



St. John Vianney School

Steps to Independence & Education for Life

Weekly News

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Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you and your families are keeping well.



Next Thursday afternoon we break up for the 2 week Easter break. The term has gone by particularly quickly, but it is great that we have now all children returned to school, with the hope that post Easter we can see all children back on a full-time basis. We are busy organising activities to help prepare the children and young people at SJV for Easter and we have a range of activities planned for next Thursday, including an Easter service in the chapel, to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

Attached to this newsletter you will find an additional letter to all parents, advising that we are embarking on the delivery of our Relationships and Sexual Education (RSE) programme after the Easter break. Should you have any concerns over the delivery of RSE in school for your child please do contact me at school.

The Admin team are busy collating the second interim report and these will be sent home early next week. Can I remind you please of the opportunity we have provided for you to discuss the report with the class teachers at school on Wednesday, 21st April. The class team will be in touch to provide you with a link to meet them virtually, with an alternative opportunity for a phone conversation, should you prefer this format. Please do take the opportunity to speak with the class team that evening. It will provide a great opportunity to discuss the progress and achievements made by your child so far this year.

Following our Section 48 RE and Catholicity inspection we have also re-written our School 'Mission Statement', which we believe now better reflects the School's purpose and ethos. We hope you like it.

Very best wishes for the weekend and the week ahead.

Mr A Moloney

Our Mission Statement

At St John Vianney School we celebrate the uniqueness of every child and the God given gifts they bring each day to our learning community.

Inspired by the example of Jesus Christ we are a school where every child and young person is highly valued and encouraged to give of their best.

Building on our Roman Catholic foundations we aim to foster an engaging, nurturing and safe environment, within which our children thrive and achieve their full potential.

Our St John Vianney family is dedicated to fostering independence and educating resilient, lifelong learners, who are empowered to enrich their own lives and those of others.



Our Catholic School

Within our daily worship and reflection at SJV, we look to Pope Francis, as he reminds us on the importance of 'commitment' in all we do; the resilience to see things through, especially in following Jesus. **'Let us ask for the Grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in words but in deeds.'** The staff are asking ourselves, 'do we show this commitment to Jesus in all our work and to others at SJV? How can we show this in our deeds?'

In our Catholic school we are trying hard to show this in our deeds, by doing lots of fund raising for 'St Joseph's Penny'; from car washes, raffles, bake sales, penalty shoot outs and art portrait commissions. SJV has been very busy fundraising for the most vulnerable in society.

We supported the **National Day of Reflection** on 23rd March, the first anniversary of UK lockdown, to commemorate this tragic loss of life and to stand together with everyone who is grieving. Classes had time in the chapel to reflect, say prayers and remember all who had lost their lives during the pandemic.

Our Chaplaincy team are busy working to support our Lenten charity work, our '40 acts of Kindness' and supporting 'si-Lent' by making time just to be with God and reflect. They are also practicing for our Easter service on the last day of term; we are having a service in each bubble, so each chaplaincy team are busy practicing readings and prayers.

Within RE this week we have been looking at the symbolism behind Easter, finding out why we have Easter eggs; how is a hot cross bun connected to Jesus? Hopefully you have read some of the tweets from our students with their new found knowledge on symbolism! We have also been reflecting on the pandemic, one year on, and the Bishops message of hope looking at how we can spread that message of hope in school, with our families and in the wider community. **Mrs Garfin**



Find out something new about somebody.



Stars of the Week

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



Message from the Assistant Headteacher



The government are asking that staff and pupils who are able to, continue to home test twice a week during the holidays and report the results online - *'This information is critical in helping us to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country.'*

They request, additionally, that we test either the night before, or morning of the first day back to school for the summer term – *'to find and isolate any positive cases.'*

A second test kit, for all pupils taking part in the home testing programme, will be sent home/available for collection from Monday.

P McLoughlin, Assistant Headteacher



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 **"Teacher"**

TEACHER



Index hands (palms in, pointing up) at each side of mouth move forward/out in two movements.

Class 1 Raffle

As part of our Lenten charity appeal, Class 1 are doing a toiletries raffle. Tickets cost 25p each, or 5 for £1 - please pass your money onto the Class 1 team. We will draw the winners on Wednesday 31st March. The money raised will go towards St Joseph's Penny, who help vulnerable people in our community. Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Murphy.



Class 4

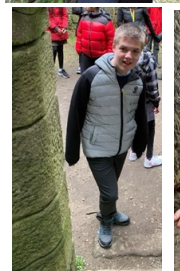
Class 4 and Manchester South Central Food Bank would like to thank everyone for their support and generous donations. All donations have been delivered and weighed by the food bank. We have managed to collect just over 164 kg of goods and this will make up around 390 meals for families in need. This will make a real and positive difference to those families' lives! **Miss Walsh**



Class 6 trip to Liverpool Castle

Class 6 had a lovely trip to Liverpool Castle on Tuesday morning to support their learning for their topic 'Castles, Queens and Kings'.

Miss Shaw



Class 11

Class 11 have accumulated 57 miles, towards their Lenten sponsored 'Walk a mile a day' target of 100 miles. Well done everyone.

Mrs Rouse



Mindful Minute

www.mentalhealth.org.uk

From lockdown to relaxation of covid rules: tips on looking after your mental health
Just as it took us time to find ways of coping during lockdown, we should also expect that it will take time to find our way back, and to reconnect with life. Things may not be the same as they were before.

Their mental health tips: about finding routines, staying connected, eating well, and taking exercise apply just as much now as they did at the start of lockdown – arguably even more so as we remain in a period of high stress but with more demands on us.

Because our situations are unique to us, it is really important to try not to judge ourselves harshly based on what other people are doing. Everybody is facing uncertainty and challenge – and we have no choice but to move through it as best we can with our own coping mechanisms. **Miss Walsh**



Class 10

Class 10 would like to share with you how privileged we feel to have our very own Artist In Residence who is making a big name for himself through the amazing cartoons and caricatures he has been beavering away over with great determination to raise a good few bob for our Lenten charity St Joseph's Penny. Our class's wish is to raise the biggest amount out of all the classes in school; the more we can give to families in need of financial help, the better, especially during the pandemic. This fine young man is Shea who has been producing art and developing his skills for many years now and as you can see, he is very talented indeed, I'm sure you'll agree, just take a look at this!



Our class also raised money through organizing a fun Penalty Shoot Out where pupils of all ages and staff, tried to beat our great goalies; not as easy as you'd imagine. Thanks for the fun boys!

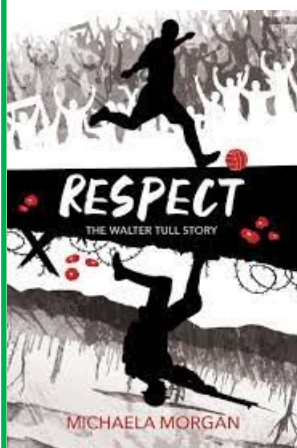
Miss Whiting





Literacy

Hello everyone! I hope you have had a lovely week. As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago each child has received some books that they have chosen to read for pleasure. It has been lovely going into different classes and seeing the children so engaged with their reading. India one of our pupils in Post 16 so enjoyed reading the book 'Respect' about Walter Tull, a promising footballer who died during World War 1, and she eagerly wrote a book synopsis and gave it to me to have a look at! It



was really clear India has learnt lots of information about Walter and was able to give a thorough outline of the story. I'm looking forward to sharing more reviews and synopsis with you over the coming weeks. Many thanks, **Miss Nesbitt.**

2021 RESPECT the Walter Tull story
Walter Tull was born in 1888 in Barbados and his dad was the son of the slaves and his dad went free and married his wife and had 5 children and they set sail to England London when Walter was 7 his mum and dad died and his sibling was sent away and Walter and his brother Edward was sent in the Children's Home and everyone loved him and his brother. He was good at football and they made him captain of the team and at 15 years was picked to play Tottenham football club in London and won many games and lost a few but in the summer 1914 he was picked to play football with in the summer he went to war in France and fight for England and he saw people dying and went out on the battle fields and he got shot