



St. John Vianney School

Steps to Independence & Education for Life

Weekly News

01/10/2021



DIOCESE of SALFORD
Follow us on Twitter
@StJohnVianneySc



Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope you and your families are keeping well?

We are now half way through the first half term at school and I am really pleased with how the pupils are embracing school activity each day. They are coming to school prepared for learning and showing high levels of engagement and involvement in their lessons. The staff have been very complimentary about the work that is being produced and the rapid progress being made by many of the children and young people in classes. This start to the year certainly bodes well for the rest of the academic year. Thank you for your continued support in getting children into school each day. Their attendance at school has ensured that they will not fall behind in their learning.

With national restrictions lifting it is great to see so many pupils enjoying their enrichment activities again each week. These range from cycling at Longford Park, swimming at Stretford Leisure, PE activities at local centres, Forest School and Work Experience at CAFT, Duke of Edinburgh and Prep for Adulthood at Wythenshawe Park and visits to Cronkshaw Farm for our KS3 learners. A truly exciting range of experiences that we have planned for our learners.

Next Thursday, October 7th is our 'Welcome Evening'. We are looking forward to welcoming in the 55 parents who have, as yet, indicated they are attending next week. It will be great to finally meet the parents of our new pupils at this event. The evening will provide an opportunity to give you information about the school, our new routines and share with you how you can help us get the best out of your child's experience this year. The evening will begin at 5pm and will conclude after refreshments together in the dining room at 6.30pm. If you are yet to confirm your attendance please do let the **Admin team know you are coming by calling us on 0161 881 7843 on Monday or Tuesday next week.** Thank you for your support in this and I hope you find the evening informative and a useful start to welcoming parents and the wider school community back into school.

Should you have any other queries or issues please contact the staff Admin team and we will respond as quickly as possible.

Best wishes for the weekend and the week ahead

Mr A Moloney
Headteacher



Stars of the Week

**A huge well done to
our 'Stars of the
Week' last week!**



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 “I Feel”

I feel



Index fingers points inwards towards chest, working extended middle finger (palm back, pointing in) brushes up against side of chest.

Mindful Minute



Class 6

Class 6 have been practicing their badminton skills this week in CITC . We saw some great shots by the group, well done class 6!

Miss Farar



Class 2

Class 2 enjoyed doing an experiment in Science this week to see if different substances dissolved in water! **Mr Wood**



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/>

Class 8

This week in Topic and PHSE the class completed mock interviews for a job at McDonalds. Each member of Class 8 took turns to both be interviewed and to interview one another. They scored each other and even gave feedback. Amazingly everyone got the job! **Mrs Garfin**



Class 9

How lovely it was to celebrate the first birthday of the year in Class 9 this week! Happy birthday!! **Miss Shaw**



Class 11

Class 11 went to the Museum of Science and Industry this week to look at weaving based on our topics class about Manchester's old textile industry. We saw an old loom in action. **Mr Zohair**



Class 4

Class 4 had a brilliant time at Crokshaw Farm this week. They learned about bees and even handled a real life beehive!! **Mr Healey**



Our Catholic School

We are more than half way through the first half term? How has that happened? Time really does fly when you are having fun. That's the joy of SJV; there is always so much happening with our engaging curriculum that time literally flies by.

This week our weekly gospel reminds us of the importance of following Jesus by setting the best example we can for others. **'A good example brings about so much good. Goodness always tends to spread.'** Pope Francis. This is one of our non-negotiables at SJV; we always try our best. Sometimes it can be difficult but at the start of a new day we again try and be the best version of ourselves that we can be by following Jesus' and Pope Francis lead.

Within our Catholic school our chaplaincy team have been looking at how we can support the vulnerable and the elderly. They have come up with a huge list of ideas and they have started by making cards and letters for the elderly and sick of Father Des' parish.

Class 13 went on retreat to Father Des' home at the Just Youth Centre to spend some time in prayer and reflection. It is wonderful to be able to do a class retreat again, our first one since 2019!



Within RE this week we have been looking at the need for peace within Post 16 and how far we feel we are from achieving world peace.

We have been looking at the liturgical year within Key Stage 4 and looking at the major celebrations within the church's year. In Key Stage 3 we have been looking at our beliefs on the creation of the world, so lots of interesting debates and discussion this week. **Mrs Garfin**

A guide for Parents/Carers

All Parents/Carers understand the importance of internet safety. CEREBRA have published a guide for parents/carers that outlines some suggestions to help limit the risk of your child/young person having a negative experience online and understand what actions can be taken if they do. The guide suggests resources that will help your child/young person get the most out of the internet. To download the guide, click on the link.

<https://cerebra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/internet-safety-june19-low-res.pdf>

Local Offer

The Children and Families Act requires all local authorities to publish and maintain a 'Local Offer'. A Local Offer is a wide range of information about all the support and facilities which families can expect to find in their area, for children and young people who have special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities. The information should cover education, health and social care support and services for children and young people aged between 0 and 25.

You can access your Local Offer via your Local authorities' Website: type into the search box **Local Offer**.

www.trafford.gov.uk

www.manchester.gov.uk

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk

www.salford.gov.uk

www.sthelens.gov.uk

www.stockport.gov.uk

www.tameside.gov.uk

I hope you find this information useful! If you need any further help or information please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Griffin

Class 1

Class 1 love their weekly sessions with the Olympias Music Foundation! We've been making the sounds of the ocean and singing fishermen songs. **Miss Walsh**



Literacy

This week SLT have had the pleasure of going into classes during our literacy sessions and seeing the wonderful examples of the different ways literacy is developed in school. It has been good to see pupils reading together and buddying up to help people in their class or Key Stage to develop their skills.

Newsround seems to be a favourite Monday activity for catching up on weekend news and world events and our 'Wednesday Word' activity gives us a midweek spiritual literacy focus. Thank you to parents who also encourage reading at home, this further supports the progress made by our pupils in both developing reading skills and enjoying literacy-based activities. **Miss Nesbitt**



Nasal Flu Immunisation's

Dear Parents/Carers,



A reminder that the nasal flu immunisations will be available in school on the 13th October. The link you were previously sent has now expired, therefore if you would like your child to receive the nasal flu immunisation, but have not yet given consent, please contact your class teacher or the admin team and I will send out a paper consent form.

If you have any questions, you can contact myself through the admin team or for further information please follow the link: www.intrahealth.co.uk/fluleaflet2021

Thank you,

Miss Watson

Medical Coordinator

Class 3

Jensen and Keenan have been busy working collaboratively designing a comic strip. The attention to detail has impressed me... well done boys! We cannot wait to see the finished article. **Miss Hunter.**

