



# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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**Value of the Week**  
**Compassion**

**Newsletter Issue 6**  
**Week ending Friday 13th October 2023**

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you.'

Ephesians 4:32

## Bishop Tom

The children were excited to welcome Bishop Tom into our school this week. 4CD delivered a reverent prayer & liturgy. Bishop Tom enjoyed visiting each class and answering many questions about his role as Bishop!



**Congratulations**



**ICCE** and the rainbow planet

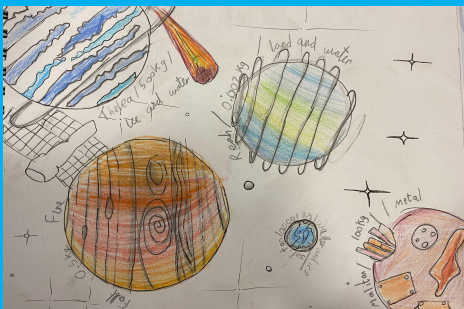
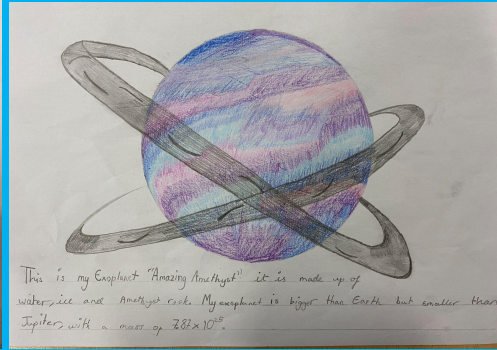
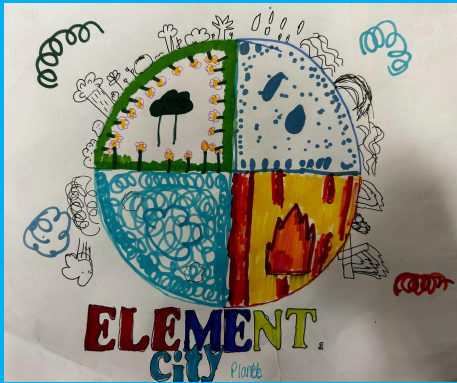
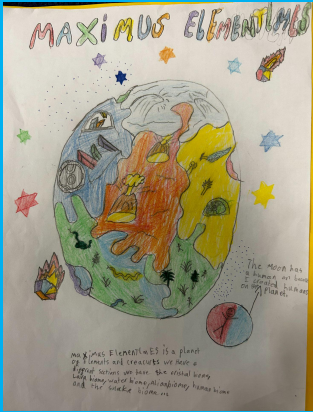
After 2 billion years in the solar system a huge meteor hit one of these planets. About 4000 years later it was struck in only one area. 2 billion years later we can see the two giant planets in outer space.

ICCE is made from mud, rock and ice. It means each a different colour.

ICCE has animals such as roach and fish. The only way life could survive is because of the green and helium.

ICCE is the closest planet to the sun.

Day time  
Night time



A huge well done to all the children who designed their own exoplanet as part of our World Space Week competition. The two winners were Lucas in 4KH and Olivia in 5KL.



Congratulations to Jake in 4CD, for earning his next belt. Keep up that hard work!

### Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

| Class | Certificate of Achievement | Disciple of the Week * | Growth Mindset Award | Attendance Figure<br>(Please refer to key later in the newsletter) |
|-------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 3CF   | Heidi                      | Freya                  | Penelope             | 93.6%  |
| 3GT   | Thomas                     | Leann                  | Teddy                | 96.3%  |
| 3HM   | Hallie                     | Zachary                | Luca                 | 95%  |
| 3ST   | Teddy                      | Angelyn                | Delilah              | 95.9%  |
| 4CD   | Eden                       | Mariah                 | Joshua               | 96%  |
| 4HW   | Blake W                    | Isla                   | Madyson              | 97.4%  |
| 4KH   | Dennis                     | Max                    | Amelia               | 97.5%  |
| 4SC   | Elen                       | John                   | Khloe                | 94.3%  |
| 5AH   | Eva Grace                  | Robyn                  | Bobby                | 96%  |
| 5JK   | Oliver                     | Lucy                   | William              | 94%  |
| 5KL   | Archie                     | William                | Sienna               | 98.7%  |
| 5PS   | Rosie                      | Clara                  | Mikey                | 94%  |
| 6AC   | Logan                      | Isla                   | Alex J               | 96.6%  |
| 6JP   | Jake                       | Remi                   | Daniel               | 94.8%  |
| 6LT   | Zach                       | Lacey-Mae              | Lexi                 | 90.8%  |
| 6SA   | Freya                      | Isla                   | Lucia                | 95.4%  |

**Attendance for the whole school is 95.2%**  
**Dinnertime winners: 3HM, 4SC, 5JK, 6AC**

## Attendance

One of our school priorities this year is to raise attendance and to reduce Persistent Absenteeism (a persistent absentee is defined by the Government as a pupil whose attendance is 90% or less. A child's success in school (both academically and socially) relies on good attendance. If they are missing from school, they are not only missing out on valuable lessons but they are also missing out on the opportunity to forge friendships. If any parent would like some support in securing good attendance for their child, please contact school.

As a rough guide to how good your child's attendance is, please refer to the chart below:-

| Equates to                                   | ATTENDANCE |                  |
|--|------------|------------------|
|  | 100%       | PERFECTION       |
| 4 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE<br>(in a school year)  | 98%        | IMPRESSIVE       |
| 7 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE<br>(in a school year)  | 96%        | GOOD             |
| 9 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE<br>(in a school year)  | 95%        | NEARLY THERE     |
| 11 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE<br>(in a school year) | 94%        | NEEDS TO IMPROVE |
| 19 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE<br>(in a school year) | 90%        | SERIOUS CONCERNS |
| 29 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE<br>(in a school year) | 85%        | GRAVE CONCERNS   |

THIS KEY WILL IDENTIFY HOW WELL YOUR CHILD'S CLASS IS DOING (SEE ATTENDANCE ABOVE)

### Times Table Leaderboard

|                                   | Year 3   | Year 4 | Year 5  | Year 6 |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|--------|
| Highest number of minutes on TTRS | Joseph M | Evelyn | William | Diya   |
| Class with the best engagement    | 3ST      | 4CD    | 5JK     | 6AC    |
| Most Improved                     | Frankie  | George | Sophia  | Laila  |

### HOUSE POINTS -

|            | YEAR 3 | YEAR 4 | YEAR 5 | YEAR 6 | TOTAL |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| St Andrew  | 111    | 84     | 153    | 312    | 660   |
| St David   | 123    | 87     | 137    | 258    | 605   |
| St George  | 114    | 92     | 142    | 354    | 702   |
| St Patrick | 105    | 88     | 153    | 291    | 637   |

### Sport News

A group of our Year 5 pupils took part in a paddle boarding experience provided to us by Everton in the Community. The children had a great day learning a new skill!



Year 5 had a fabulous day Paddle Boarding and Canoeing!

Next week our Year 6 pupils will take part in Swimming lessons

### Book Fair

Many thanks to all who have supported the school book fair this week. All money raised from the Book Fair will go towards the purchase of books for our school.

### St Margaret Mary's Mass

Today we celebrated the feast day of our school saint, St Margaret Mary.

### Child Centred Reviews

This week Mrs Medway conducted some child centred reviews with the parents of Year 3 pupils with SEND. Next week this invitation will be extended to our Year 4 parents of pupils with SEND.

### Accessibility Audit

Next week, we will be having an accessibility audit in school. If any parent has any suggestions as to how we can improve accessibility in school, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team (Mr Pimblett, Mrs Culley, Mrs Medway).

# Reading News

This week, our reading and library ambassadors have been selling old library books. There are still a few left and so sales will continue next week.

We are going to be launching our 'Get Caught Reading' campaign soon. Watch this space for more information! In the meantime, be thinking about what the most interesting and unusual place would be to be seen reading a book!

## PTA

Many thanks to the PTA for their super organisation of this week's discos. An enjoyable time was had by all.

## Anti-Bullying Conference.

Last week, our Anti-bullying ambassadors went with Mrs Perry to the Local Authority Anti-Bullying Conference.. If any child feels that they are encountering difficulties with other children, they should alert school using the following e mail address:-

[anti-bullying@smmj.org.uk](mailto:anti-bullying@smmj.org.uk)

A member of the Pastoral team will regularly check these emails.

## Online Filtering and Monitoring

Filtering and monitoring systems are used within our school to keep pupils safe when using our school's IT system.

**Filtering systems:** block access to harmful sites and content.

**Monitoring systems:** identify when a user accesses or searches for certain types of harmful content on our school devices.

Our school is alerted to any concerning content so that we can intervene and respond. Please remind your child about the correct, responsible and safe way of accessing the internet. If your child has accessed inappropriate material within school you will be contacted by their class teacher or a member of the SLT.

## Reminder

The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on 17th October at 9.00am to administer the nasal spray vaccine to all our children. The online e consent link is now active from 1<sup>st</sup> September. Please see below the link and the QR code to complete a consent form for Flu.



<https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/>

If you need to complete the form over the telephone or require a paper copy don't hesitate to contact the Immunisation Team using the following details:

**Helen Rampling, Immunisation Team Administrator, Child Community Health Service, Knowsley Children's Care Admin Hub, Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Manor Farm PCRC, Manor Farm Road, Huyton, Liverpool, L36 0UB  
Tel:- 0151 351 8805**

## CLC

Classes 4KH and 4HW are currently benefiting from computing sessions led by the CLC.

## Holy Communion

Next week our Year 4 pupils will commence their Holy Communion programme.

## High School Admissions

For our Year 6 parents, applications for high school are now open and will close on **31st October 2023**. 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.

## Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast Club (£2) - 8.00am to the start of the child's registration session.

After School Club (£7) - End of the school day to 17.30pm.

We ask that parents do not send cash into school but instead pay via our ParentPay system.

It is essential that parents book their child a place for each session that they require. Children should not be sent into the Breakfast or After School Club without first having booked a place via parent pay.

Year 3 pupils have brought home their ParentPay login details this week.

## Reminders

In order for us to include your child's image (eg. in the newsletter, on the website, on Twitter) we require consent from parents. With this in mind may we request that you click on the link below to indicate the permissions that you give to school?

<https://forms.gle/YuTCB1s47i5Lv4Zs8>

Please note that you may withdraw permission at any time. If you do wish to change your mind at a later date, please e mail school on:-

slt@smmj.org.uk

## CLC

Next week, pupils in 4HW and 4KH will benefit from Computing sessions with members of the CLC

## Pupil Absence

Please can all parents report pupil absence through the school office and not through the class teacher?

## 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.

### October

Week Beginning 16th-Year 6 Swimming

Year 4 Child Centred Reviews(for parents of pupils with SEND)

17th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 1 (Treasure Hunt in Church)

Flu immunisation

18th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 1 (Treasure Hunt in Church)

19th 4HW and 4KH to work with the CLC

Governors' Buildings, Staffing and Finance Meeting (9am)

Week Beginning 23rd-Year 5 Child Centred Reviews(for parents of pupils with SEND)

24th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 1 (Treasure Hunt in Church)

25th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 1 (Treasure Hunt in Church)

Year 4 Harvest Assembly (2pm)-venue to be confirmed

26th 4HW and 4KH to work with the CLC

Year 4 Harvest Assembly (9.30am)-venue to be confirmed

27th Coffee Morning (9.30-10.30am)-doors will open at 9.10am

School closes for the half term holiday

31st Closing Date for Secondary School Applications



## November

Week Beginning 6th November-Year 6 Child Centred reviews (for parents of pupils with SEND)

6th-Return to school following half term holiday

9th 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC

10th Pre-Loved Book Sale (Clare Lawson Room)

Week Beginning 13th National Anti-Bullying Week

Year 5 Swimming

14th PTA Meeting in 3CF (3.30pm)

Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2

15th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2

16th 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC

Governors' Curriculum Meeting (2pm)

Week Beginning 20th Year 5 Swimming

Assessment Week in School

21st Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2

22nd Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2

23rd 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC

30th 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC

## December

### December

1st School closed for INSET Day

Week Beginning 4th Assertive Mentoring Conversations (Dates and Times to be decided)

4th - 5JK Assertive Mentoring Conversations

5th Year 4 Communion Session 3

5th - 5PS Assertive Mentoring Conversations

5th - 6LT Assertive Mentoring Conversations

6th - 5AH - Assertive Mentoring Conversations

6th Year 4 Communion Session 3

6AC Assertive Mentoring Conversations

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

7th 3HM Assertive Mentoring Conversations

7th - 5KL Assertive Mentoring Conversations

8th Christmas Jumper Day

Coffee Morning

Christmas Fair (pm) 2pm-4.15pm

Week Beginning 11th Assertive Mentoring Conversations (Dates and Times to be decided)

11th Stay and Pray Choir Event

12th Year 4 Communion Session 3

Year 3 Nativity Performance for Year 2

13th Year 4 Communion Session 3

Year 3 Nativity Performance for parents (1.15pm)-venue to be confirmed

14th 3GT and 3HM to work with the CLC

15th Breakfast with Santa

Year 4 Reconciliation

Christmas Lunch

18th Christmas Carol Concert for Parents (9.30am)

Christmas Party

19th Whole School to the Christmas Pantomime-Sleeping Beauty

20th End of Term Mass

Christmas Talent Show

## Extra-Curricular Timetable

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

|               |               | Monday | Tuesday       | Wednesday     | Thursday       | Friday         |
|---------------|---------------|--------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>YEAR 3</b> | Before School |        | homework club | homework club | wake and shake | wake and shake |
|               | Lunchtime     |        |               |               | Origami Club   |                |

|        |               |                             |               |                |                |                |
|--------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|        | After School  |                             | Junior Choir  |                |                | Rebound Dance  |
| YEAR 4 | Before School |                             | homework club | homework club  | wake and shake | wake and shake |
|        | Lunchtime     |                             |               |                | Origami club   |                |
|        | After School  |                             | Junior Choir  |                | Rebound Dance  |                |
| YEAR 5 | Before School |                             |               | Girls football | wake and shake | wake and shake |
|        | Lunchtime     | Cross Country               |               | Cross Country  | Origami Club   |                |
|        | After School  |                             |               |                | Senior Choir   |                |
| YEAR 6 | Before School |                             |               |                | wake and shake | wake and shake |
|        | Lunchtime     | Cross Country<br>Chess Club |               | Cross Country  | Origami Club   |                |
|        | After School  |                             |               |                | Senior Choir   |                |

### Social Media

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

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



We're working towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts Council England

