



St. John Vianney School

Steps to Independence & Education for Life

Weekly News

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Dear Parents and Carers,



On Monday this week we welcomed our children and staff back into school after the autumn half term break; I do hope that you and your families managed to have a rest during the week holiday? The staff and pupils certainly look refreshed, after a week away from school.

We have a number of staff who have been off this week isolating at home and we look forward to welcoming them back early next week. Their absence has posed a challenge in terms of covering their roles, but the staff in School have been really flexible in their work and we have managed to continue to deliver the full curriculum and enrichment activities to all classes this week, which we are very pleased with. The children have been fantastic this week too and have supported the staff in their engagement and their participation in all activities this week. Thank you for getting them ready for being back in school this week; your support is really appreciated.

We have seen a significant increase in Coronavirus cases in the South Manchester area over the last few weeks, so we are continuing to ask children to socially distance (where possible) and practice good hand hygiene, particularly after transitions in school. We have Lateral Flow Test kits readily available in School for pupils to test at home and we are continuing to encourage staff and pupils to test at least twice weekly. Your support in reminding children to do the same at home will support our work in School.

The children have come back from the half term break enthusiastic and positive and this was displayed particularly well, with over 20 pupils attending extra-curricular badminton and skateboarding, after school on Wednesday night. That is a fantastic start to this extra weekly provision that we can give pupils at SJV. Additionally, we are beginning to make plans for Advent to ensure pupils are fully prepared to celebrate Christmas, which is always an exciting time at School. We are all anticipating another busy 7 weeks before the next break.

As always, we will try to keep you as informed as possible of any developments in school and if there is anything we can do to support you and your families please do contact us through the admin office.

I hope you have a safe and restful weekend.

Best wishes.

Mr A Moloney
Headteacher

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/>

FOLLOW THE FIREWORK CODE

If you must have fireworks at home, please follow this safety advice.

DOs

- Only buy fireworks from retailers registered with MFRS
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Keep pets indoors

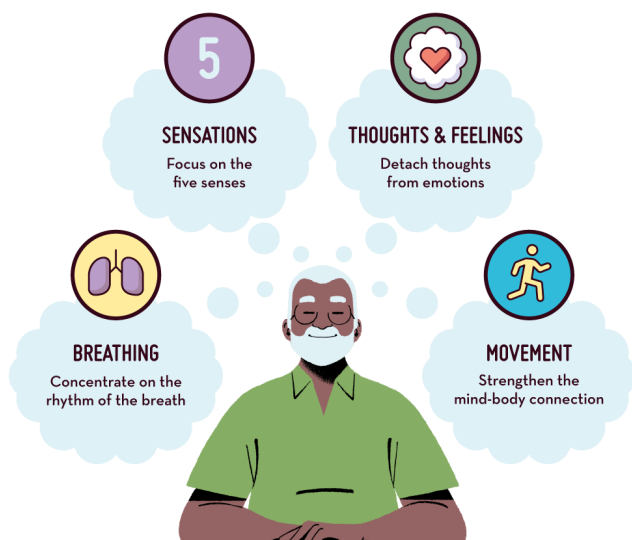
DON'Ts

- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't let fireworks off after 11pm

Mindful Minute

EMBRACE THE PRESENT WITH MINDFULNESS.

Four techniques to make you feel calm and focused.



#DeStressMonday

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MONDAY

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

It is good to be back after the half term break and SJV are relaxed and refreshed and looking forward to the term ahead. Within our Catholic School we are remembering and celebrating that November is Month of the Holy Souls and All Saints. Within the School, we are all going to be looking at different Saints with the Rainbow Building and some Key Stage 3 classes looking at a 'saint a day' and the older learners choosing a Saint to look at in more detail.

As a Catholic school we are going to focus on God's message from this week. We are reminded in the Gospel of how Jesus expects those who are privileged to lead the way. Jesus said **"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."** (Luke 12:48)

The Chaplaincy team are looking ahead to Remembrance Day and the month of the Holy Souls and gathering names and pictures of those we want to be remembered in our service. We are also praying for those recently dead from Father Desmond's Parish and are planning activities to celebrate the Saints.

Within RE this week we have also been looking at Saints and which were are Patrons of different jobs. We had great fun acting out the occupations and guessing what they are. Classes have created their own prayers to the Saints and for the Holy Souls. **Mrs Garfin**



Free Travel Training for young people

MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
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Have you ever wanted to walk or use public transport to get to places independently but didn't know how to, such as the cinema, youthclub or shops?

If you are a young disabled person aged between 14-25 and living anywhere in Manchester, this could be an ideal opportunity for you

The A-Z travel training programme is about young disabled people gaining independence, confidence and skills to travel independently on public transport or by walking

Where do I want to go today?

We will provide free training and direct 1-1 support to help you get from A-Z

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Stars of the Week

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





Introducing.....

Name – Graeme Damant



Role in School: I have the honour and privilege to work at SJV as the Assistant Head Teacher in charge of Teaching and Learning. It is my job to make sure all staff are delivering the best possible learning experiences for every child that attend this amazing school. I am responsible for pupil progress and, alongside the Headteacher, developing a culture of excellence in everything we do.

What I've been doing this week: This week I have delivered a whole staff training session on the use of SOLAR, reviewed Performance Management documentation and taught a range of science lessons.

SOLAR is the assessment system that we use in school to monitor the progress of all pupils, identify gaps in knowledge and understanding and plan future interventions. I will continue working with staff, governors, parents and pupils to develop this system as we move forward and ensure that we maximise the progress of all learners.

Science lessons this week have addressed issues such as: recycling, sustainability, evolution and survival of the fittest!

What is best about being in the SJV... Without a shadow of a doubt the best thing at SJV is the pupils, closely followed by the staff! SJV has a unique feel and I know that I am blessed to have been appointed to my current role this year. Having worked at many schools over the last 20 years, I can honestly say that you will not find a more caring and supportive environment for many miles!

It would be even better if..... Our new school could be built by Christmas so we can enjoy all those excellent new facilities!

Just a week to go until the deadline for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Please remember to include who your shoebox is for (boy or girl?) and the age range (2-4, 5-9 or 10-14). Ensure it is wrapped in bright Christmas wrapping paper, but please don't seal it, just use an elastic band to keep it shut. If you can, please also enclose a £5 donation - this covers project

costs including shipping. You can also donate online at the address below; if you donate online, you will also get to find out where your shoe box ends up! Thank you, **Mrs Murphy**.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/follow-your-box-donation/>



[Donate Online and Follow Your Box - Samaritan's Purse UK](#)

Donate £5. We suggest you make a donation of £5 per shoebox for project costs, including shipping. This enables a local church or group overseas to receive shoeboxes, project materials and training to lead a well-organised children's event where your shoebox will be given to a child in need. £5 a box goes a long way!

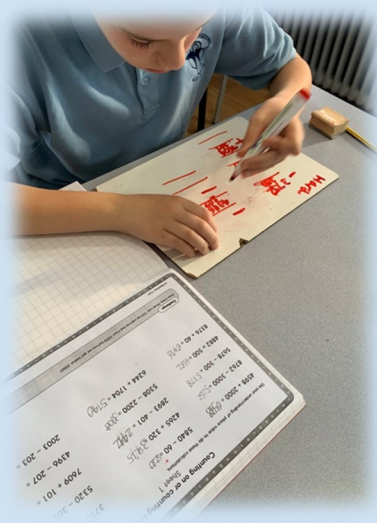
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KS3 News

Class 1 have enjoyed making biscuit fireworks and breadstick sparklers while learning about bonfire safety. *Miss Walsh*



Class 7 had an amazing time at the Farm this week! *Miss Murphy*



Class 2 showing great concentration during Maths this week! *Mr Wood*



Class 4 learning how to tie shoe laces for independence and arranging characteristics into inherited or acquired! *Mr Healey*



Class 6 had a great time in their first food tech lesson this week! They were making scones and they tasted amazing! *Miss Farar*



Class 8 went shopping as part of their independence lessons for items for 'Operation Christmas child'. The aim is that every child will get a present to open on Christmas day and class 8 brought in their own money to purchase items for our shoe box. Well done Class 8. *Mrs Garfin*

KS 4 & 5 News

Class 12 thoroughly enjoyed making a variety of Christmas cards, snowmen and baubles for their enterprise project to sell at school.

Well done everyone

*Mrs Rouse,
Mrs Shawcross & Mrs Peddie.*

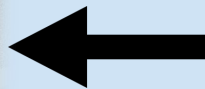


Class 13 visited Sale Water Park and did some volunteering with the TCV (The Conservation Volunteers). They worked extremely hard cutting down willow.

Mr Kanakides



Class 9 had fun making firework biscuits in Food Tech. *Mrs Kay*



Only from St. John Vianney School.

Handmade Picture
Frames

From £3

Homemade Christmas cards.

from 20p



Pinecones
from 15p

from 50p

Wooden decorations

All items will be on sale during break time and Lunch times, or contact Mrs Shawcross for further details.

Teach Rex – Deep Learning Day

On Friday the 22nd October we were delighted to welcome Thomas the gorilla to SJV. Thomas and his handler Sam taught us about the destruction of Thomas's habitat and how humans are impacting the environment. Pupils engaged in a wide range of stimulating activities including: playing games with Thomas, creating movies and writing stories. They developed their literacy skills, ability to work as a team and ICT fluency through using a movie editing tool.

Here comes Thomas!



Pupils were filled with awe and wonder as Thomas approached:



Turned out he was a friendly giant after all!



I just wish the staff hadn't been so scared!



Mr Damant

