

It only takes a moment and it's completely free, so please get involved if you haven't already - this would really boost our fundraising!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=249762&invite=NV8HM&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=r2wmar-2023&utm_source=raise-more&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=rm-r2wmar23-f1

Easter Events

Next week is our last week of the Spring Term and we plan to celebrate with lots of Easter Events:-

- Easter Bingo
- Easter Talent Show
- The Greatest Week Assembly

We break up at the usual time on Thursday 6th April

Live Simply Award for Schools

We are working towards achieving the LiveSimply award. It is an opportunity to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us".

#smmj catholiclife #smmjLiveSimply



The Laudato Si is a letter from Pope Francis to everyone on the planet urging all of us to protect the earth; our common home. The earth is God's gift to us, full of beauty and wonder, where the fruits of the earth belong to everyone. The children have made a class pledge to take action on caring for creation and the environment.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

We have a wide range of extra-curricular activities for our children to participate in during the Spring Term. Please see the timetable below:-

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YEAR 3	Before School		Daily Mile			Daily Mile
	Lunchtime					
	After School					
YEAR 4	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Basketball			Netball	
YEAR 5	Before School					Girls Football
	Lunchtime			Table Tennis		
	After School					
YEAR 6	Before School	Intra School Football Comp	Table Tennis	Bleep Test	Table Tennis	Girls Football
	Lunchtime					
	After School					

Social Media

Why not give us a follow on Instagram or Twitter? @smmjnr

Spring Term Dates for Diary

APRIL

4th April - PTA Easter Event

6th April - The Greatest Week Assembly

Break Up for Easter Holiday

17th April - Return to school for the Summer Term