



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

'Come with me and I will teach you how to catch people" (Mark 1 v17)

Congratulations

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Class Achiever of the Week	Home Learner of the Week	Challenge Champion
3CD	Heidi	Lacey Mae	Emi-for completing some challenging Maths Work
3HW	Isabella	William	Finley-for mastering how to use Google Drive independently
3MT	Laila Grace	Isla	
3ST	Theo	Mason	Sophia-continuing to extend her knowledge of Spanish
4CF	n/a	Isla	Thomas-for super work in a Lego Challenge Tobie-for making a strawberry dessert for his family
4GM	Nevina	Bobby M	Ava D- for cooking cakes for her family after school
4JP	Samantha	Vincent	Khloe-for learning how to service a car
4KW	Millie	Maddison	Alex-for making her own robot and linking it to an app to play on line.
5JO	Maisy	Eben	Maisie-for some excellent Art Work
5KN	Thomas	Loui	Zach-for his home engagement with Everton Football Club
5MB	Isla	Charlie	Lucas-for learning how to service a car
5NW	Scarlett	Frazer	William-for learning sign language
6AC	Shaun	Jasmine	Ines-for cooking a full meal for her family

6JK	Faye	Annalise	Oscar-for baking bread
6LT	Louie	Philip	Abigail and Daisy-for practising creative make up looks
6SA	Ella	Sienna	Bobby-for doing a jog per day!

Pupil Congratulations

Congratulations to Jasmine on achieving a super score in her Music Assessment at the Cathedral. She even made the Cathedral Newsletter!

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Value of the Week Faithfulness

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Gallery



Children's Mental Health Week

Start your day the wellness way', The children will engage in a variety of fun activities which will be on Google Classroom and can be accessed at home and in school during Children's Mental Health week.

These fun activities will encourage and support the children in exploring and expressing emotional health and wellbeing and help remove the stigma that surrounds it.

A child's social and emotional development is vital for their future if they are to achieve their full potential, socially and academically. With a positive nurturing emotional environment, children will flourish across all areas of their development.

National Storytelling Week

This coming week is National Storytelling Week! Each day, we will be treating our children to a story that will be read/told to them by a member of our school community. There will be contributions from teachers, teaching assistants, the leadership team, site manager, learning mentor, admin team, midday staff, governors. We hope that by doing this, we will inspire our children to read. If your child would like to record themselves to share with their class/ the Infant school, please send a clip to either your child's class teacher or to the Senior Leadership Team slt@smmj.org.uk. We are also trying to involve some celebrities so if any parents have any connections, please send them our way. It would be lovely for our children to have a story read to them by a television star or a Premier League footballer.

Whole School Art Competition

We would like to invite all children to take part in a SMMJ Lockdown Art Competition! The theme for this competition is 'The View from my Window'. The children can use ANY media (pencils, crayons, pastels, paint, collage etc.) to create a piece of artwork which represents the view from your window. We felt this idea was fitting for our competition as we are all spending more time at home, and there are so many different views from our windows. Please do not include any writing (eg. a title or your name) on your actual image and if possible, use a sheet of plain A4 paper, in landscape format.

When finished, the children should email a photograph of their entry to

cornell@smmj.org.uk. (putting their name and class in the email subject box along with the words 'Lockdown Art Competition').

We look forward to seeing their entries.

Challenges

We love to see what the children are getting up to at home-so keep your photographs and videos coming in for us to share in Achievement Assembly/in the Newsletter

Calling all Singers/Musicians

Mrs Cook is very kindly producing the music for our Collective Worships and would love to get more children involved. What they need to do is to provide school with a recording of themselves singing or playing along to the recording (produced by Mrs Cook), following the instructions below. The backing track and sheet music will be e mailed out to parents. The resources should be in your google classroom

1. You will need two devices to use at the same time, one to play the hymn and one to record the child's performance (phones, iPads, laptop/computer, tablets, MP3 player etc)
2. You will need a set of headphones
3. You will need a voice memo or voice recording type app - most devices have these now but the child might need

your help.

4. The child should listen to the recording a few times and sing/play along until they are confident that they know the hymn well enough to record.

5. Find a quiet place with no background noise (TV, washing machine, etc)
6. When you are ready to record your child will need to listen to Mrs Cook's recording through their headphones, with one ear

piece in/on and one earpiece not - this is so that they can hear the recording to sing/play along to but the recording device will not.

7. Get your recording device ready.
8. The child should get as close to the recording device as they can when they are performing. They should try to stand still - movements/creaks can be picked up by the microphone on your device.
7. Press record on your recording device and then start playing the recording track on the other device. They may need to try a few 'takes' before they get it right and are happy with their final recording.
8. When happy with your final recording, send it by email to; slt@smmj.org.uk **Recordings will need to be returned by Monday**

1st February.

What to do if your child is displaying Corona
Virus Symptoms

Booking System

Anyone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, such as a raised temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss of or change to their sense of smell or taste, should stay at home. They should not attend school and should follow the [guidance for households with possible coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and get a test.

If your child becomes unwell whilst in school, we will call you immediately to come and collect them. Whilst

Key workers should return their booking form to their child's class teacher by **12noon** each Thursday (**please note new cut off time**). In allocating places, we will use the following criteria to prioritise places:-

1. Vulnerable pupils as defined by the Department for Education
2. 2 Key Workers (or single parent family) both of whom work for either the NHS / Teachers / Care Workers.
3. 2 Key Workers (or single parent family) both of whom who cannot work from home and one who works for

your child is awaiting collection they will be kept separately from others by a distance of at least 2 metres, ideally in a well-ventilated room with appropriate adult supervision. When you collect your child you should take them straight home; do not use public transport; do not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital unless the child is seriously unwell. In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk.

Follow the NHS guidance on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#) or contact NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access.

May we request that if your child does test positive, you inform school immediately (even if this is in the evening or over the weekend). This allows more time for us to inform the relevant parents that their child needs to self isolate and allows those parents more time to arrange supervision for their child.

NHS / Teacher / Care Worker

4. 2 Key Workers (or a single parent family) both of whom cannot work from home.
5. 1 Key worker who cannot work from home (for clarification this means that one parent is a key worker who cannot work from home and one who can or one key worker who cannot work from home and one parent who is a non key worker).
6. All other key workers (for clarification this refers to key workers who are able to work from home).

Booking forms received after Thursday at 12 noon will be prioritised on a first come, first served basis and **we cannot guarantee that a place will be available if the capacity of your child's year group is full.**

Please note that places will not be offered to any child for whom we have not received evidence of the parent's key worker role eg. photograph of ID badge/wage slip

Remote Learning

We would urge all parents to ensure that all the children are fully engaged with their home learning. This will help to ensure that they keep up with their peers and do not run the risk of not reaching their full potential. Please encourage your child to challenge themselves each week eg:-

1. Learn a new skill-eg, baking, knitting, movie making, a new dance/gymnastic move/calligraphy
2. Refine a skill that they already have eg. art/football/handwriting
3. Research a person / a place/ a dream job etc
4. Do some exercise
5. Earn yourself a Blue Peter badge (see web link below)

The list is endless-we would love to see photos/videos to include in our newsletter.

Here are a list of web links that have lists of activities that may interest your child:-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids>
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/> <https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers> <https://www.pobble365.com/>
<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/kids-cooking-recipes>
<https://colourfulminds.co.uk/>

If your child is struggling with access to technology, please contact school and we will assist with this.

Google Classroom

For any children/parents struggling to access Google Classroom, please click on the links below for some helpful videos:-

<https://youtu.be/GSDf9fQ4v34>

<https://youtu.be/GqEGMOD4SFM>

Mental Health and Well Being

If you are worried about your child's Mental Health and Wellbeing (or your own), please contact school. Mrs Culley and Mrs Perry will signpost you to support. Below are a number of websites that we hope you might find helpful:

<https://www.annafreud.org/coronavirussupport/support-for-young-people/> <https://www.place2be.org.uk/>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-childrensafe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-familiesparents/>
<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

Extra Curricular Activities

Why not take part in one of our online extra-curricular clubs?

Signing choir-please contact Miss Bromley
(class2022c@smmj.org.uk)

Dance Club-please contact Miss Newing
(class2022d@smmj.org.uk)

Both children and parents are most welcome!

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



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