



# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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

**Newsletter Issue 19**  
**Week ending Friday 9<sup>th</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*

## **Congratulations!**



**Thank you to Nancy and Isla from 6SA who have given up their time to teach our Y4 children some dance moves during their lunch time today. All the children enjoyed looking up to these fabulous role models and learning some new moves.**



**Well done to Jake in Y6 who has just joined his first rugby team after enjoying his rugby lesson in school recently.**

**Harrison and Jacob have also joined a table tennis club in Anfield again due to them enjoying learning this in school.**

**James has started at a gymnastics club, again after enjoying his lessons in school, he was inspired to learn more and better himself.**

## Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all parents who attended today's Coffee Morning. We hope you enjoyed it.



## 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	Jasmine	Oscar	Ayla	90%

3GT	Millie	Bella	Sam	88.8%
3HM	Zachary	Poppy	Akshayan	92.1%
3ST	Amber	Aashika	Alfie	99.7%
4CD	Isla	Sofia	Lilli-Mai	88.6%
4HW	Oliver	Kian	Aiden	92.3%
4KH	Rudy	Luca	Scarlett	96.6%
4SC	Finley C	Evelyn	Blu	95.5%
5AH	Thomas	Eva-Grace	Max	96%
5JK	Gracie-Alana	Abdullah	Faith	91.6%
5KL	Oscar	Milo	Anna	93%
5PS	Jess	Louie	Olivia	98%
6AC	Daniel	Amelia	William	97.1%
6JP	George	Jake	Luis	87.1%
6LT	Thomas	Diya	Lacey-Mae	86.6%
6SA	Nancy	Aaron	Jacob	94.3%

Attendance for the whole school is 93%

Dinnertime winners: 3GT, 4KH, 5AH

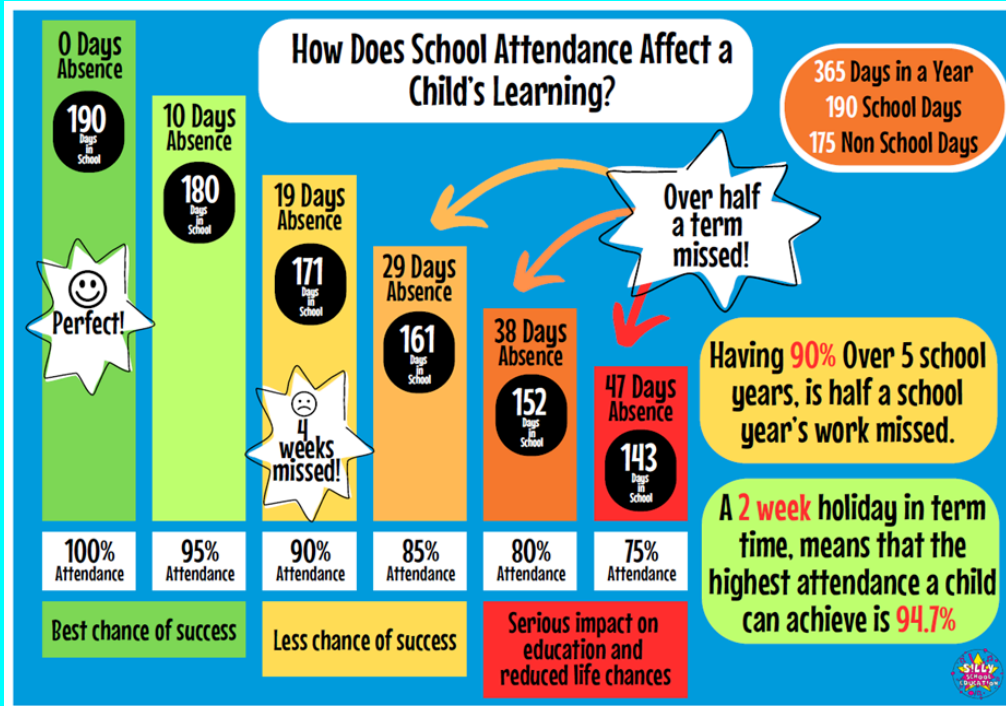
### Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Highest number of minutes on TTRS</b>	Harry	Karthik	William	Diya
<b>Class with the best engagement</b>	3ST	4HW	5JK	6AC
<b>Most Improved</b>	Teddy	Caitlin	Alex	Kitty

### HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	324	225	188	234	

St David	345	217	156	197	
St George	362	226	202	254	
St Patrick	371	220	199	219	



## SHINE

This week's SHINE lesson is linked to Equality and Diversity. A representative from Knowsley SHARE came into school to educate our pupils about refugees and asylum seekers. Karen Foley (Knowsley Council) visited the children's SHINE lessons and was impressed by what she saw and heard.

### 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

## SPORT NEWS

It has been a busy week for our Year 5 and 6 girls football team. Some girls participated in the LFC Premier League competition on Wednesday, finishing second in their group. A huge well done to all.



### Safer Internet Day

This week we held Safer Internet Day. Our Computing Ambassadors had the opportunity to visit Anfield to take part in an Online Safety conference

### Road Safety Training

As part of our SHINE Curriculum, Year 6 pupils have this week taken part in Road Safety sessions led by a representative from Knowsley Council.

### CLC

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

### Wellbeing Verification

Many thanks to all parents who supported our Wellbeing Verification. The assessor has been into school this week and has recommended that we are revalidated for the award. This means we should have this confirmed by Awards Place in the next three weeks. Our assessor spoke very highly of all that she saw and really enjoyed speaking to our staff, our parents and most of all our children.

### Online Safety

We would like to remind our parents to be mindful of the sites and apps their children may have access to via their various devices. It has been brought to our attention recently that there are various apps that we should be aware of as parents. School contacted Knowsley CLC and we were provided with the following information to share with parents. Please take the time to read through, click on the links and make yourselves more aware of the pit falls.

#### Wizz

Wizz is a social networking platform and users swipe through the app to find people who are currently online and who they would like to chat with. **Users will be chatting with strangers, which can present risks and is inappropriate for children to access.** Bark provide an overview of the app here:

<https://www.bark.us/app-reviews/apps/wizz-app-review/>

## Peep This

This app includes interactions anonymously so it is **inappropriate for children to be accessing**.

### Anonymous Apps

Anonymous apps work on the premise that users can interact/chat with each other without revealing their identity. It is important to understand the risks involved with accessing apps of these nature which include inappropriate content and the risk of cyberbullying. Internet Matters provide further information here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/anonymous-apps-guide-what-parents-need-to-know/>

### Chatting to Strangers

Internet Matters have produced advice around chatting with strangers here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/advice-for-parents/tackling-the-hard-stuff-of-social-media-to-support-young-people/chatting-to-strangers-online/>

### Check Age Ratings

**Age ratings are in place to help protect your child**, so it is really important to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Parent Zone have published an article about why age rating matter:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>

### Parental Controls

Please ensure you set appropriate parental controls on your broadband connection, the device your child is using to go online and any available control within the app/game your child is accessing. Internet Matters provides further information here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

### Chat Regularly

Go online with your child and let them show you what they are accessing and why they like particular apps/games. If your child is accessing anything or has asked to access something that is not age appropriate or you don't believe they should be going on then explain the reasons why. Also, make sure your child understands that they should **talk to you** or another trusted adult if they see anything that makes them feel uncomfortable online.

## 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.*

## 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

20<sup>th</sup> February-return to school after the half term holiday.

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  
Assertive Mentoring Conversations

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

School breaks up for the half term holiday today. We re-open on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February-we hope you have a wonderful half term!

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



We're working towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts Council England

