



St. John Vianney School

Steps to Independence & Education for Life

Weekly News

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Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers,



The coronavirus has again this week taken its toll on the numbers of pupils and staff able to attend school. We have had a further two outbreaks, earlier this week, which has resulted in a significant number of staff having to self-isolate and also us asking 2 class teams to work from home and self-isolate also. Please be assured that sending pupils home is the last thing that we wish to do. However, we do need to follow government guidelines and after taking the necessary guidance and advice from Public Health we, like all other educational establishments, must act promptly to reduce the further spread of the virus.

We all long for the opportunity to open the school more fully and return to the ways of working prior to March 2020, but you will be aware that under the current government restrictions that this is impossible. I would like to reinforce that the school is still the very safest place for children and young people to be and we will continue to stay open and support children in school, on a daily basis, unless we have to take the decision to send some pupils home, as we did this week.

The school site remains a very safe one and we have continued to ensure we have rigour in our cleaning and hygiene practices. This is currently an anxious time for many people, but again please be reassured that your child attending school is the very best place for them to be. Thank you for your ongoing support in dealing with the disruption, that we have had to manage.

Those in school have had a very good week and our Twitter feed and newsletters continue to reflect on the amazing opportunities we still provide for children of St John Vianney. Staff are working tirelessly to ensure we teach the usual curriculum, with wider enrichment activities taking place in the local area, such as Longford Park.

We do have some exciting plans to celebrate Christmas and other events in the calendar in December, which we will keep you informed of. I do hope you and your families have a peaceful weekend.

Best wishes

Mr A Moloney

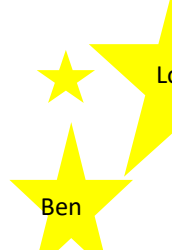
Stars of the Week



Leon



Rayyan



Ben



Louis



Literacy



Traditional Tales have been a hot topic in some of our classes this week. It's lovely to see the pupils sharing those stories that have played a big part in all of our childhoods. These stories have common messages that we can all relate to and are the early stepping stones to us understanding the world around us. Why not share your favourite traditional tale with your child or if they are a bit older get them to share one with a younger sibling or family member?

The website below has lots of online versions of our traditional tales that you can access. Ms Nesbitt

<https://www.storynory.com>



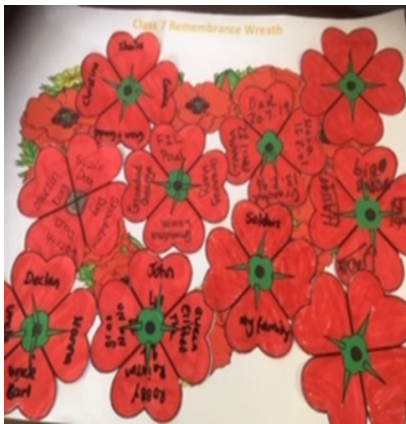
Our Catholic School

Within our school this week we are reflecting on God's message given to us from Pope Francis; - **'We ask the Lord to grant us the gift of wisdom'**. Let us ask the Lord to help us see things more clearly and to make the right choices in life. In uncertain and difficult times it can feel overwhelming, but if we put our trust in God and pray for help and wisdom, we can overcome anything.

We continue within our Catholic school to pray for all the Holy Souls. I sent a letter out last week asking if you had anyone you wish to include in our Holy Souls service. Please send any names of any relatives you wish to be remembered into the admin office.

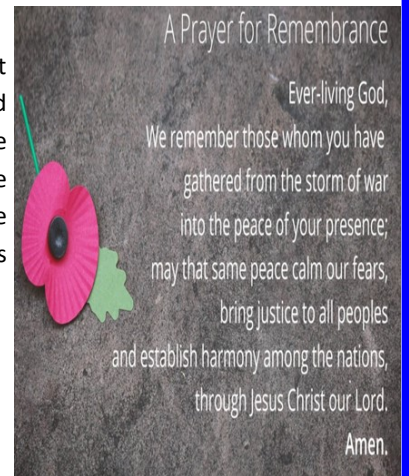
The chaplaincy team will also be creating a pious list that will remain in the Chapel throughout the month of November, so that the names of those on it will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers and included in our weekly staff Mass.

The chaplaincy team continue to meet in their bubbles praying for the sick and our Holy Souls.



In RE this week we have a focus on Remembrance. It is important that we unite across faiths, cultures and backgrounds to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from Britain, the Commonwealth and throughout the world. We have been saying prayers and creating memorial wreaths within our classes.

Mrs Garfin



A Day in the life of... Amanda



What I've been doing this week:

We have done times tables in Maths, we fed animals and made a wreath at the Farm.

What is the best thing about being in SJV?
Playing football, my friends and definitely going on the computers!

It would be even better if... we had more girls in the school so we could have a girl's football team.

Hopes and dreams for the future: To be a player on Man City girls team, become a famous actress and be a fashionista!

Introducing... Miss Donbavand



Role in School: TA in Class 8

What I've been doing this week: This week we have enjoyed making villages in D.T. The boys are making great progress in phonics, they try so hard in every lesson! Overall, I've had an amazing week.

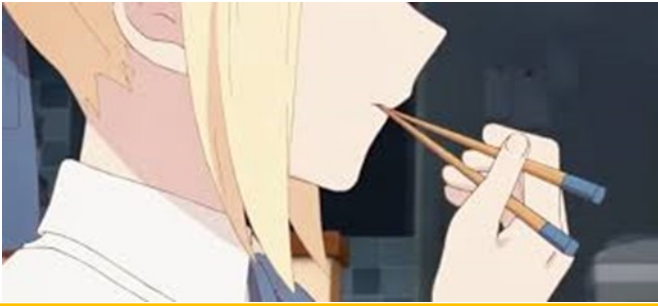
What is best about being in SJV? Its like being part of a family, and we laugh everyday!

It would be even better if... We could go out on more off site visits. I look forward to doing this once lockdown is over.

Hopes and dreams for the future: To one day teach my own class in SJV!

Class 11

The highlights of the week have been trekking around Dovestone Reservoir for the 'The Duke of Edinburgh award' (for some) and cooking with Miss Nesbitt, making a Chinese dish! How fortunate are we to have Miss Murgia, who kindly brought to the lesson some ingredients and also her knowledge on Chinese cuisine, which she got from her grandfather, who is in fact Chinese. The lesson was fun and the food was very tasty indeed. As you can see I chose an 'Anime' picture, as this is something else which many of our class are really enjoying reading! **Ms Whiting**



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 “Yellow”



Mindful Minute

It's OK not to be OK.

Everyone needs help from time to time, even more so during isolations and lockdowns. We might not be able to access help the way we normally would and sometimes we may feel even more alone or like we need to cope no matter what. This week I want to remind you that it is ok not to be ok!

There are other ways in which you can access help and support and I encourage you to do so if you need to. There is always help for those who need it, sometimes we just need to know the right places to look. **Ms Walsh**

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- ▶ Phone: 03444 775 774
- ▶ Website: www.anxietyuk.org.uk
- ▶ **Mind**
- ▶ Phone: 0300 123 3393
- ▶ Website: www.mind.org.uk
- ▶ **No Panic**
- ▶ Phone: 0844 967 4848
- ▶ Website: www.nopanic.org.uk
- ▶ **GMMH**
- ▶ Phone: 0800 953 0285
- ▶ Website: <https://www.gmmh.nhs.uk/>
- ▶ **SHOUT**
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- ▶ **Samaritans**
- ▶ Phone: 116 123
- ▶ Website: <https://www.samaritans.org/>
- ▶ **Sane**
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- ▶ Website: <http://www.sane.org.uk/>

Class 6 art

The pupils have worked really hard in Art over the last two weeks to create collages for our story 'Jack and the beanstalk'. **Ms Shaw**





Class 6 were very lucky and had a visit from Harriet Tubman (Miss Morgan) on Monday morning. She told the pupils all about her life and taught them a song. They loved playing the musical instruments and singing. *Miss Shaw*



Class 11-Gorse Hill

Class 11 had a great time painting and drumming at Gorse Hill. Well done everyone. Mrs Rouse



A message from SafeToNet



As part of SafeToNet's support for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 parents can now get a **60-DAY FREE ACCESS** to SafeToNet's pioneering safeguarding app. Visit safetonet.com/abw2020 and use the code **ABW2020** to sign up now and make sure your children are safer online.

Anti-Bullying Week 15th-19th November 2020

Next week in school our pupils will receive lessons and watch presentations about bullying. This year's theme is "United Against Bullying", which is all about learning the many ways in which everyone should and can work together to prevent and end bullying. We are looking forward to working together on this very important matter. We will also have our usual 'Odd Socks' Day too, so be sure to send your child in to school wearing odd socks on Friday 19th.

Parents and pupils may be interested in this new app by SafeToNet. The Anti-Bullying Alliance who are recognised for being the best national organisation in helping schools, teachers, parents/carers and pupils deal with bullying have recommended this app at a time when online bullying and harassment is on the increase.

SafeToNet is pioneering technology that educates children "in-the-moment" as they use their device. It helps to safeguard children and makes them become responsible and safe digital citizens.

Its power lies in a smart keyboard that detects risks in real-time. It steers children away from trouble by **filtering harmful outgoing messages** before they can be sent and any damage can be done. Why not give it a go! *Ms Whiting*

Class 11



Class 11 enjoyed doing some Yoga, in their PE lesson today with Mr Cassidy. Great participation everyone! Mrs Rouse



Parents/Carers

Don't forget to check your emails to register for free IPAD training!

During the workshop you will be able to find out how to apply for grants through family fund.

How to register open your email click on the attachment follow the instruction via Family Funds link. *Mrs Griffin*

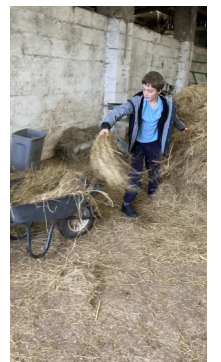
Post 16

Post 16 spent the afternoon in the gym playing with the Frisbees. They also did some stretching and cardio activities.



Class 4 at the Farm

Class 4 enjoyed getting stuck in at the farm this week despite the cold, wet weather. We collected leaves, twigs and acorns to turn them into Autumn Wreaths and we had super helpers feeding and giving fresh hay to the goats, whilst learning about their teeth with the help of a real goat skull! *Ms Walsh*



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What you need to know about...

THE DEEP WEB & THE DARK WEB

What is it? 'The Deep & The Dark Web'

While the deep web and the dark web are not the same thing, they do overlap significantly. The Deep Web refers to pages that are not indexed, which means that most search engines (Google, Bing etc) won't return them to you after a search. The dark web is part of the World Wide Web that is only accessible by installing and using special software. It is the unregulated part of the internet; no organisation, business, or government oversees it or can apply rules. This is why the dark web is commonly associated with illegal practices.

Know the Risks

Unmonitored access

Children and young people often dive into the Dark Web using their devices, unmonitored, unregulated, and unnoticed. Whilst children may access and use the Dark Web and/or the Deep Web, a child's curiosity may result in the access and viewing of very inappropriate, unacceptable, and illegal sites, forums, and communities.

Inappropriate content

Children can access sites with indecent images, sites selling drugs and/or weapons; however, this is also the case for the Surface Web. The possibility of users infecting their devices with malware is higher when visiting the Dark Web also.

Online predators

Online child predators are more likely to interact and groom children on the Surface Web than the Dark Web. However, once contact is made, interaction can continue within the Dark Web.

Safety Tips

Question their motives

If you believe your child may be using TOR or accessing the Deep or Dark Web or asks if they can download the software, ask them why they are using them rather than using the surface web. Children should be able to access everything they need via normal web browsers.

Check devices

Check all devices for the TOR (or I2P / Freenet) software and delete any unknown browsers. Monitor your child's online purchases. If you know that your child has been using TOR to access the Dark Web, watch for any unusual mail or packages delivered to your home.

Talk about the dangers

Ask your children what they already know, and then openly speak about the Dark Web. Part of the attraction to the Dark Web may be the mystique and curiosity associated with it so it's important to educate your child about the dangers and how it can be misused by criminals.

How they Work

TOR Software

The most common software used is called TOR (The Onion Router). TOR is a web browser that keeps your identity a secret by hiding your IP address. This means that users largely cannot be tracked while browsing the dark web. Most dark web users use a search engine such as DuckDuckGo, which protects users' privacy. TOR can bypass school internet filters.

Three Web levels

The surface web is the internet we are familiar with, we use it to run businesses and connect with family, friends, and customers. Deep websites emphasise protecting users' privacy. People who need to keep their identities private use this to share sensitive information. The dark web is focused on illegal activities and services. However, unless you carry out unlawful acts, it is not illegal to use the dark web or TOR.

Our Expert Jonathan Taylor



Jonathan Taylor is an online safety, social media and online grooming expert who previously worked as a Covert Internet Investigator with the Metropolitan Police for over 10 years. He has worked extensively with both UK and international schools in delivering training and guidance around the latest online dangers, apps and platforms.