



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?

This week in school we have been celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week with the children. At the start of the week we welcomed everyone back into the Chapel, in their hubs, for an assembly on the theme of Emotional Well-being and getting the pupils to consider how they can look after themselves better emotionally. The assembly was full of ideas for pupils to find time in each day to switch off computers, phones and their TVs and to identify what they can do to be calmer, more reflective and also ready to face the challenges of each day. In Class

Teams this week we have been delivering meditation activities, yoga, drawing and looking how we can use nature and the outside world to build more emotional resilience.

The children have really enjoyed these opportunities, developed by the staff team responsible for school emotional well being. Please take the time to discuss your child's emotional health with them and to 'check in' on how they are feeling each day. Please look after yourself also.

We have also been sharing the Gospel message of Jesus' most important commandment to '*love one another as I have loved you*'. We have been considering the importance of us all being God's disciples of love following the way shown by Jesus. Jesus entrusts us with his message of unconditional love and asks us to carry it to the whole world - not just in words, but in our actions too. **Pope Francis asks us; 'Let us ask the Lord for the grace to love everyone'** An essential message to consider to ensure we are making the most of our own spiritual development too.

I do hope you have a great weekend with your families.

Best wishes

Mr A Moloney

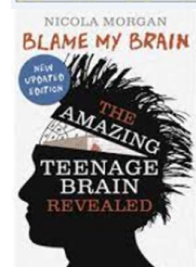


Literacy

As we come to the end of Mental Health Awareness week I would like to share with you a link to a range of books that tackle emotional health issues for children of all ages. There are some fantastic books available that help to broach subjects that we sometimes find difficult to talk about. Also reading about issues from another person or character's perspective is a great way of helping our children (and ourselves) see things a little more objectively or clearly.

Please find the link here https://cdn.literacytrust.org.uk/media/documents/Wellbeing_booklist_-_Stoke.pdf

I hope you enjoy some of these titles and would welcome any feedback about them. Have a lovely weekend. **Miss Nesbitt**



Our Catholic School

We are reflecting this week on the importance of our responsibility to spread God's 'Love' in SJV. Jesus said 'This is my commandment; Love one another as I have loved you'. Our students need to know that there is unconditional love for them here and reconciliation. It's a huge cornerstone of our work when they know this exists and then real growth occurs.

In our Catholic school this week we have celebrated mental health week throughout our school community. The learners have taken part in assemblies about this very important issue and had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities which have been proven to have a positive impact on mental health. We have enjoyed yoga, nature walks and art and reflection time, it has been a lovely way to end each day.

We celebrated the ascension of Jesus within our staff mass and through our RE lessons this week. We have been looking at the significance behind this and how we should live our lives in this knowledge. We reflected on our belief that Jesus is in heaven with God, until he decides to send Jesus to earth for the final judgement. We talked about how this impacts on our daily lives and how we can try and live our lives for Jesus.

Mrs Garfin



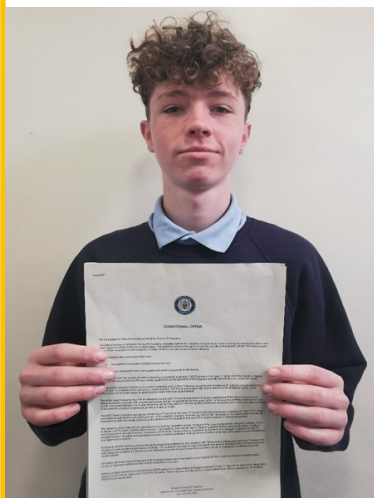
Stars of the Week



**Just some of our
Stars of the Week
last week. Well
done to every-
one!!**



Newsflash!!



Jack Bramwell from class 10 has been successful in qualifying for the position of 'Student Athlete' with Stockport County Football Club! Jack is delighted and so are we. All of that hard work and dedication to playing football both in and out of school has truly paid off. We wish him the very best of luck. **Miss Whiting**

Forest School



Another amazing experience we had at CAFT Forest School this week. The children love going for their weekly visits.

Class 7

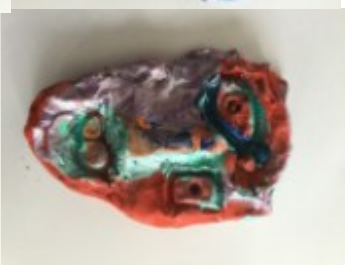
After looking at what makes us 'English' in RE, one of the ideas we came up with was an afternoon tea. We then looked at the history of afternoon tea in 'Topic' and how the success of these teas has brought tourism into Manchester. The class had to pick their own afternoon tea and then shop independently for the items in their Independence lessons. Then in Enrichment; and as part of our own emotional well-being, we created our own afternoon tea. We all had a great time and were very full afterwards. **Mrs Garfin**



Class 5

Class 5 have done a great job in creating their own clay faces inspired by the work of artist Kimmy Cantrell.
Miss Wood

Use clay to create a face inspired by the work of ceramic artist Kimmy Cantrell?



Class 10-PSHE

As part of learning in PSHE we had some fun learning about the different layers of our personalities and the differences between what others think we are like and what we are really like inside. It was fun using a Babushka doll to help understand what complex beings we all are! **Miss Whiting**



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 **"Climb"**

Climb

Clawed hands, palms forward, pointing up move upwards as though climbing.

