



**St. John Vianney School**

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# Weekly News

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## Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I do hope this letter finds you and your families well?



The second week of the spring term has gone well and we have made good progress with our asymptomatic testing in school. Attendance is still very good and I would like to remind all parents of the opportunity that is available for every child to attend school through the current national lockdown. We understand however and have authorised absences for parents wishing to keep their child at home and we will be sending updated learning activities to these children at the weekend, for next week.

The children in school are continuing their usual curriculum lessons and we have benefitted from opportunities for many pupils being able to attend Cronkshaw Hall Farm, Gorse Hill Studios, Longford Park, Greater Manchester Outdoor Learning and the Children's Adventure Farm Trust this week for enrichment lessons. The pupils have been really well engaged in these activities and have enjoyed their off-site lessons.

Our Covid 19 test centre has been open daily, providing staff and pupils with the opportunity to undertake lateral flow tests in school. The system was a complex set up but should, we hope, allow us to identify potential positive test cases, which can help us reduce the spread of the coronavirus and keep pupils and staff in school. The testing process has gone very well and we must thank Mr McLoughlin and Mr Cooper for their leadership in organising such an efficient and safe programme. We certainly appreciate the consent given by many parents and would value other parents, after reading the information we sent, providing consent to test also. Please contact the School through the Admin team to discuss.

We do hope you and your family have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Mr A Moloney

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## Stars of the Week

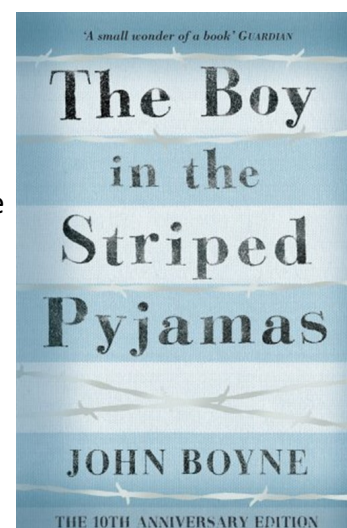


Some of our 'Stars  
of the Week' from  
last week. Well  
done to every-  
one!



## LITERACY

It's been fantastic to see a wide variety of literature being used as the basis for English topics this term. From Roald Dahl's *Matilda* to John Boyne's 'The Boy in The Stripped Pyjamas' we use a challenging, but appropriate, range of books so that our pupils can have a breath of experiencing different authors, books and topics. Key stage 4 are currently studying books with a historical context with a focus on World War 2. 'Goodnight Mr Tom' and 'The Boy in the Stripped Pyjamas' give two different insights into what life could be like for children during this time. The pupils have been so mature in their responses to the novels so far and Miss Whiting and I are looking forward to exploring the theme further with the pupils. **Miss Nesbitt**



# **Our Catholic School**

Within SJV we are looking at God's message from **St Thomas Aquinas**

**'If you are looking for the way by which you should go, take Christ, because he himself is the way'.**

As we celebrate the baptism of Jesus last weekend, we are drawn into Jesus' family, so that we can be more like him and joyfully share in God's own life. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, s/he is a new creation. The old has passed away; like 2020 and look now, the new has come, a chance to renew and really reflect on our faith journey. Jesus' baptism reminds us that we are freed through the waters of baptism and our lives begin anew.

We definitely see ourselves as a family at SJV, and we care about each and make each day count. We have the chance to start again and we renew and support each other.

Our Chaplaincy team are meeting in bubbles and planning our Lenten events and what we can do so that we do even more! This week we are focussing on our 40 acts of Kindness, trying to do a kind act every day in Lent, how can we recognise all the wonderful acts of kindness that happen every day in SJV.

With RE we are looking at the Baptism of Jesus, looking at the New Year and how we have a chance to start afresh and renew. We have acted out the baptism as a piece drama and looked at the meaning and the symbolism behind Jesus' Baptism. **Mrs Garfin**



## **Class 10 News**

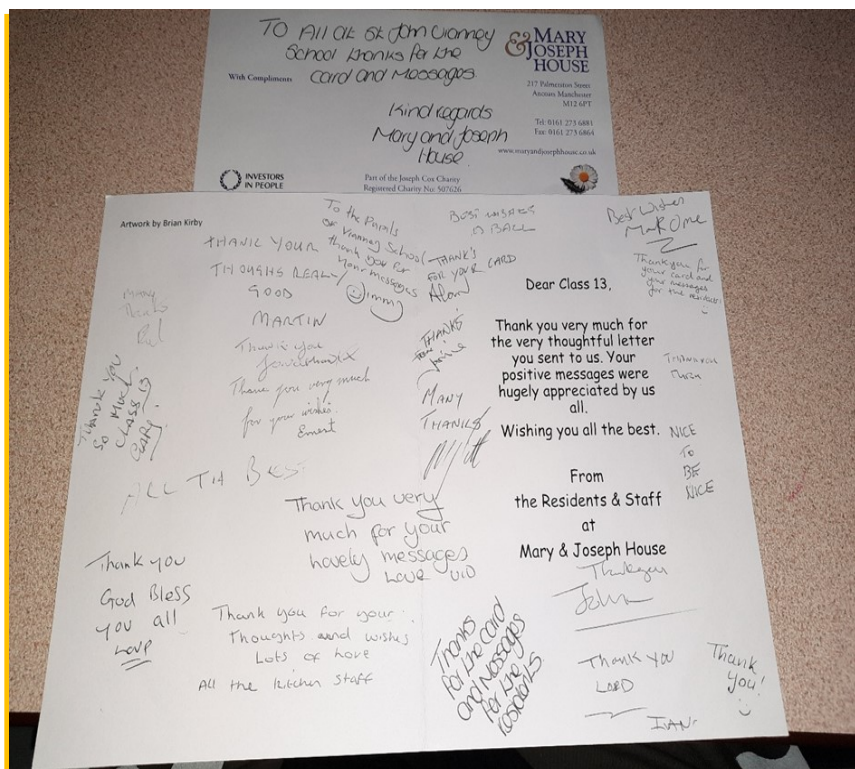
Being in a bubble isn't always so bad you know. In our class, many of the pupils have been building relationships and forming closer bonds with those from other classes in our bubble. This has been particularly noticeable at break and lunch time when more friendly banter is taking place; it's a lovely thing to see. Also, other staff have been complementing our boys for the encouragement they give to our younger pupils when they are all out playing football together. Well done to our great role models, you know who you are!

Besides this, well done to the Duke Of Edinburgh group who were out in that heavy rain on Thursday getting sopping wet, it didn't put them off doing their activities one tiny bit, brilliant !

Ms Whiting







## Post 16

Post 16 have been looking at the '1 Million Minutes: Pledge your time to help end loneliness' campaign. They made cards and filled them with positive messages. The cards were sent to local care and residential homes. We received a reply, which was wonderful. It just goes to show that a simple act of kindness can impact upon some people so much. Remember, always be kind. **Mrs Shawcross**

## Sale Water Park

Post 16 visited Sale Water park and took part in a fun orienteering session. It was a bit muddy, but great fun.

**Mr Kanakides**



### Catch up with Cormac

It was lovely to get a picture today of Cormac showing class 7 his favourite Lego mug! Class 7 says hi Cormac!!



## Class 1 fun

This week we've been playing some games and practicing turn-taking, the children all did so well - they all especially enjoyed our new Kerplunk game!

**Mrs Murphy**





# Class 2-Forest School

**Fantastic first day at Forest School at CAFT, today! The boys were so well behaved and really enjoyed exploring the woodland! Class 2 will take part in a six week programme with our partners at the Children's Adventure Farm Trust; a fantastic opportunity! Mr Wood**



## Class 5

Smiles from a very wet and drizzly Cronkshaw Farm, on Wednesday afternoon. It was soooo lovely to be



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 “Dog”

## Dog



Bent in hands (palm down, pointing forward) held in front of body.