



**St. John Vianney School**  
Steps to Independence & Education for Life

**The Salford Diocese School for  
Children & Young People with SEND**



# Weekly News

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## Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/ Carers, Dear Parents/Carers,



This week we have had our KS3 children undertake their KS3 Residential at Bendrigg in South Lakeland. Over 40 pupils and 15 staff have attended and been involved in the vast range of activities and experiences that are provided in the Lakes environment. Children have been rock climbing, canoeing, fell walking, archery and using the specialist sensory equipment that Bendrigg offers. The reports from staff who are leading the sessions has been very positive, with our children embracing these new opportunities with real enthusiasm and showing really high levels of participation and engagement. The School believes strongly that our enrichment provision (including Residential activity) really supports the wider personal development of our Children and Young People, promoting their self-confidence, esteem and well-being. It is fantastic to hear that Bendrigg has once again been a real success for the children who attended. KS4 are now planning for their forthcoming Residential at the Calvert Trust in Keswick, which takes place during the last week of this term.

For those who have been in school this week we have continued with scheduled lessons. On Wednesday morning we had 5 SENCOs from Schools in Liverpool visit SJV to observe our practice. They gave us some very positive feedback on what they observed in lessons and the behaviour and attitude to learning displayed by our pupils.

We are receiving daily updates from the Government about the Coronavirus and have attached some useful information for parents in this week's newsletter. We will continue to provide you with additional information as we receive it.

Please do not forget that we have Parents Evening booked for **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 4.30pm- 7pm**, where you will be provided with an opportunity to discuss your child's progress report, which will be sent home the week before. We look forward to welcoming you into school.

Have a great weekend,

**Mr A Moloney**

Headteacher

- **Parents Evening -Thursday**  
**26<sup>th</sup> March @ 4.30pm- 7pm**
- **Last day of Term —Friday 3rd**  
**April @ 3.15 pm**
- **End of Term Mass— Friday 3rd**  
**April @ 9.30 am-Parents are invited to attend but must notify School office beforehand**
- **Return to School— Monday 20th**  
**April @ 9 am**



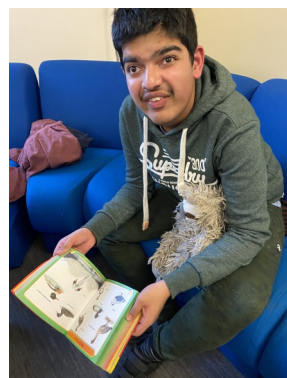
Some of our **Stars of The Week** last week! Well done!



## Literacy

What a great week for literacy this week. The whole school got involved in World Book Day on Thursday by bringing in their favorite book and sharing stories with their friends. Even the students who took part in our Bendrigg Residential took part, along with one of our School Sloths! Post 16 enjoyed using their book tokens at the Trafford Centre.

All of our classes have chosen their class reads for the term and are displaying these up on their classroom doors. It's lovely to walk around school and see what everyone is reading. Frank Cottrell-Boyce seems to be popular this term after his recent visit to school! **Miss Nesbitt**



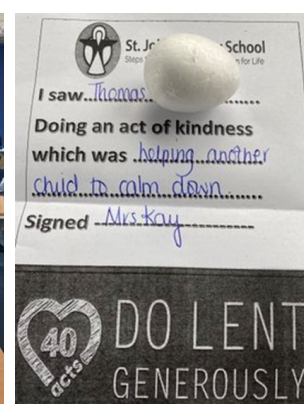
# **Our Catholic School**

Our spiritual focus for this week in SJV is an inspiring message from Pope Francis- 'Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to speak badly of others, not to criticise, but rather to love everyone' #bekind. Jesus' life is a lesson in how we are to be kind and loving to all people- even those people who don't love us in return. In this way we show our love for God, by doing what Jesus asks of us - Love is all we need!

Within SJV we are focusing on fasting from unkind words and doing our 40 Acts of Kindness, we are celebrating all our Acts of Kindness each week in our celebration assembly.

Within our Catholic school we had a whole staff training on our Lenten focus and how we, as staff, can get more out of Lent spiritually and emotionally and really reflect on our role to help and support our students on their faith journey.

Within RE this week we have been looking at St David and continuing our focus on Lent and kindness. We have been making prayer and kindness trees as a focus for our prayer tables. We have looked at how we can do as Pope Francis asked and fast from saying unkind words and how we can put that into place. It has been wonderful to witness student led discussion on how much they appreciate kindness from their peers and staff. **Mrs Garfin**



## **A Day in the life of... Ryan**

**What I've been doing this week: This week I have had Math lessons. Our topic has been on compass work. I have also been to Lazer Quest at the Trafford Centre, I managed to beat Mr Kanakides.**

**What is the best thing about being in SJV? The friendships I have made with in my class and with the staff.**

**It would be even better if... I could have more ICT lessons, as this is my interest.**

**Hopes and dreams for the future: Are to further develop my ICT skills so I can work in the gaming industry.**



## **Introducing... Mr Foden**

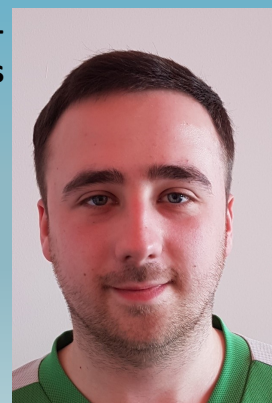
**Role in School: Teaching Assistant Class 13**

**What I've been doing this week: This week I had an amazing week, being able to witness a lot of the pupils showing their creative skills such as clay model making and piano playing. They really are a talented bunch!**

**What is best about being in SJV? For me it has to be being able to have an impact on a pupil's learning journey.**

**It would be even better if... We could provide the pupils with even more opportunities to find hidden talents. It really does make them shine!**

**Hopes and dreams for the future: My hope is to become a qualified teacher so that I can have an even bigger impact on the students.**





## Coronavirus updates

We are receiving daily updates on the Coronavirus and will pass on relevant information to Parents as it arrives. This week a new help line was launched by the Government to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

**Phone:** 0800 046 8687

**Email:** [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Information on COVID -19 are available at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



## City Lifestyles

We enjoyed our first week of City Lifestyles Programme with Adrian from MCFC learning about healthy lifestyle and good nutrition. **Mrs Griffin**



## Class 1 at Cronkshaw Farm

We had a great afternoon at Cronkshaw Fold Farm! Even the sun came out! What a way to spend the afternoon. **Miss Murphy**



## Health and Personal Care



Class 11 are really embracing this session and participating well. They have learned all about the Integumentary system, hormone changes and bacteria on the skin and what this can cause. They have enjoyed learning about skincare and what actually causes body odour!

Jack said "I think Class 11 work well as a team together. They let everyone take turns and doing each other's hair. I think I've learnt that I can do people's face and hair and I have learnt how to wash skin the right way". **Mrs Shawcross**



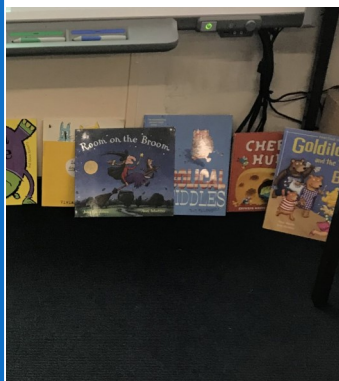






**The children in the Rainbow Building have had a very busy week. Purple Class visited the sensory room at Manchester City's ground, and Pink Class visited Cronkshaw Farm and had a lovely time seeing the different animals. Red Class worked with Adrian from City in the Community to make a healthy snack and some pupils from Yellow Class went for hydrotherapy.**

**All classes celebrated World Book Day on Thursday by sharing their favourite stories throughout the day and carrying out activities related to different books and stories.**



Post 16 visited Wythenshawe Park. It was chilly fresh walk. This was helped by a pit stop at the cafe and then into the indoor atrium.



## Safeguarding your children

Essential Safeguarding offer a free acting performance which is highly recommended.

Parents are very welcome to attend Lightbowne Evangelical Church 120, Kenyon Lane, Manchester, M40 9DF on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.

There will be refreshments at 10am and the performance will start at 10.30.



It is a key word sign-supported communication system based on British Sign Language. All staff use Signalong and this week we are learning how to sign "Bible"

## Bible



Working thumb (palm down, pointing forward) makes small outward circle and moves down to rest on supporting flat hand (palm up, pointing in); then flat hands (palm together, pointing forward) open to palms up, little fingers remaining in contact.



