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Value of the Week
Hope

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'.....For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord.....'
Jeremiah 29 : 11

Christmas Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported today's Coffee Morning and Christmas Fair. We hope you enjoyed both events.



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	Poppy	Kendall	Matthew	90.4%
3GT	Laina	Sam	Santanna-Marie	93.1%
3HM	Arthur	Luca	Evan-James	92.4%
3ST	Clare	Phoebe	Luke	94.8%
4CD	Freya	Isla	Lena	93.1%
4HW	Aine	Gabriel	Harris	93.1%
4KH	Lincoln	Mia-Rose	Isabelle F	94.9%
4SC	Jacob	Finley H	Khloe	95.6%
5AH	Alvina	Shawn	Frankie	95%
5JK	Aithan	Mila	Luca	98.4%
5KL	Anna	Millie	Olivia	91.3%
5PS	Amelia	Bella G	Kai	90.8%
6AC	Alvina	Logan	Vincent	96%
6JP	Isaac	Jake	Daniel	93.8%
6LT	Thomas	Lexi	Jacob	95.7%
6SA	Zuzia	Amelia C	Laila-Grace	94.6%

Attendance for the whole school is 94%

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 the 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 T	Karthik	William	Diya
Class with the best engagement	3HM	4HW	5JK	6SA
Most Improved	Felicity	Alfie	Adon	Lexi

HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	108	45	347	271	771
St David	112	52	309	262	735
St George	106	61	270	282	719
St Patrick	119	49	336	240	744

Congratulations

Congratulations to all our Rock Steady pupils who performed for their parents this week.



Well done to our year 5 children who have been swimming over the past 2 weeks. Here is a message from the teacher:

I would just like to say I had the absolute pleasure to teach your year 5s in swimming lessons this week and last week. They are great role models and you are lucky to have such an amazing year group who not only listen well but all have amazing personalities. I wish them all the best in their amazing futures.

kind regards

Louis

We are super proud of year 5. Well done on amazing behaviour and keep it up!!

Congratulations to all this week's Christmas Theatre Cafe performers



Milo and Jude completed the Santa Dash in the city centre. They had a great time completing the race!



Congratulations Harli 5KL. Who won 1st place- gold with her teammates at the Allied Dance Competition last weekend.





Congratulations to Miss Madden.
On Tuesday, she gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Eliza Hope, weighing 7lb 4oz. Both mother and baby are doing well at home. May God bless you and your precious new baby!



Assessment Week and Assertive Mentoring Conversations

We hope that everyone has found their Assertive Mentoring Conversation to be beneficial. The remaining Assertive Mentoring Conversations will take place as follows:-

5KL Wednesday 13th December

5PS Monday 11th December

3ST - Date to be decided when Miss Tennant Returns

Christmas Activities

Lots of exciting events for us to look:

10th December - Liverpool Phoenix Voices in Concert - St Margaret Mary's Church at 3pm (Sunday).

Tickets £5. Children free.

11th December - Stay and Pray - from 3.30pm - **Parents Welcome**

12th December - Nativity Performance for **Year 2 and Junior Children** (1.15pm - 2.15pm)

13th December - Year 3 Nativity Performance for **Parents** (1:15pm - 2:15pm)

14th December - Year 3 Nativity Performance for **Parents** (10am - 11am)

15th December - Christmas Lunch

17th December - Parish Carol Service - St Margaret Mary's Church at 3pm (Sunday)

18th December - Christmas Carol Service (9.30am) - **Parents Welcome**

Christmas Party

19th December - Children to the Christmas Pantomime at M&S Arena.

Our School Choir have lots of events next week:-

Monday 11th December Visit to Thingwall for Singing - During the school day.

Thursday 14th Choir Practice til 16.30pm

Friday 15th trip to Sedgemoor Centre - during the school day (Please ensure your child has a warm coat.)

SEND Coffee Mornings



Many thanks to all who have attended the coffee mornings over the past two weeks. Coffee Mornings will resume in the New Year. If you are interested in attending any future Coffee Mornings, please contact Mrs Medway on medway@smmj.org.uk

Well Done Year 5

Year 5 have been swimming the last 2 weeks and it was lovely to receive the following email from one of the instructors.

I would just like to say I had the absolute pleasure to teach your Year 5 children in swimming lessons this week and last week. They are great role models and you are lucky to have such an amazing year group who not only listen well but all have amazing personalities. I wish them all the best in their amazing futures.

The fact that the instructor went out of his way to email school speaks volumes for how you all impressed him. Well done Year 5 for making us all so proud

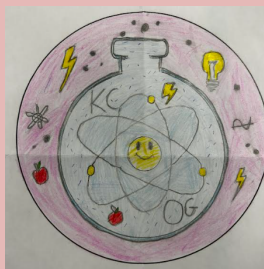
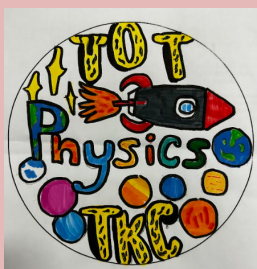
Connect The Classroom



DfE's Connect the Classroom is a government-funded programme to improve internet speed in schools. We are happy to announce that we have now gone live without any issues or network downtime. Our new improved network infrastructure and wifi 6 access points. The school has excellent coverage for internet connectivity. Now that all of our pupils have access to Chromebooks, we can use them simultaneously without experiencing any connectivity problems, allowing us to truly innovate in the classroom and integrate ICT into engaging, everyday learning experiences. By improving speed and security, upgrading the wifi has helped our school prepare its network for the future and improve the experience of teaching and learning in the classroom.

The Ogden Trust Logo Competition

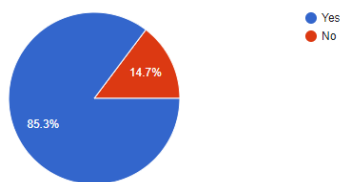
Well done to all children who submitted entries for our logo competition, especially Tess (6JP), Franek (5JK) and Archie W (5AH) whose designs have been submitted on behalf of our school.



Online Safety

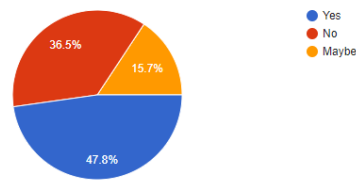
Do you play games online?

490 responses



Do you play online games with or against people who you don't know in real life?

490 responses



This week's data from our recent Online Safety Survey shows that a worrying 47.8% of our pupils who game online have gamed with people that they do not know face to face, whilst 15.7% say they 'may' have gamed with people they don't know face to face.

In terms of online safety, we urge all parents and carers to ensure your child only plays games with children that they know face to face. If the individual is not known to your child there is no way of guaranteeing they are who they say they are.

With this in mind please see the link below which contains practical advice on common issues for children of various age groups, focusing on screen time, gaming, and viewing inappropriate content.

[Online Safety Leaflets & resources - Internet Matters](#)

Parental Control Guidance

Please see the link below to a Parent Online Safety booklet, which includes an overview of key parental controls. This document has been created by Knowsley CLC. At this time of year when the children may be receiving various electronic devices this booklet will be really useful to ensure you safeguard your child against any inappropriate content which could leave them vulnerable.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Parental-Controls-booklet-2023.pdf>

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Dinner will take place on Friday 15th December 2023. The price of a lunch is £2.20p, children entitled to a free school meals will continue to receive a free email. Children can order a lunch on the day.



Rainbows

Mrs Perry and Mrs Culley have been working with the most delightful group of children over the past term in our Rainbows sessions. This particular cohort of children will be finishing the programme just before Christmas. A new group will start in the Spring term, if you would like for your child to be considered please dojo your child's class teacher for more information.



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.

December

- 11th - Stay and Pray Choir Event
- 11th - 5PS Assertive Mentoring Conversations
- 12th - Year 4 Communion Session 3
 - Year 3 Nativity Performance for Year 2 and Junior Children (1.15pm - 2.15pm)
- 13th - Year 4 Communion Session 3
 - Year 3 Nativity Performance for parents (1.15pm - 2.15pm)
- 13th - 5KL Assertive Mentoring Conversations
- 14th - 3GT and 3HM to work with the CLC
 - Year 3 Nativity Performance for parents (10am - 11am)
- 15th - Year 4 Reconciliation
 - Christmas Lunch
- 18th - Christmas Carol Concert for Parents (9.30am - 10.30am)
 - Christmas Party
- 19th - Whole School to the Christmas Pantomime-Sleeping Beauty
- 20th - End of Term Mass
 - Christmas Talent Show
 - Finish school for Christmas Holiday -1.30pm



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! Infant siblings (no toddlers) are welcome to attend but must be

accompanied by an adult.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YEAR 3	Before School					
	Lunchtime			Quiz Club 12:15 - 12:45 Mrs Medway	Origami Club 12:00 - 12:30 Mrs Culley	
	After School	Speech Choir 15:15 - 16:00 Miss Kearns Mrs V Bargin	Choir to restart after the Christmas Break.			Rebound to restart after the Christmas Break.

YEAR 4	Before School				Girl's Football 08:00 - 08:30 Miss Whewell Miss Scott	
	Lunchtime		Computer Club 12:10 - 12:30 Mr Silvano Homework Club 12:10 - 12:40 Mrs Dwerryhouse	Quiz Club 12:15 - 12:45 Mrs Medway Homework Club 12:10 - 12:40 Mrs Walters	Origami Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Culley	
	After School		Choir to restart after the Christmas Break. Dodgeball 15:15 - 16:15 Rachel LFC		Rebound to restart after the Christmas Break. Art Club 3:15-4:15pm Miss Howell	Sewing Club 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs O'Brien Mrs Murphy
YEAR 5	Before School			Bleep Test 08:30 - 08:50 Mr Braithwaite	Girl's Football 08:00 - 08:30 Miss Whewell Miss Scott	
	Lunchtime			Quiz Club 12:15 - 12:45 Mrs Medway	Origami Club 12:00 - 12:30 Mrs Culley	
	After School	Boy's Football 15:15 - 16:15 Mr Lightfoot			Senior Choir 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Heynemand Mrs Wilkinson	
YEAR 6	Before School	Table Tennis 08:30 - 08:50 Mrs Tedford	Bleep Test 08:30 - 08:50 Miss Tansey	Table Tennis 08:30 - 08:50 Mr Arnold	Girl's Football 08:00 - 08:30 Miss Whewell Miss Scott Table Tennis 08:30 - 08:50 Mr Lightfoot	Table Tennis 08:30 - 08:50 Mrs Shipley
	Lunchtime	Chess Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Ambrose	Computer Club 12:00 - 12:30 Mr Silvano Library Club 12:30-13:00 Mrs Shipley Mrs Tedford	Quiz Club 12:15 - 12:45 Mrs Medway	Origami Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Culley Lego Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Povey	Fun Football 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Finnegan

	After School		Sewing Club 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs O'Brien Mrs Murphy	Boy's Football 15:15 - 16:15 Connor EFC Reading Club 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Finnegan	Senior Choir 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Heynemand Mrs Wilkinson	

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