



# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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**Value of the Week**  
**Love**

**Newsletter Issue 18**  
**Week ending Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**

*'.....Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.....'*  
*1 Corinthians 13:4-5*

## **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	Freya	Olivia	Ndia	93.8%
3GT	Leann	Angel	George	94.4%
3HM	Akshayan	William	Ruby	93.6%
3ST	Felicity	Claire	Azaniah	94.5%
4CD	Bobby	Jake	Lena	76.2%
4HW	Connie	Joseph	Jude	90.3%
4KH	Amaya	Bella	Hayden	96.9%
4SC	Theo	Godly	Imogen	92.6%
5AH	Nina-Rose	Shawn	Paul	93.3%
5JK	Billy	Christian	Timothy	92.3%
5KL	Oscar	Milo	Anna	91%
5PS	Thomas	William	Liv	89.3%
6AC	Isla	Alvina	Leon	95.7%
6JP	Florence	Sophia	Nevaeh	97.9%
6LT	Sebastian	Erin	Emi	86.9%
6SA	Annabel	Sophia	Isla	95%

**Attendance for the whole school is 92.1%**

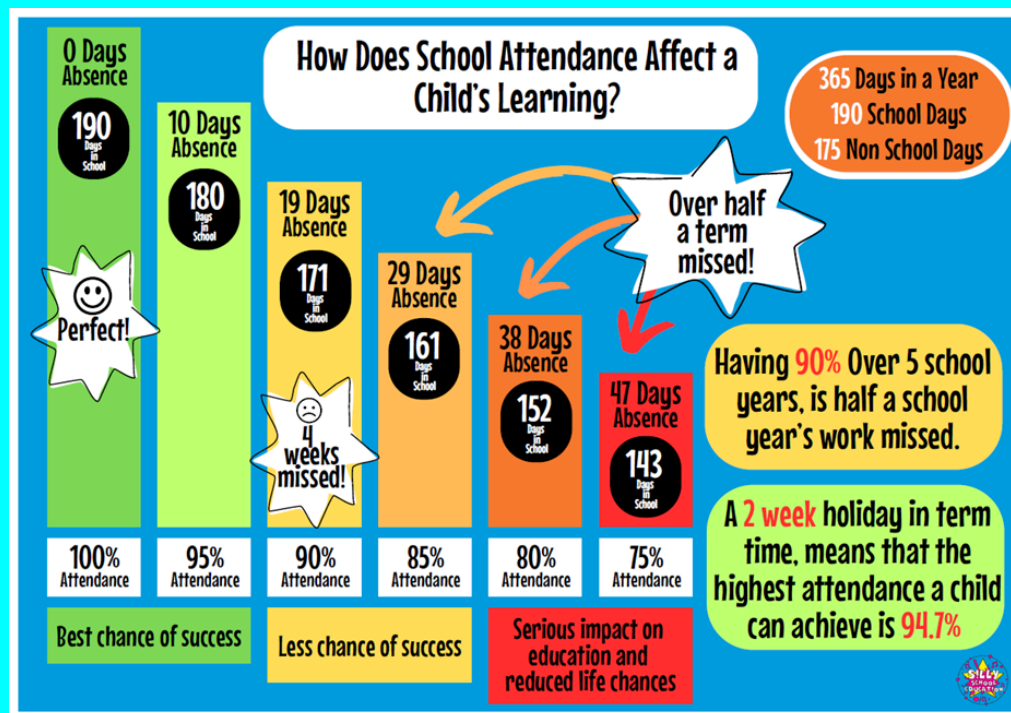
**Dinnertime winners:**

## Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Harry	Julia	Serah	Diya
Class with the best engagement	3HM	4HW	5PS	6AC
Most Improved	Ethan	Bobby	Sienna	Riley

## HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	257	198	201	302	
St David	286	195	200	287	
St George	295	197	213	302	
St Patrick	266	200	202	337	



## Questionnaire

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete our Parents' Questionnaire (59 parents in total). The results of the questionnaire are as follows:-

98.3% parents (58 out of 59) stated that their child was happy in school

100% feel that their child is safe in school

96.6% (57 out of 59) believe that the pupils in school behave well.

96.6% (57 out of 59) have either never had their child experience bullying or feel that it was well dealt with

74.1%(43 out of 59) feel that school makes them aware of what their child is learning \*

91.4%(54 out of 59) have never had to raise a concern or feel that their concern has been dealt with well

96.6%(57 out of 59) feel that SEND pupils are given the support that they need

93.2% (55 out of 59) feel that school has high expectations of their child

96.6%(57 out of 59) feel that their child is doing well in school

89.8% (53 out of 59) feel that school inform parents of how well their child is doing

96.6% (57 out of 59) feel that we teach a wide range of subjects

86.4% (51 out of 59) are happy with the range of extra-curricular activities

96.6%(57 out of 59) feel that school is inclusive

93.2% (55 out of 59) would recommend our school to others.

\*In order to make parents more aware of what their child is learning, we will be sending a termly curriculum map out to parents-parents should have received the first of these.

A number of parents had never heard of the SHINE curriculum. This is our school's bespoke Personal Development curriculum which takes place weekly and prepares pupils for adult life. The SHINE curriculum was outlined at our Autumn 2 Parent Forum and is detailed in each newsletter. So far this term we have covered:-

Safety (online safety)

Health and wellbeing (mental health)

Independence (financial capability)

News (what's in the news?)

The final SHINE lesson of the half term (Equality and Diversity) will take place on Monday. A representative from Knowsley SHARE will talk to the children about refugees and asylum seekers.

In terms of extra-curricular activities, please refer to the chart at the end of the newsletter. If parents can suggest any further clubs, they should speak to their child's class teacher/year group head.

### Knowsley Councillor Support

Our local Councillors are receiving an increased number of contacts from residents who are struggling.

Our Swanside Councillors send out on a weekly basis a community newsletter that includes support information from local community centres, churches, etc.

If you would like to receive the community newsletter and/or in need of support please contact the Councillors on the following email addresses:

Colin.dever@knowsley.gov.uk

Graham.morgan@knowsley.gov.uk

Christine.bannon@knowsley.gov.uk

## SPORT NEWS

This week has been a busy week for our Sport Teams.

Our Year 5 and 6 girls have competed in the ESFA Merseyside 7 aside Pokemon Finals this week. The girls finished fourth, winning three games, losing two games and drawing one game. Girls football continues to grow in our school and we are proud of all of those who attend training every week.



The Year 5 and 6 boys have competed in the Huyton Football League this week and once again did themselves proud. We gave debuts to boys in both year groups. Well done to Oliver and Isaac who both fitted in well.

We won 2, drew 2 and lost the other. The 'Player of the Day was Carter.





Our school Dodgeball Team has also been competing this week. This was their first tournament and they all had a great time competing and having lots of fun which is what it is all about.

### Interviews

This week we have held interviews for Teaching Assistants. The successful applicants will join our school next month

### SHINE

This week's SHINE lesson was devoted to 'News'. The children discussed and debated recent news stories. .

### CLC

Classes 6LT and 6SA are currently benefiting from computing sessions led by the CLC.

### Mass

This week, Year 3 celebrated Mass with the local parishioners.

### Child Centred Reviews

Next week, Child Centred Reviews will take place for the parents of SEND pupils in Year 3

### Road Safety Training

Next week, pupils in Year 6 will benefit from Road Safety training. This training fits into our SHINE curriculum as it links to 'Safety'

### Wellbeing Award Reassessment Visit

We look forward to welcoming a Wellbeing Award assessor into school on Thursday 8th February. We are excited about showing them all that we do to promote the Mental Health & Wellbeing of our school Community. Throughout the visit the assessor will speak to children, staff, the Wellbeing Team and parents. Thank you to those parents and carers who have agreed to meet with our assessor on the day.

### Online Safety

Please find below a link to the Parent/Carer Online Safety information presentation. This is presented by Knowley CLC who provide staff training and Computing sessions for our children across year groups. We hope you find it both helpful and informative.

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PIDj3ZACHnY6aVeFbuClgr\\_9wQUeHGxt?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PIDj3ZACHnY6aVeFbuClgr_9wQUeHGxt?usp=sharing)

## Visit from the Home Office

Parents may have seen our pupils on Granada Reports last week chatting about the importance of speaking out against crime. This week representatives from the Home Office were in school chatting to Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Culley and Merseyside Police about the impact of some of the projects that we have undertaken following the tragic death of Olivia Pratt Korbel.

## Coffee Morning

Join us for Coffee Morning which will be held next Friday (commencing at 9.30am).

### Mental Fitness Programme



### 5 Ways to Well-Being

Come and join us, and have a cuppa and a chat with other parents and learn some techniques to help support both your own and your child's well-being and mental fitness.

There are many ways in which to sustain positive mental well-being.

You do not have to wait until there is a problem before learning how to maintain your well-being and positive mental health.

Each of the five sessions will be based around the 5 ways to well-being framework and positive mental health.

Programme developed and delivered by

Jackie Harris & Carmel Perry - Learning Mentors

Venue: St Margaret Marys Catholic Junior School

Session 1	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Connect	1.30-2.45pm
Session 2	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2024	Give	1.30-2.45pm
Session 3	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Keep learning	1.30-2.45pm

Session 4	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024	Take notice	1.30-2.45pm
Session 5	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Be active	1.30-2.45pm

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February (5th session) your child/children will accompany you in taking part in this session.

To reserve your place on the Mental Fitness Programme, please contact either Mrs Perry or your child's class teacher no later than Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

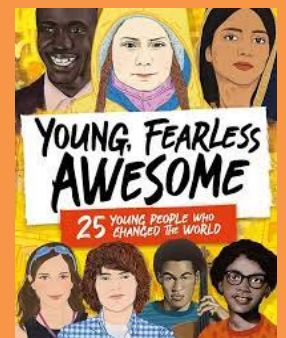
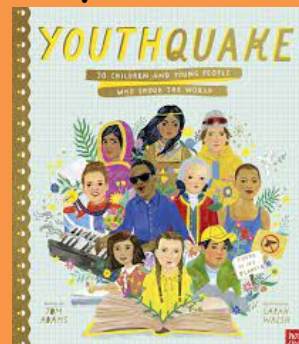
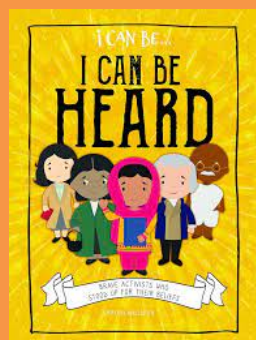
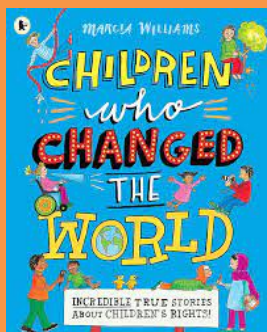
*Places are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis.*

## Children's Mental Health Week

### 5th - 11th February 2024

Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that empowers, equips and gives a voice to all children and young people in the UK. Children's Mental Health Week was launched in 2015 and is now in its 10th year. The theme for this year is 'My Voice Matters' Throughout the week in school, our children will learn how they can use their voice and the different ways in which they can look after their mental health.

Please find below some suggested books your child may enjoy reading.



Children who changed the world. Incredible true stories about children's rights by Marcia Williams.

I can be heard. Brave activists that stood up for their beliefs by Shalini Vallepur

Youthquake: 50 Children and Young People that Shook the World by Tom Adams

Young fearless, awesome. 25 young people who changed the world by Stella Caldwell.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YEAR 3	Before School					
	Lunchtime		Keyboards 12:00 - 12:30 Mrs Gillespie / Mrs Moncrieff		Origami Club 12:00 - 12:30 Mrs Culley	
			Lego Club 12.00- 12:30 Mrs Graham		Book Club 12:00 - 12:30 Mrs Marriott	
	After School		Dodgeball 15:15 - 16:15 Rachel LFC			Rebound Dance 15:00 16:00 Miss Finnegan
			Quiz Club 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Medway			
			Choir 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Heynemand / Miss Finnegan / Mrs Jackson / Mrs Graham			
YEAR 4	Before School				Girl's Football 8:00 - 8:30 Miss Whewell / Miss Scott	
	Lunchtime		Homework Club 12:10 - 12:40 Mrs Dwerryhouse	Homework Club 12:10 - 12:40 Mrs Walters	Origami Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Culley	
	After School		Quiz Club 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Medway		Art Club 15:15 16:15 Miss Howell	Rebound Dance 15:00 16:00 Miss Finnegan
			Choir 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Heynemand / Miss Finnegan / Mrs Jackson / Mrs Graham			



Before School						
YEAR 5	Before School			Bleep Test 8:30 - 8:50 Mr Braithwaite	Girl's Football 8:00 - 8:30 Miss Whewell / Miss Scott	
	Lunchtime	Computer Club Mrs Lee 12:00 - 12:30		Comic Book Club 12:00 - 12:30 Miss Wafer-Richards	Origami Club 12:00 - 12:30 Mrs Culley	
	After School	Mindfulness Movement 15:15 - 16:15 Miss Colmer / Miss Hill	Quiz Club 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Medway		Senior Choir 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Heneymand / Mrs Wilkinson	
		Football Tournament 15:15 - 16:00 Miss Scott				
YEAR 6	Before School	Football Tournament 8:30 - 9:00 Mr Arnold / Mr Lightfoot	Bleep Test 8:30 - 8:50 Miss Tansey	Table Tennis 8:30 - 8:50 Mr Arnold	Girl's Football 8:00 - 8:30 Miss Whewell / Miss Scott	
					Table Tennis 8:30 - 8:50 Mr Lightfoot	
	Lunchtime	Chess Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Ambrose	Computer Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mr Silvano	Quiz Club 12:15 - 12:45 Mrs Medway	Origami Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Culley	Table Tennis 12:30 - 13:00 Miss Stockley
		Dance 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Evans	Library Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Shipley - Mrs Tedford		Lego Club 12:30 - 13:00 Mrs Povey	
	After School		Sewing Club 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs O'Brien Mrs Murphy	Dodgeball 15:15 - 16:15 Connor EFC	Senior Choir 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Heneymand / Mrs Wilkinson	
			Quiz Club 15:15 - 16:00 Mrs Medway			

## SPRING 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

### February

Week Beginning 5<sup>th</sup>- Year 3 Child Centred Reviews

6<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day

7<sup>th</sup>-Year 6 Road Safety

8<sup>th</sup> Wellbeing Verification Day

6LT and 6SA to work with the CLC

9<sup>th</sup>-Coffee Morning

Week Beginning 19<sup>th</sup>-Year 6 Assessment Week

Year 4 Communion Session 4

22<sup>nd</sup> 6LT and 6SA to work with the CLC

Week Beginning 26<sup>th</sup>-Year 6 Assessment Week

29<sup>th</sup>-6AC and 6JP to work with the CLC

### March

Week Beginning 4<sup>th</sup>-Year 5 Child Centred Reviews

5<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day

Governors' Curriculum Meeting (5pm)

Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup>-Year 4 Holy Communion Session 5

Assertive Mentoring Conversations

14<sup>th</sup>-British Science Day

Week Beginning 18<sup>th</sup>-Year 5 trip to Winmarleigh Hall

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Week Beginning 25<sup>th</sup>- Assertive Mentoring Conversations

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



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Make the healthy choice