



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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Value of the Week
Compassion

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

Ephesians 4:32

World Space Week

This week has been World Space Week. Our curriculum ambassadors presented about this in Monday's assembly. In each class, the children have been learning about space and working hard to design their own exoplanet. Next week, we will have some entries to share with you all!



Exoplanets (planets beyond our solar system)

Task: design your own exoplanet.

- You will need to decide on a name - be as creative as you can!
- What will your planet be made from? Will it be rocky (like Earth and Venus) or gas-rich (like Jupiter and Saturn)?
- Include whether it will be made from certain elements: water, ice, iron or lava.
- Can you include the size and mass of your exoplanet?

Congratulations



Well done to Amber in 3ST! This week she got a trophy for her wonderful work in dancing.



Well done to Ruby in 3HM! This week she won a bronze medal for her work on hoops and Silk in gymnastics.

Well done to Joseph with his Townsey JFC team and was given the trophy to congratulate him for his great contribution



Well done to all the Theatre Cafe performers who performed during lunch time today. Everybody enjoyed the entertainment. Thank you for all their 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 (Please refer to key later in the newsletter)
3CF	Hattie	Ayla	Leo	96%
3GT	Jacob	Vogue	Charlie	95.5%
3HM	Rowena	Jude	Harun	96.1%

3ST	Lucas	Gabrielle	Nyle	93.8%
4CD	Franklin	Sebastian	Riley	97%
4HW	Oliver	Amelia	Aine	97.7%
4KH	Liliana	Mary-Jane	Angel	94.9%
4SC	Godly	Evelyn	Amelia	98%
5AH	Isaac	Evie	Adon	96.7%
5JK	Rosa	Luca	Carter	95.7%
5KL	Millie	Harriet	William	95%
5PS	Heitor	Finley	Emma	97.3%
6AC	Leon	Olivia	Leo	94.5%
6JP	Tyler	Tess	Steven	94.8%
6LT	Cody	Emily	Hana	91.7%
6SA	Emily-Grace	Gbemi	Orlagh	93.9%

Attendance for the whole school is 95.5%

Dinnertime winners: 3GT, 4SC, 5AH, 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 (in a school year)	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	96%	GOOD
9 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	95%	NEARLY THERE
11 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
19 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS
29 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (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	Karthik	William	Diya
Class with the best engagement	3GT	4HW	5JK	6AC
Most Improved	Teddy	Imogen	Heitor	Hana

HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	221	311	269	371	1172
St David	245	308	276	366	1195
St George	217	332	281	361	1191
St Patrick	233	317	245	358	1153

Sport News

A huge well done to the Year 5 and 6 girls football team who won all three of their league matches this week. The girls have been training together for the last couple of years and are developing a great togetherness. They are now joint top of the league.



Our upper school team went along to Prescot yesterday to play their next three league games. Again we had a couple of our boys making their debuts for the school and both did really well. They won 5-0, lost 3-0 and finished off with a great 2-1 win against Malvern with a wonder goal in the last minute from Steven W.



Congratulations to the Y3 boys who represented SMMJ in their first football tournament as a team. A total of six games were played. They won five games and drew one, and only one goal was conceded throughout the tournament. An excellent performance was shown by all the boys. A well deserved win! A huge thanks to the parents who turned up and showed their support.



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. The book fair will continue next week until Wednesday (11th October).

St Margaret Mary's Mass

On Friday 13th October we will be celebrating our feast day of St. Margaret Mary. We will gather as a school community in church at 11am to celebrate our special saint.

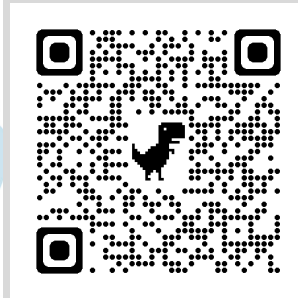
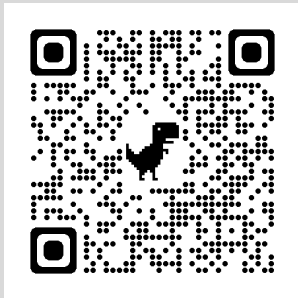


Reading News

Next week, our reading and library ambassadors will be selling some of our pre-loved books during breaktime. All the books being sold are in good condition and will be priced at 30p. Children can bring money into school and purchase books from Monday.

Funds raised will go towards buying new books for our class libraries!

Remember to check out the reading section of our school website and look at our current recommended reading book spines!



PTA

The PTA Autumn Disco will take place next week:-

3.15-4.15pm Lower Keystage 2 (Years 3 and 4)

4.30-5.30pm Upper Keystage 2 (Years 5 and 6)

We hope that as many children as possible will be able to attend.

Anti-Bullying email address

As a school we are keen to ensure that every child's experience is a positive one. 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

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.

Online Safety Presentation

Please find attached a link to a recording of a parents online safety presentation, delivered by Knowsley's CLC:

[Parents Session Oct 2023 - Google Drive](#)

During the presentation, we highlighted the following links:

- Taming Gaming: <https://www.familygamingdatabase.com/en-gb/home>
- Test your Home Filtering: <https://testfiltering.com/>
- Google The Legends Family Adventure: https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents/adventure
- SchoolsMobile: <https://schoolsmobile.com/en-us/> (Chargeable subscription)

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 1st 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, 1st Floor, Manor Farm PCRC, Manor Farm Road, Huyton, Liverpool, L36 0UB
Tel:- 0151 351 8805**

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 9th-Year 3 Child Centred Reviews (for parents of pupils with SEND)

11th Bishop Tom in School

12th 4HW and 4KH to work with the CLC

Governor Morning

PTA Disco- Years 3 and 4 (3.15pm-4.15pm)

Years 5 and 6 (4.30-5.30pm)

13th St Margaret Mary's Feast Day Mass

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)

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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

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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 - 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
YEAR 3	Before School					
	Lunchtime				Origami Club	
	After School		Junior Choir			Rebound Dance
YEAR 4	Before School					
	Lunchtime				Origami club	
	After School		Junior Choir		Rebound Dance	
YEAR 5	Before School			Girls football		
	Lunchtime	Cross Country		Cross Country	Origami Club	
	After School				Senior Choir	
	Before School					

YEAR 6	Lunchtime	Cross Country Chess Club Lego 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

