



**St. John Vianney School**

Steps to Independence & Education for Life

# Weekly News

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## Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/ Carers,



The children at School have had a settled week this week, with those who returned for the first time since Christmas **now** more familiar with our routines and structures. Some of these pupils are undertaking phased returns to school to aid their transition back to full time schooling, which is certainly helping them come to terms with our expectations and standards.

The second interim report on each child's progress is being **now** compiled and we will send you this in the final week of term. With so much disruption to school attendance there are certainly some progress gaps for many children. We welcome **their** return to **School** and the opportunity to revisit these learning gaps to ensure all pupils catch-up with their learning. Parents will have the opportunity to virtually discuss the **pupil** report with the class teacher and team on Weds 21st April. We will be sending you details of how you can join the class teacher on a virtual meeting in the near future.

We are also sending home **this week** a letter to all parents for consent to send home lateral flow tests for pupils to undertake home testing. Staff are already supporting this national initiative, to continue regular testing, to support a **further** reduction in the spread of the coronavirus. We ask you please to consider whether your child can take these tests at home and if so we will provide you with test kits. **Please complete the consent form on the letter and return this to your child's class teacher.**

Can I remind you please that the school will close for the two week Easter break on **Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 3.15pm** and will reopen for the summer term on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 9.00am.**

We do hope you have a great weekend.

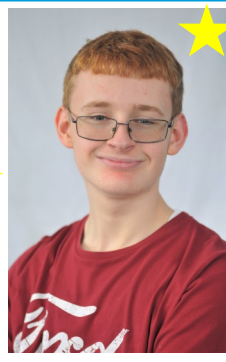
**Mr A Moloney**



## Stars of the Week

Just some of our 'Stars of the Week' from last week.

Well done to everyone.



## Home Testing for Secondary-age Pupils

A letter was sent home this week asking parents and carers to consent to receipt/ collection of the COVID-19 home testing kit allocated for their child.

*'.... the government have asked that children and young people, of secondary school age, test at home twice each week. This is to help towards identifying individuals with asymptomatic cases of Coronavirus....'*

Lateral Flow Device testing remains a choice for pupils and their parents/carers. School wish to re-emphasise that there is no obligation for anyone to accept a home testing kit

In order ensure safe delivery home the kits will only be distributed on return of a signed consent form to school.



**P McLoughlin, Assistant Headteacher**

# **Our Catholic School**

At SJV we are looking at the importance of serving others this week. We are looking at how Pope Francis reminds us on the importance of serving others **'Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more to give ourselves and to serve others'**.

How can we follow Jesus' example and put others first? A very simple idea is to keep wearing our masks, keeping our distance and washing our hands. This is how we can help protect the most vulnerable the elderly and also our NHS.

Muhammed Ali who has been voted the greatest sportsperson of all time said 'Service to others is the rent you pay for your place here on earth' ... How will you pay your rent this week! I'm going to try and be patient with others, think of how I can give more and say prayers for those in need.

In our Catholic school it is exciting to see some many different activities taking place for Lent. We have classes walking a mile daily, doing raffle making and selling cakes. We have students taking commission for drawings and classes bring in cans of food for our most vulnerable. Classes are staying silent for Si-LENT and making time just to be with God; they are remembering and expressing what they have to be thankful for and writing up lots of kind acts for our '40 acts of kindness'.

The chaplaincy team within their bubbles have been run off their feet keeping up with the demand for kindness slips and keeping track of all the fund raising and prayer activities that are happening all over SJV.

Within RE this week we have continued to look at Lent and looking ahead to Holy Week which is only two weeks off now! We also looked at the life of St Patrick, who's feast day was this week. We found lots of fun facts out – did you know St Patrick was a son of Roman born in Wales, who was kidnapped by Pirates forced into slavery and escaped to France to study to be a priest? This is what we found out on our independent research activities in RE this week!

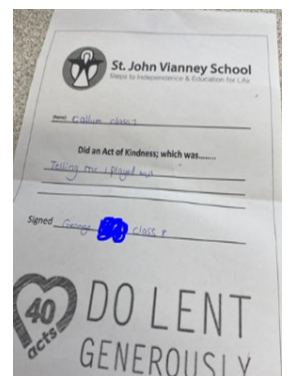
**Mrs Garfin**



**CLASS 7 LENTEN APPEAL RAFFLE  
WIN AN EASTER EGG -  
LOTS OF PRIZES**



**10 P A TICKET  
SEE CLASS 7 FOR DETAILS**



## **Class 11**

Morgan has recorded a video to raise awareness for 'Starting Point' charity. Pupils in Stockport can follow the link and get a bag of ingredients for free.

<https://startpoint.org.uk/easter-2021-holiday-cooking/>

**Well done Morgan!!**





# Class 1

Class 1 enjoyed trying out the school's new scooters last week! Well done everyone! **Mrs Murphy**



# After school Cycling Club

Our after school Cycling club enjoyed the good Spring weather this week!



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 “**Grandad**”



Make letter shape "G", then make letter shape "F" twice.

## Post 16

Post 16 visited Wythenshawe Park and took part in their Nacro lessons. There they did some garden maintenance and also built their own bird boxes. **Mr Kanakides**



# Mindful Minute

The **MARCH Network** is one of 8 national networks funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) as part of the 2018 Cross-Council Mental Health Plus call to further research into mental health.

MARCH focuses on **social, cultural and community assets** – which includes the arts, culture, heritage sites, libraries, green spaces, community centres, social clubs, community associations and volunteer groups – and the role they play in **enhancing** public mental health and wellbeing, **preventing** mental illness, and **supporting** those living with mental health conditions. There are an estimated 1 million of these assets in the UK.

**The MARCH Network proposes that these Assets  
build Resilient Communities  
and therefore lie at the heart of Mental Health  
(M-ARC-H)**

How many of these assets do you have local to yourself?

<https://www.marchnetwork.org/>



## Class 4

We could like to thank everyone that managed to donate to our collection for Manchester South Central food bank. Class 4 have been busy this week sorting out all the generous donations, ready to deliver them on Monday.

