



**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 have had a good week.



The children are back now into their school routines after the Easter break and our attendance is very pleasing. Thank you for your work at home in getting our children and young people to be 'school ready' each day.

We have been working for the last 18 months with the Olympias Music Foundation, a charitable music company, who work with schools to promote learning through the arts. The organisation provides the school with specialists to lead music and movement programmes, which support the sensory needs of many of our pupils. They do a fantastic job each Wednesday and the engagement and progress in the sessions they lead is excellent. They have produced a lovely promotional video, (the link is below), which shows the programme of work undertaken. If you get a chance please have a look at the video, I'm sure you will be impressed.

With national restrictions lifting, we have opened up now a range of external enrichment opportunities for developing pupil learning, with pupils now attending Forest School at CAFT, work experience and the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Greater Manchester Outdoor Learning, swimming at Stretford Leisure Centre and Simply Cycling at Longford Park. We also have many pupils accessing cycling in their PE lessons and with Mr Cassidy in an after-school session. All fantastic experiences which really compliment the curriculum and bring learning to life for our pupils. The pupils really benefit from these opportunities and the feedback we have been given has been very pleasing. We continue to look to establish other partnerships externally which can benefit the children of St John Vianney.

I hope you enjoy the long bank holiday weekend with your families.

Best wishes

**Mr A Moloney**



## Stars of the Week



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

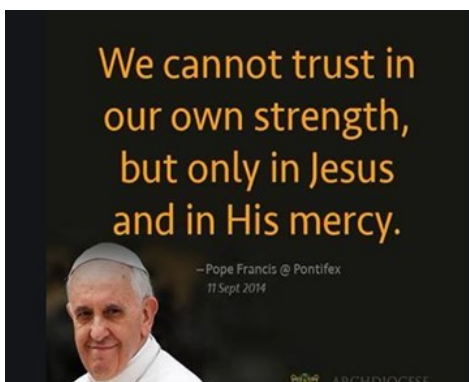


# **Our Catholic School**

We are reminded this week on the importance of Trust. We are asked to follow Jesus as the role model of the Good Shepherd, who 'knows his sheep and they know him'. Pope Francis asks us to "Trust in Jesus the Lord! This is the key to success in life". Trust is highly important in SJV, this is a big building block in terms of our relationships with each other. Without mutual trust SJV we would not be the same, trust is vital in all that we do,

In our Catholic school this week we continue to have our weekly staff virtual mass, allowing us to join in worship together. The chaplaincy team have been preparing their own code of conduct, agreeing amongst themselves the standard needed to be part of the school's liturgical development. Each bubble has come up with their own standards, which we will merge to create a whole school code, when hopefully we will all be able to meet as one.

In RE this week, we are focussing on our environment and how God has placed his trust in us to look after the world and be stewards of it. We are doing lots of quizzes to find out how environmentally friendly we are and what we could do to improve. Classes came up with simple promises they could do to help the environment, such as make sure they put scrap paper in the recycling and not to leave all their gadgets plugged in and switched on. **Mrs Garfin**



Since January last year, five classes have been involved in exciting music and movement workshops, delivered by Olympias Music Foundation. We recently welcomed in two filmmaking students from Manchester Metropolitan University to create a short film about the activities we get up to in the sessions!

It is available to watch on the Olympias Music Foundation YouTube channel:

<https://youtu.be/JhtHNdXKQ4I>



## **City In The Community**



Alex Williams MBE, from CITC came into school to speak to some of our KS3 and KS4 students with regards to "aspiration" and being who, and what they want to be in the future. **Mrs Taylor**





# Mindful Minute

## Ways to Foster Positive Thinking



Recall positive life events



Perform acts of kindness



Practice mindfulness



Express gratitude

verywell



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 “Hop”

## Hop

Working hand (palms back pointing down extended middle finger and bent index finger) hops up and down on supporting flat hand.



# Forest School



Everyone had an amazing time yesterday at the CAFT Forest School. We are really enjoying the sunnier days whilst outside!  
**Mr Healey**



## Post 16

Post 16 visited Wythenshawe Park to continue their great work with Greater Manchester Outdoor Learning. Everyone worked hard and completed some excellent work together. Mr **Kanakides**

