



St. John Vianney School

Steps to Independence & Education for Life

Weekly News

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Dear Parents and Carers,



I do hope that you and your families are having a good week?

The third week of the new academic year has been excellent. On Wednesday morning the senior team undertook a 'learning walk' of our key stage three classes in school. Despite a busy start to the day, it was great to see the children settled quickly into their learning routines in each classroom; the levels of engagement in the lessons and all the children embracing the challenges of learning that we provided for them. Behaviour in every classroom was fantastic and the level of respect between staff and pupils was palpable in every room. It is excellent to have these standards in place at the start of the academic year. Well done to the staff and pupils.

In my first assembly to the children in the chapel this week, I have reinforced the standards and expectations we have for everybody in our school community. We are ambitious for every child's success in school and expect them to attend fully in the right uniform, show their respect for the school environment and each other, develop a 'have a go' attitude and do their best to embrace every situation with a smile and positivity. It has been great to see the children embrace these qualities so well since the start of term.

Can I please remind you that we have a parents Welcome Evening booked in for Thursday, October 7th from 5pm to 6.30pm. Please do make every effort to join us on the evening, where we will provide you with some key information to help support your child in the school during this year. Our Admin Team will be calling you next week to confirm your attendance on the night.

In the meantime, if we can support your, your child or families in any way please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Best wishes for a safe weekend,

Mr A Moloney, Headteacher



Stars of the Week



Some of our 'Stars of the Week' last week. Amazing! Well done to everyone.



Class 1

Class 1 have enjoyed their sensory Literacy and Maths lessons this week-**Miss Walsh**



Class 4

Class 4 had Food Tech on Monday where we learnt to make soft pretzels. Everyone had lots of fun and got very messy! **Miss Walsh**



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 “**Sad**”

Sad



Index hands (palms back, pointing in/up) at sides of lips make a short downward movement.

Class 11

Class 11 had a fabulous day out at CAFT this week.

Mrs Rouse



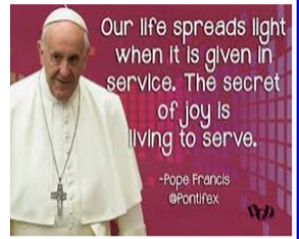
Dear Parent/Carer,

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/>

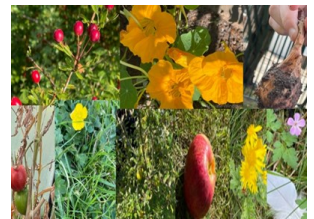
Our Catholic School

Our weekly Catholic focus this week at SJV reminds us of the importance of following Jesus' example and living a life of service. We have turned to Pope Francis for inspiration; **'Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others.'** Our School's mission is based on our service to others and how we can help support and nurture our students. Pope Francis tells us that we shine a light when we help others, when we give service and how important it is I truly believe here at SJV, our light of service shines bright.



In School this week its been wonderful to be able to welcome everybody back to SJV with our Welcome Mass, and acknowledge all the students and staff who have joined us at SJV this year. The chaplaincy team did a great job at helping to plan and deliver our services.

In RE this week, we have been looking at what a wonderful world we live in and how we should give praise for God's creation. Key Stage 3 classes have been looking at where we find beauty in nature and creation around SJV. I am sure you will agree from the pictures that they took, they certainly achieved the objective. In the upper key stages, we are looking at a variety of topical subjects from belief in God to the reasons for war; we have had some great discussions and debates.



Mrs Garfin

Literacy



It has been lovely to see so many pupils enjoying reading books in school this week. Some love them so much they even take them onto the yard at play-time.



Miss Lebedeva is also working to establish a buddy reading system in School and we hope this will encourage some of our reluctant readers to develop a love of literacy too. I will be discussing our literacy strategy with parents at our welcome evening on Tuesday 7th October, I look forward to seeing you then.

Miss Nesbitt



Class 9

It was lovely to see two of the pupils in Class 9 working hard to complete a jigsaw together.

Miss Shaw



Class 7

Class 7 had a brilliant PE lesson this week, firstly doing badminton and then yoga. All of the pupils were engaged, calm and attentive. Well done all! **Mrs Murphy**

Drama!!

We have got off to a fantastic start with Drama lessons this year with pupils showing how much they are growing in confidence and improving their communication skills, I am very proud of our wonderful pupils especially newcomers to the sub-

ject; Class 3, well done to you! Sometimes it gets a bit dangerous though when we have fire-breathing dragons in the lesson. Class 9 have been working on the story of 'Zog' by Juliette Davidson and what fun they've had. **Miss Whiting**



Class 8

Class 8 have been exploring their life skills in Independence lessons. The pupils have visited a supermarket this week and purchased branded and unbranded items, calculated the difference in value and tasted which items

were the nicest in their opinion. Great work Class 8! **Miss Wilkson**



This week we commenced our parenting group 'Riding the Rapids the Teenage Years' it was great to see and welcome parents/carers back into school!

What is Riding the Rapids?

It is a high quality, evidence-based parent-training course. It is designed for parents/carers of children and young people with an Autism Spectrum diagnosis or other complex needs, including severe learning disabilities

The course enables parent/carers to understand their child's behaviour in the context of their additional needs, and apply strategies to support positive behaviours. It also helps parents to develop stress management strategies and confidence in managing their child's behaviour. The course is collaborative, so that parents/carers develop tools they can take with them and continue to apply once the intervention is complete.

If you would like further information or you are interested in attending the next course which will commence in January 2022: please contact **Mrs Griffin** Family Liaison officer/Riding the Rapids Facilitator.

Class 6

Class 6 had a great time at the farm this week; feeding the chickens, collecting eggs and carving designs into pumpkins! We had some great designs from the class!

Miss Farar





Class 13

Class 13 visited Wythenshawe park this week and worked really hard at cleaning and preparing a seating area in the park. Their hard work will have a great impact on the local community.

Class 3

Class 3 enjoyed playing some group games during Enrichment this week.

Miss Hunter

Class 2

The boys in class 2 enjoyed learning how to put up a tent in independence this week! **Mr Wood**

Class 7

We had a great time at Cycling in Longford Park this week. We tried to make the most of the sunshine and we waved goodbye to Miss McDonough, who departs for maternity leave this week. We are all very excited to meet the new arrival shortly! **Miss Murphy**



BACK TO SCHOOL

Online Safety Tips for Children



Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.



Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.



Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!



Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.



Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.



Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.



Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.



Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.



Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).



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