



St. John Vianney School

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Weekly News

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Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I do hope you and your families are keeping well?



The Government have asked me to request for your support in reducing the impact of the 'Delta' variant of the Coronavirus. You will be aware that a significant number of schools in Greater Manchester have seen increases in positive test cases in their communities over the last few weeks. Many asymptomatic carriers of this variant are School age children and to reduce the spread and the impact of more people becoming ill, we are asked to encourage you and your families to undertake regular (twice weekly) lateral flow testing at home. We are able to supply these tests through school if you require them or they are freely available in local chemists. We all have a role to play in reducing the transmission of the Coronavirus, so we are able to get back to 'a full normality' soon; your support in this is really appreciated.

Today, we had a number of children leave the school and we had a celebratory Mass in the Chapel with them and their families. It is always a sad day when children leave school, but the pupils who left today can be proud of their many accomplishments in their time at SJV and the legacy they leave behind. We wish them all well on the next part of their journey, safe in the knowledge they have the skills and knowledge to be a real success in their next steps. Good luck to them all.

Last Friday we had a lovely 'Crafternoon' activity event with pupils, using the theme of 'identity' to present their ideas creatively. Mrs Wood, who developed the afternoon, along with the class teams led some excellent activities that the children really engaged with. Mr Healey has produced an excellent video of the afternoon, which really reflects how happy and engaged the children were in their activities. The video is available on Twitter (@StJohnVianneySc) and on our YouTube page (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQXrRvfa8cFy1Ntsa_Bc3cA).



[St John Vianney RC School - YouTube](#)

Mr M Healey (Class teacher in the Rainbow) has produced this video for St John Vianney School. I'm sure you will agree, it is an excellent resource in supporting those children & young people ...

www.youtube.com

We are busy planning on a number of events for pupils to mark the end of this year in school. Please remember that School closes for the summer break on Friday July 16th at the earlier time of 1.30pm. We have informed transport teams of this earlier finish. We reopen for the new academic year to pupils on Tuesday 7th September at 9.00am.

Very best wishes,

Mr A Moloney

Class 7

Class 7 had a great time playing Disc Golf in Longford Park! It was great to see everyone getting involved and learning lots of new skills. *Mr Freshwater*



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 “Bounce”

Bounce

Working flat hand, palm down pointing forward, moves up and down like bouncing a ball.



Class 9



LOOK WHO'S BACK! As you can tell from all those amazing smiles, class 9 were absolutely over the moon to have the farm back in school today. They were so happy to be able to finally give their furry friends some cuddles again :)

Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware that the Delta variant of COVID-19 is a cause for concern across Greater Manchester and nationally. We would like to remind you that we have Home testing kits that can be used by all the family. Simply arrange to pick one or more up from the school office. Alternatively, you will be able to obtain them locally. Simply access the following link and enter your home post code for the supplier nearest to you.

<https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

Mrs Griffin



Our Catholic School

It's the end of an era this week for SJV with some of our year 11's and post 16's leaving our school community. It's a bitter sweet moment for us; its wonderful to see them ready to leave and to start the next chapter of their lives, but we will miss them. It was lovely to celebrate with parents/ carers and friends at the end of our school week. The leaving Mass with Father Desmond was a lovely way to end our formal journey together.



The Gospel focus for this week in SJV reminds us that we will all face challenges and testing times in our lives. If we choose to, we can put our faith in Jesus, who can guide and steer us through life's storms. Pope Francis reminds us 'having Faith means keeping your heart turned to God, to his love, to his Fatherly tenderness, amid the storm'. We can't expect not to have troubles in our lives, but with God's support we can get through them.



Within our Catholic school we continue to celebrate Mass face to face and share God's love with one another. The chaplaincy team are practicing for a dance off in each of the bubble services, they are all doing the Jerusalem challenge. We were hoping to do the dance off face to face, but this cannot happen with the current restrictions, so we are doing a dance off in each of our services! The team are practicing their readings, bidding prayers for our final Mass of the year in our bubbles.



In RE this week, we have continued to look at British Values. We have been focusing on helping others, especially the poor and the needy, as it's 'refugee week'. We have been looking at how we can help refugees, and with some of the older learners, looking at why it is such a controversial issue.

Mrs Garfin

Stars of the Week

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



The Crisp Sandwich Cafe



leader/s.

Autistic young people (aged 14-24) are invited to take part in the development of a unique immersive dance experience looking at the climate crisis. There will be two 30-minute performances of 'The Crisp Sandwich Cafe' each day between Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th August at Kimpton Clocktower Hotel in the city centre. It will be autism-friendly throughout and set up for COVID-safety. The performances are for up to 8 autistic young people accompanied by carers/family/friends or single groups of young people accompanied by their group

Class 2



Class 2 had great fun exploring and playing with kinetic sand in child-initiated activities!

Mr Wood



Class 13

Post 16 visited Formby beach, as part of the final celebrations for two of the class members. They had so much fun on the sand dunes and made some amazing memories. *Mr Kanakides*



Class 11

Class 11 celebrated with a party today, for David, who is leaving SJV to go to college. We wish him all the best and good luck in his future.





Post 16

Post 16 have been writing their own poems and stories after exploring Pirate Ville Island, I must say, we certainly came across some unusual creatures and some funny adventures!

Here is a poem by Josh W.

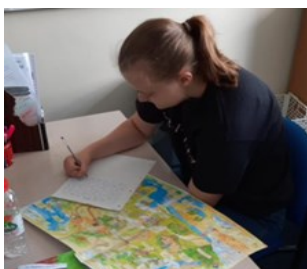
Hello my name is Josh, I ended up on an island, Oh my gosh!
its watery waters wavy like gravy,
the islands sand, soft and sinkey,
the islands cattle, horrible and ugly,
the stones and pebbles soft and crunchy.

The 'Snake Canyon' slithery and ropey,
the snakes of the island hissy and scary.

I went to an 'Oasis' it was lush and green,
it was the nicest place I have ever seen.

I went into the 'Gold Mine' to find some gold,
but all I found was rocks and coal,
I continued to look day and night,
but the only thing I continued to find was coal, coal and more coal.

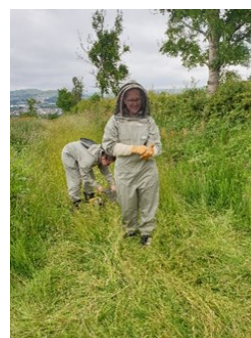
I went to the 'Creaky Tower' but instantly regretted it,
it was far to creaky and scary,
as I walked up the steps it creaked that much,
to the point I thought I was going to get crushed.



Class 6 at the Farm



Class 6 had a lovely trip to the farm this week. Miss Shaw was allowed to go into the bee hive too. **Miss Shaw**



Class 8

Some of the boys from Class 8 took the opportunity to see the animals when the Farm came into school. We look forward to them coming in each week until the end of term. Mr Whelan



Kooth online support for Children and Young People

Kooth provides a safe, secure means of accessing help via the internet, by accessing Kooth Children and Young People can benefit from: -

- ❖ A free, confidential, anonymous and safe way to receive support online
- ❖ Out of hour's availability, Counsellors are available from 12 noon to 10 pm on weekdays and 6pm to 10 pm at the weekends, every day of the year on a drop-in basis.
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- ❖ Online magazine full of moderated articles many of which are submitted by young people offering advice and guidance on a huge range of topics.
- ❖ No referral is required. Young people can register for Kooth independently at www.kooth.com

To use the service or find out more visit www.kooth.com

Alternatively contact Mrs Griffin for more information

