



# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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**Value of the Week**  
**Kindness**

**Newsletter Issue 11**  
**Week ending Friday 24th November 2023**

*'.....So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.....'*  
*Matthew 7:12*

## Community Partnership Award Winners

Last weekend, our school was honoured at the Educate Awards when we were announced as winners of the Community Partnership Award. We dedicate this award to Olivia Pratt-Korbel and her family.



## 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	Penelope	Anpin	Noah	94.1%
3GT	Angel	Jessica	Mishaal	97%
3HM	Dollie-Rose	Caoimhe	Harry	96.4%
3ST	Aashika	Nancy	Ethan	97.2%
4CD	Jack	Caitlin	Alfie	98.6%
4HW	Blake W	Amelia	Blake R	96.8%
4KH	Annalise	Nolan	Pearl	94.7%
4SC	John	Elen	Joseph	95.8%
5AH	Harley	Eva-Grace	Ayden	98%
5JK	Dixie	Gracie	Franek	91.3%
5KL	Aryana	Sophia	Milo	91.3%
5PS	Serah	Sophie	Lee	94.3%
6AC	Edward	Amy	Daniel	93.9%
6JP	Myla	Remi	Steven	97.9%
6LT	Stevie	Abbie	Michael	94.1%
6SA	Riley	Lucia	Jake	97.1%

Attendance for the whole school is 95.5%

Dinnertime winners:

## 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)

Please note that holidays taken in term time are never authorised by school (other than VERY exceptional circumstances) and are likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice Fine.

## Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Gabrielle	Karthik	William	Diya
Class with the best engagement	3HM	4CD	5PS	6SA
Most Improved	Joseph	Halle	Harley M	Aaron

### HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	176	74	434	283	966
St David	175	82	415	253	925
St George	181	57	439	218	895
St Patrick	170	70	426	295	961

## Sport News

It has been another busy week for our Sport Teams.

Pupils in Year 4 took part in the Everton Football Tournament. The boys all performed well, winning two of their matches.



Our Year 5/6 girls also competed in the EFC Tournament.



Next week is a particularly sporty week for Year 5 as they continue with their Swimming lessons. A group of Year 5 pupils will also take part in a New Age Kurling competition

## Reading News

A big thank you to everyone who shared photographs for our Get Caught Reading display. It was really difficult to pick our winners, but the children decided that these were their favourites - we have a winner from each year group.  
Well done to Jacob, Liliana, Oscar and Hana!



## Assessment Week and Assertive Mentoring Conversations

This week has been Assessment Week and the outcome of these Assessments will be given to parents at our forthcoming Assertive Mentoring Conversations.

Assertive Mentoring Conversations will take place as follows:-

3CF Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

3GT Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

3HM Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

3ST Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

4CD Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

4HW Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

4KH Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

4SC Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

5AH Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

5JK Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

5KL Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

5PS Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

6AC Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

6JP Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

6LT Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

6SA Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

## **Anfield Trip**

This week, our Sport Ambassadors visited Anfield stadium to take part in The Real Truth Legacy Project by the LFC Foundation. The children got to explore items from the Hillsborough disaster and listen to a presentation about what happened and what could have prevented it. All the children learnt a lot, on what was a poignant trip. The children particularly found useful talks from MP Ian Byrne and Jenni Hicks, Mother of Sarah and Vicki Hicks who sadly lost their lives at Hillsborough.





## 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.

## SEND Coffee Mornings



We will be running a series of SEND Coffee Mornings throughout this year, to give parents some background information about specific SEND conditions and to offer guidance and ideas of how best to support your child at home.

Our first coffee morning will take place on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 9:15am** with a follow up meeting on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am**. Both of these coffee mornings will focus on **Neurodiversity** - which can include conditions such as Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and Dyspraxia.

These two coffee mornings will be led by Emily from Knowsley Mental Health Services. Mrs Medway and Mrs Perry will also attend to help with any support you may need to support your child at home. It is also an opportunity to speak to other parents, who may be going through similar concerns with their children and may be able to offer help, advice and support. We hope to see lots of you there.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Mrs Medway on [medway@smmj.org.uk](mailto:medway@smmj.org.uk)

## Support from your Local Councillor

Swanside councillors are here to support and signpost our community to relevant organisations. Anyone who is struggling (mental health, money, housing, etc) should contact their Swanside Councillors:-

Knowsley

Graham Morgan [graham.morgan@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:graham.morgan@knowsley.gov.uk)

Colin Dever [colin.dever@knowlsey.gov.uk](mailto:colin.dever@knowlsey.gov.uk)

Christine [christine.bannon@Knowlsey.gov.uk](mailto:christine.bannon@Knowlsey.gov.uk)iverpool

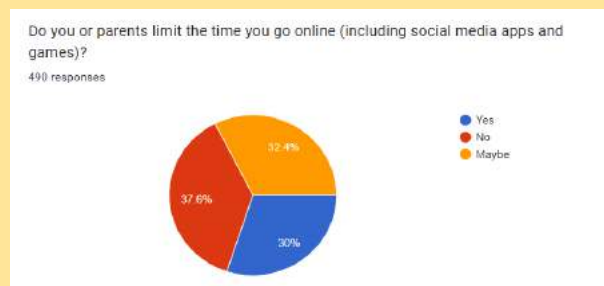
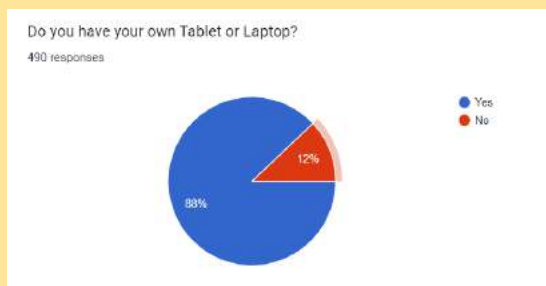
Knotty Ash Dovecot Ward

Harry Doyle [harry-doyle@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:harry-doyle@liverpool.gov.uk)



## Online Safety Survey

All our children have taken part in an Online Safety Survey recently. Over the next couple of weeks we will share some of that data with you in the newsletter. We are sharing this information with you as parents and carers to raise your awareness of our children's thoughts and use of technology and access to the internet. In doing so we hope we can encourage you to monitor their use and safety on their Smartphone and the internet.



37.6% of our children reported that there is no limit set by adults on the amount of time they spend online.

*Most research agrees that although specific screen time limits are dated, there does come a point where excessive device use has negative impacts, affecting sleep, health and mood. One study found that "adolescents spending a small amount of time on electronic communication were the happiest", though its suggestion of one hour of daily screen time for teenagers is laughable to anyone trying to parent one. (Guardian Newspaper)*

With the above quote in mind, I am sure we would all agree that a good balance between screen time and non-screen time activities would benefit all our children the best. In addition, at least an hour of non screen time before bed certainly promotes a more positive nights sleep.

### CLC

Classes 3CF and 3ST are currently benefiting from computing sessions led by the CLC.

### Power of Parenting Programme

Popp - Mrs Harris the Learning Mentor from our Infant school and myself collaborated in writing the Power of Parenting Programme (POPP). addressing the areas of concern that parents had shared and asked for help with. POPP is designed and written to focus on:

1. understanding behaviour
2. feeling isolated
3. child development
4. reframing language
5. boost confidence and self esteem
6. screen time
7. communication skills
8. emotional health and well-being
9. further develop the skills required to parent
10. establishing routines and boundaries
11. further develop strategies to guide, nurture and encourage positive behaviour in both parent and child

Comments from parents who have attended POPP:

- I think every parent should attend POPP
- Parenting is the hardest but most rewarding job in the world, it's good to have this help along the way

- I loved coming and enjoyed the 4 sessions learning how to communicate better with my little one, i have found it very beneficial
- Fantastic sessions, very informative
- A very welcoming group

Dates for the next POPP programme will be advertised in the spring term.

### Parent Forum

Many thanks to all parents who joined this week's Parent Forum. We hope you found it to be beneficial

### RSHE Meeting for Parents

Many thanks to all who joined us this week to find out what will be covered in our Relationships, Sex and Health Education lessons. Should there be any queries in relation to any aspect of RSHE, parents should contact Mrs Culley.

### NSPCC Virtual Assembly

Our whole school took part in the NSPCC 'Speak Out Stay Safe' virtual assembly in their classes this week. Speak out Stay safe is a safeguarding programme for children aged 5- to 11-years-old. It is available to all primary schools in the UK. It helps children understand:

- abuse in all its forms and how to recognise the signs of abuse
- that abuse is never a child's fault and they have the right to be safe
- where to get help and the sources of help available, including the Childline telephone number



### Multi-language Event

This week, Miss Scott took a group of our pupils to Huyton Library to a Multi-language event. The children enjoyed different foods, watched various dances and listened to poems from other cultures.



The  
Ogden  
Trust

School  
Partnership

We are now a part of the Ogden Trust partnership programme, which means we are working in collaboration with other local schools to support physics education and promote a love of physics within learners. There will be a competition from next week to launch our project!

**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.

## November

29th - 3CF and 3GT Assertive Mentoring Conversations  
30th 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC

## 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 - 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 6JP 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

11th - 5PS Assertive Mentoring Conversations

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

13th - 5KL Assertive Mentoring Conversations

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

15th Year 4 Reconciliation

Christmas Lunch

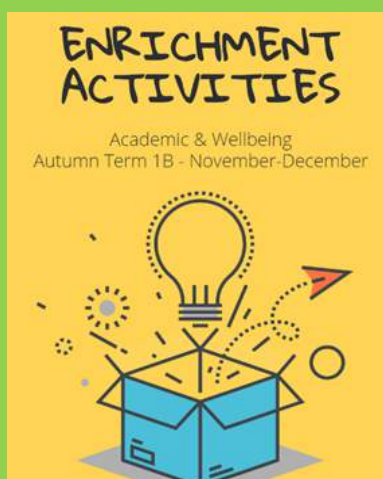
18th Christmas Carol Concert for Parents (9.30am)

Christmas Party

19th Whole School to the Christmas Pantomime-Sleeping Beauty

20th End of Term Mass

Christmas Talent Show



**Wake and Shake** has been a great success and will now take place in the school hall EVERY morning 8.15am - 8.30am. All children are welcome and are encouraged to come along and start the day with a bit of fun exercise led by Mrs Mills and Miss Devonport. Sometimes Mickey and Minnie even turn up!



		<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Before School					
	Lunchtime			<b>Quiz Club</b> 12:15 - 12:45 Mrs Medway	<b>Origami Club</b> 12:00 - 12:30 Mrs Culley	
	After School	<b>Speech Choir</b> 15:15 - 16:00 Miss Kearns Mrs V Bargaen	<b>Junior Choir</b> 15:15 -16:00 Miss Finnegan Mrs Heynemand			<b>Rebound Dance</b> 15:00 - 16:00 Mrs Finnegan
<b>YEAR 4</b>	Before School				<b>Girl's Football</b> 08:00 - 08:30 Miss Whewell Miss Scott	
	Lunchtime		<b>Computer Club</b> 12:10 - 12:30 Mr Silvano <b>Homework Club</b> 12:10 - 12:40 Mrs Dwerryhouse	<b>Quiz Club</b> 12:15 - 12:45 Mrs Medway <b>Homework Club</b> 12:10 - 12:40 Mrs Walters	<b>Origami Club</b> 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Culley	
	After School		<b>Junior Choir</b> 15:15 -16:00 Miss Finnegan Mrs Heynemand <b>Dodgeball</b> 15:15 - 16:15 Rachel LFC		<b>Rebound Dance</b> 15:15 - 16:15 <b>Art Club</b> 3:15-4:15pm Miss Howell	<b>Sewing Club</b> 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs O'Brien Mrs Murphy
<b>YEAR 5</b>	Before School			<b>Bleep Test</b> 08:30 - 08:50 Mr Braithwaite	<b>Girl's Football</b> 08:00 - 08:30 Miss Whewell Miss Scott	
	Lunchtime			<b>Quiz Club</b> 12:15 - 12:45 Mrs Medway	<b>Origami Club</b> 12:00 - 12:30 Mrs Culley	
	After School	<b>Boy's Football</b> 15:15 - 16:15 Mr Lightfoot			<b>Senior Choir</b> 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Heynemand Mrs Wilkinson	

<b>YEAR 6</b>	Before School	<b>Table Tennis</b> 08:30 - 08:50 Mrs Tedford	<b>Bleep Test</b> 08:30 - 08:50 Miss Tansey	<b>Table Tennis</b> 08:30 - 08:50 Mr Arnold	<b>Girl's Football</b> 08:00 - 08:30 Miss Whewell Miss Scott <b>Table Tennis</b> 08:30 - 08:50 Mr Lightfoot	<b>Table Tennis</b> 08:30 - 08:50 Mrs Shipley
	Lunchtime	<b>Chess Club</b> 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Ambrose	<b>Computer Club</b> 12:00 - 12:30 Mr Silvano <b>Library Club</b> 12:30-13:00 Mrs Shipley Mrs Tedford	<b>Quiz Club</b> 12:15 - 12:45 Mrs Medway	<b>Origami Club</b> 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Culley <b>Lego Club</b> 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Povey	<b>Fun Football</b> 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Finnegan
	After School		<b>Sewing Club</b> 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs O'Brien Mrs Murphy	<b>Boy's Football</b> 15:15 - 16:15 Connor EFC <b>Reading Club</b> 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Finnegan	<b>Senior Choir</b> 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Heynemand Mrs Wilkinson	

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