



St. John Vianney School

Steps to Independence & Education for Life

Weekly News

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Dear Parents and Carers,



You may be aware that Trafford has one of the highest COVID rates presently in the country. Many schools are seeing rising infection rates, which suggest a real link to asymptomatic Children and Young People in passing infection. We are fortunate, as we have had very limited impact of COVID on staff and pupils in school over the last few weeks and feel positively that our persistence in ensuring strong hygiene routines across School are certainly helping us all at this time.

We are mindful however, of the need for both staff and pupils to continue to follow national guidance on promoting social distancing and hand hygiene, wherever possible. The Public Health Office have asked us to call on parents and carers to reinforce these COVID related hygiene messages at home. Please also keep an eye on any symptoms that may develop in your child over the next few weeks. We have lateral flow tests available in School for pupils to regularly test at home and these are available from the School office. However, should a child develop any symptom of COVID, please keep the child at home and arrange for a PCR test to be undertaken, isolating until the result is known. If the test is negative the child may return to school, but if it is positive the child will need to self-isolate at home for 10 days. Track and Trace will be in touch with you, at this point, to identify any close contacts who may be at greater risk of infection and will offer advice accordingly.

We have had another very busy week in school and the children continue to attend positively and enthusiastically in supporting our efforts to get the full curriculum back up and running. Attendance has been excellent again this week and we hope that this will continue. Mr Cassidy is planning a rewards afternoon next week to treat the many children who have outstanding attendance since September. Thank you for your ongoing work in supporting your child back into school each day. If we can do anything to support you as a family, please do let us know.

Can I remind you please we break up for the half term holiday next Friday 22nd October at 3:15pm. School will be re-open for the second half of the autumn term on Monday, 1st November at 9am. I know that many of the children and staff are looking forward to the half term break to recharge the batteries and support us all in getting through the next part of the school term, through to the Christmas break.

On Wednesday this week we sent home 'The Wednesday Word', which is a three week resource to support families in reflective opportunities during those three weeks. Could we ask you please that you take the opportunity to go through the resource with your children, which will continue to guide them on their faith journey. This is something we believe will really provide our children, parents and their families the opportunity to reflect and draw upon on the Lord's support as we enter the winter months. We ask Him to 'stay with us Lord on our journey'.

I do hope you have a great weekend.

Best wishes.

Mr A Moloney









Vacancy

SJV are looking for an Estates assistant. For more information on this vacancy click on the link below.

<https://stjohnvianneyschool.co.uk/our-school/current-vacancies/>

Mindful Minute

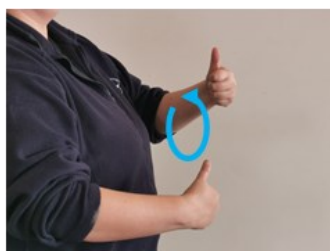
Quick ways to CALM down! Sea Life Sensory Solutions.

			
Puffer Fish Puff	Clam Cuddle	Turtle Tongue	Starfish Stretch
Puff your cheeks like a puffer fish!	Cuddle yourself like a clam.	Poke your tongue out like a turtle pokes out its neck.	Stretch out like a starfish.
Fill your cheeks with air and hold for 5 seconds.	Place your hands on the opposite shoulders and squeeze.	Stick your tongue out and quickly hide it again.	Place your arms up over your head and stretch out wide. Stretch your legs out wide too.
			



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 “Proud”

Proud



Thumb hand (palms in, pointing forward) make alternate backward circles so that thumbs brush down against chest.

Mr Lomax read some poems at 10 Downing Street on Thursday as part of National Poetry Day celebrations and discussed the delivery of poetry in schools over the coming year. Mr Lomax started poetry workshops in school this week, everyone thoroughly enjoyed them!



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/>

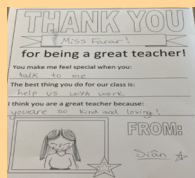
Our Catholic School

This week in SJV we reflected on Happiness, God wants us to be happy; true and lasting happiness is not in wealth or materialism, but in living the way Jesus taught us. **'We will be the happiest people in the world, if we belong to God'** St Teresa of Calcutta. I think SJV is one of the happiest places to work and to attend, you can really feel the Holy Spirit working within our school community.



Chaplaincy continues to drive our collections for the homeless and vulnerable. The bags of donations are stacking up very nicely in my room, but please keep on giving if you are able to. We are collecting throughout the month of October and handing out donations

when we are back after half term. The team are doing a challenge every week and to celebrate world teacher day (here at SJV we define teacher as any adult who helps us) the Chaplaincy Team gave out to their class thank you notes to fill in. This will help make SJV even happier.



In RE this week some of the older students have looked at the four main types of love and connecting this with work on vocation. We have also looked at big questions such as 'Is there a heaven or a hell?' If God is all loving, why is there a hell? My best answer was from a year 11 student who said "God has to be like a strict parent, there has to be consequences for your behaviour, especially if you're not sorry!" I love how nothing is off limits for our students, we can and we will debate and answer the big questions. **Mrs Garfin**



BUILD A SHOEBOX ONLINE

Bless a Child in Need in Just a Few Easy Clicks

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Samaritan's Purse INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

Our Shoebox Appeal for Operation Christmas Child has begun! This week, consider finding your shoebox; you might have a spare one at home, or you could always ask your local shoe shop if they have any spares they could donate (they usually do!). Wrap your shoebox in bright Christmas paper, but remember not to seal it. If you can't get hold of a shoebox, or you feel you could fill a few, you can always get some of the pre-printed boxes from Samaritan's Purse. Find them at the following link: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/operation-christmas-child-resources/preprinted-shoeboxes/>

Literacy Corner

Thank you once again to the BookTrust charity for sending us this amazing variety of books to add to our library! I am sure our pupils and staff will enjoy sharing these stories with each other.

Miss Nesbitt



Stars of the Week

A huge well done to everyone who received their Star of the Week certificates last week!!

Amazing effort!

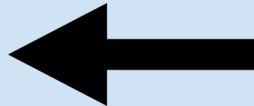
KS3 News

Class 2 had great fun at forest school in the sunshine today! *Mr Wood*

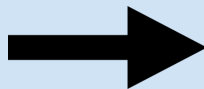


Class 5 had an amazing day out learning to cycle and have fun together!

Miss Mollard

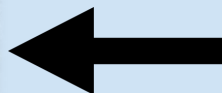


This week at the farm Class 6 met Floss the farm sheep dog and learnt a lot about herding sheep. It was really fun watching this. *Miss Donbavand*

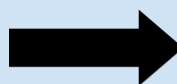


Class 8 had a very enjoyable time going to Chorlton library as part of their independence lesson. Looking at all the different services on offer at the local library and taking out some books for literacy time.

Mrs Garfin



Class 4 had a great visit to bowling on Thursday. Especially their first trip on the tram. *Mr Healey*



KS 4 & 5 News

Class 12 had a very productive time at NACRO. They painted tyres and pruned the rose garden. Well done everyone!

*Mrs Rouse,
Mrs Shaw-cross & Mrs
Peddie.*



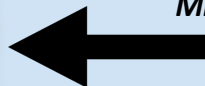
Class 13 visited Wythenshawe park this week. They worked really hard and completed some much-needed jobs. Well done everyone.

Mr Kanakides

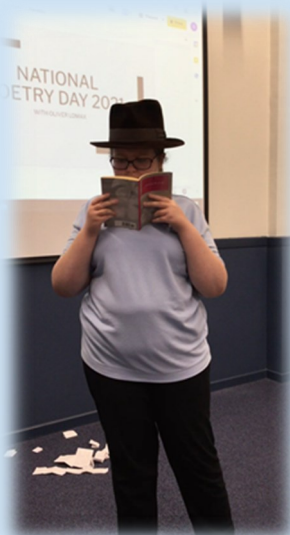
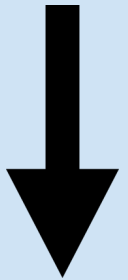


Class 9 have been working hard to improve their football skills in PE this week, great fun was had!

Miss Wood



Class 11 had a wonderful science lesson this week. We looked at what causes rusting in a science experiment, taking safety into consideration.



Class 10 enjoyed World Poetry Day yesterday and enjoyed wearing Mr Lomax's Fedora, especially Micah, who now has his eye on it !!

Mrs Taylor





#Helloyellow day

All the pupils enjoyed celebrating #HelloYellow day last Friday. It was lovely to see so many pupils looking bright in their yellow clothes. This year's theme was 'You are not alone' following this theme all the pupils were provided with a plastic tub, which they decorated and put in the names of people they trust and can speak to. This will be used in school in the pupils 'Tool boxes'. Thank you to all those who donated, we raised **£157**, this money will help support the charity 'Young Minds.'

Miss Shaw and Mrs Kay



Here's how your fundraising will make a difference

1. **A donation of £5** will help young people share their mental health experiences, which will reach thousands more young people to give them hope at this difficult time.
2. **A donation of £10** ensures a Helpline Volunteer is on the end of the phone to provide information and support to distressed parents. They need our support more than ever.
3. **A donation of £30** gives a parent or carer a 50-minute telephone call with a qualified mental health front line worker, who can provide clinical advice and guidance.

YOUNG MINDS

