



St. John Vianney School

Steps to Independence & Education for Life

Weekly News

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Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I do hope you and your families are keeping well.



As you are aware from Monday 8th March the Government expects every child to return to school full time. We have, this week, been in touch with all children who have been at home during the latest lockdown and it is apparent that the vast majority of children from our school are looking forward to the opportunity to return to school next week. We are certainly looking forward to welcoming these children back into school and hope that this is a significant step on the way back for us to resume normal working practices at school and across society. I am aware that some parents may still

have some concerns, however schools generally are very safe places and we have carefully considered our ways of working to ensure we reduce the risk of the spread of the coronavirus and can keep the school community safe. Should you have any concerns about the full return to school next week please do contact me through the admin office.

Last week we met with the DfE appointed building project team, who are responsible for the rebuild programme that we have informed we are beneficiaries of. At this point, we do not know, whether the school will benefit from a partial rebuild, a refurb or a full build. The team are now undertaking a feasibility programme at school and from this we will be given more detail. What we do know is that the programme is likely to take around three years. If we receive any more information we will certainly let you know.

This week in school children have been engaging in some exciting national initiatives. Yesterday was World Book Day and the children received some new books and were involved in activities to improve their literacy. This was followed today by a 'Mad Science' event on Friday that all children were able to access in the school hall. Both activities were really engaging and it was great to see the school community come together to celebrate national science day and the enjoyment that the science team brought through their 'mad' experiments. Thank you to the staff who arranged these excellent events for our children.

I do hope you have a restful and safe weekend.

Mr A Moloney



Greater Manchester Youth Network (GMYN) are recruiting young people 16-25 with special educational needs and disabilities to take part in their **Changemakers programme**. This gives young people the opportunity to have their voices heard on issues and policies that matter to them and be supported to

make changes. On top of this, there will be lots of opportunities to have fun, enjoy new things and meet new people! Contact Joseph at GMYN via email joseph.cain@gmyn.co.uk or phone 07592845246. The photograph shows the Changemakers at last year's Youth Buzz awards.

Our Catholic School

Within SJV this week, we are focussing on Pope Francis and his message about the importance of Lent **'I hope that we will all live Lent well, following Jesus and carrying within us a ray of his love for all that we meet.'** Are we living out this expectation? In SJV we are focussing on our 'Acts of Kindness' with our second weekly challenge of "giving each other compliments", which the blue hub chaplaincy team thought would make SJV even a nicer place to be and make us all feel the rays of love.

The whole school had training in Catholicity this week looking at our responses in Lent, How we are looking at the three themes of Lent- Prayer, Fasting and Giving as a school community.

We also focused on how we see our Catholic identity, with a view to each class creating their own Catholic identity. We are going to look at this in depth in the summer term. The training this week was just to get our thoughts flowing, the Chaplaincy team have also been having their input.

The Chaplaincy teams have been planning and starting to record their videos for the CARITAS Salford focus on Lent within schools. Hopefully you will see it very soon on Twitter and SJV's YouTube channel. They have been supporting the Acts of Kindness by collecting the slips and making sure everyone has a fresh supply.

In RE this week we have been continuing to look at the Gospel passages connected to Lent, looking at what tempts us. (My temptation is usually chocolate or caffeine based) We have also been looking at how we can pray- fast and give within our class team and even designing our own logos for these key elements of Lent. We have been spending time in quiet reflection as part of si--LENT, a national campaign to spend more quiet time with God and of course one of our pillars of prayer at SJV.

Mrs Garfin



Stars of the Week

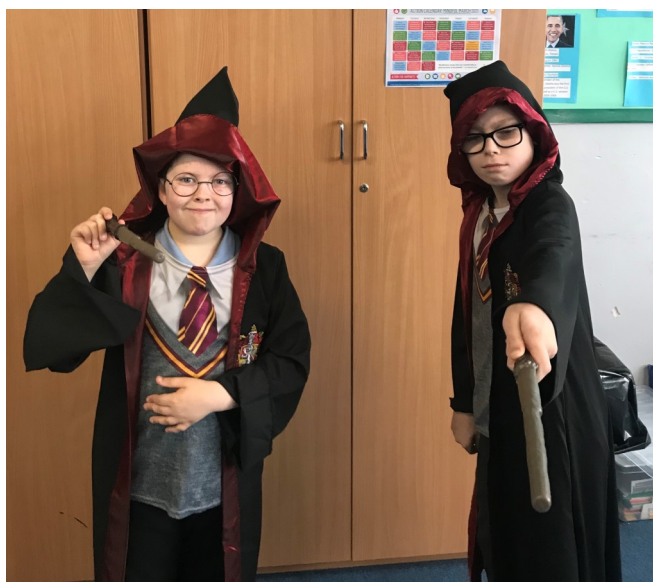


**Just some of our
'Stars of the Week'
last week. Well
done to everyone!**



Literacy-World Book Day 2021

What a lovely day we had for World Book Day celebrating books and literacy. Some of our pupils and staff chose to dress up for the day and there were sightings of a few wicked witches and Harry Potter seemed to have duplicated himself multiple times! The highlight of the day was our Masked Singer event! Lots of staff members took part in disguising themselves and reading some of their favourite books. It was wonderful going around the classes and seeing our pupils enthusiastically engaged in the event! Thank you to everyone involved! Our pupils have all been given a World book Day £1 token. This can be redeemed against a World Book Day £1 book or used against the price of a book of choice. **Mrs Nesbitt**



A message from our Deputy Headteacher




Post-Lockdown

After Lockdown, children across the country will be returning to school from Monday.

Following government guidelines, we have amended our mask-wearing protocols, and from next week we will be encouraging the wearing of masks during lessons - *when social distancing cannot be maintained!* This supplements our current practice; the encouragement of mask wearing on corridors and during transitions throughout the school day.


Mr McLoughlin

Mindful Minute

 The Charlie Waller Memorial Trust
Depression - let's get talking

Helping your child back to school

- Plan ahead together - try using pictures...
- ...the morning routine, their uniform, the journey to school
- Focus on what you both can do
- Not everything will be different - the staff, building and some routines will still be familiar
- Give praise when they talk about a worry
- It's OK to feel worried about change - let them know that!



Self-Care & Mental Health for Kids

- Share your own feelings to encourage self-awareness.
- Find social groups that help them feel like they belong.
- Set aside time for low-stress or solo activities.
- Practice self-care for yourself to set the standard.
- Focus on articulating feelings. "I am angry." "I am sad."
- Encourage journaling and diaries.
- Encourage your child to focus on the moment.
- Establish a self-care routine.
- Recognize toxic stress events.
- Cultivate interests and hobbies.

BlessingManifesting

Post 16-Bread & Butter

Post 16 have continued to work really hard at 'The Bread and Butter Thing' food charity. They are invaluable and a real credit to the community. Two of our pupils also had their picture taken with an award from the Food and Beverage Cooperation to the charity. **Mr Kanakides**



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 "Dad"

DAD



Make letter shape "F" twice

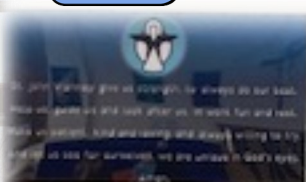
Help us, guide us and look after us, in work, fun and rest.
Make us patient, kind and loving, and always willing to try.
And let us see for ourselves, we are unique in God's eyes.
Amen.



St. John Vianney School had the pleasure of inviting "Turbo Tom" from Mad Science into school at the start of "Science Week"

All the pupils' who attended had a great time watching the experiments carried out. We will now have a challenge to ensure that all of our Science lessons are such Fun!

Miss Donbavand & Mrs Taylor



Class 12



It's Fabulous Friday! Class 12 have named each weekday. Marvellous Monday, Terrific Tuesday, Wonderful Wednesday, Thoughtful Thursday plus a prayer for each day. So have a fabulous day! Class 12 can't wait to be together again! **Mrs**

Shawcross



Caudwell Children is excited to announce the launch of their Get Sensory Packs! They have listened to families who told them that occupying their children, finding appropriate and safe toys and the money to provide their children with the equipment they would like is even more difficult than usual at the moment.

They are offering sensory packs

About the Pack

Our Occupational Therapy and Support Team have selected key sensory items that offer children a broad range of sensory opportunities, therapeutic benefits and interactive experiences. The pack has been designed to support children living with a wide range of disabilities who are likely to benefit from sensory resources.

Each pack will include

Liquid Cell Timer, Scented Bubbles, BoBo Massager, Sissle Brush, 4 Ball Massager, Weighted Cushion, Spikey Domes, Space Blanket, Fibre Optic Lamp*

Eligibility Criteria

- Families can apply for packs directly
- They must have a child with a confirmed disability between 0 – 18 years old
- Families must legally live in the UK
- Household income must be below £45,000 per year (before tax, excluding benefits)
- One application per household

Caudwell Children will provide 80% of the cost of each pack (families will be asked to contribute 20% of the item cost, which is **£20**)

We want to help as many people as possible but due to limited numbers of these amazing Get Sensory Packs we may have to prioritise applications and can't guarantee everyone will get one. We do promise we will let you know as soon as possible if you have been successful, or if there is another way we can help you.

Families will also be asked to provide confirmation of their financial status and confirmation of their child's diagnosis. Applying for a Get Sensory Pack will not prevent families from accessing other equipment or support from other Caudwell Children services.

If you wish to find out more or apply click on the link <https://getsensorypacks.com>