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St John Vianney Newsletter

26.11.2021



A message from our Headteacher

I do hope that you and your families are keeping well?

We have had another very busy week in school. The children have had lots of activities to engage with and their participation and involvement in all aspects of the schooling continues to impress us all.

On Wednesday, the Chaplaincy team had their 'retreat' at the Spiritan Centre in Salford, with Father Desmond. The chaplaincy team, at school, has over 30 pupil members and Mrs Garfin and her team of staff use the opportunity to team

build with the group and to involve our children in the preparation for Advent services and activities. I'm informed that the children were really well engaged and made excellent contributions to the planning. Mrs Garfin reported that the team of pupils were all excellent ambassadors for the School. Well done to all those involved.

We welcomed the Governing Body into school, on Wednesday afternoon, for some governor training and a learning walk in lessons. The Governors spent some time in lessons with children, observing practice and had some training on our assessment platform, SOLAR and our safeguarding work in School. Feedback, we received, was very positive and was particularly focused around the excellent behaviour, involvement and the relationships that existed in all our classrooms. I know it was a very worthwhile experience for them.

Today we had eight classes and their staff teams visit the Opera House in Manchester to attend a performance of David Walliam's 'Gangsta Granny'. Many of our children are avid readers of his work and to be able to see a production of his most popular book was a real treat. Another great experience for our children, which I hope will encourage more reading at home.



This weekend moves us into Advent; a time of the year that we really look forward to in School. We will be doing our utmost to prepare the children to understand the real meaning of Christmas and prepare fully for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We hope that you will continue these conversations with your children at home.



Very best wishes for a safe and happy weekend.

Mr A Moloney



Stars of the Week

Each week a 'Star of the Week' is chosen by the class team to celebrate achievements both academic and pastoral.



This week we are celebrating the following achievements:

- Charlie- for starting 'reading with Charlie' and trying new things.
- Tomaz- For being a perfect role model to the pupils in school in his role of Prefect.
- Theo- Theo was taking care of the school environment by collecting leaves up and putting them in the bin at breaktime.
- Isaac- For remaining positive all week when he was having a hard time.
- Jay- For using his independent skills and keeping the classroom tidy.
- Miya- For trying hard to be brave and do things that are out of her comfort zone. Well done Miya!
- Joseph- For being more engaged in lessons.

- Callum- for trying hard in English and being very helpful and kind.

Keep up the good work!!

SJV Class News



Class 12

Class 12 thoroughly enjoyed their photography trip out to Castlefield- where they concentrated on taking pictures of Arches, landscapes and reflections in the water.

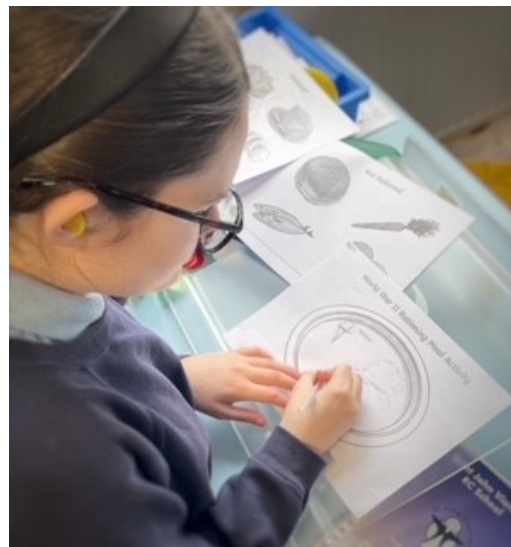
Well done everyone!





Class 10

Class 10 have been looking at World War II and in particular the subject of “rationing”. They were lucky enough to be able to see some genuine ration books.



Actual Ration Books





Class 3

Class 3 have had another amazing session at the farm. They have helped get the hen house ready for the chickens to use.









Class 9

Class 9 have been making rain gauges this week in maths. We are going to see how much rain they collect over a week.







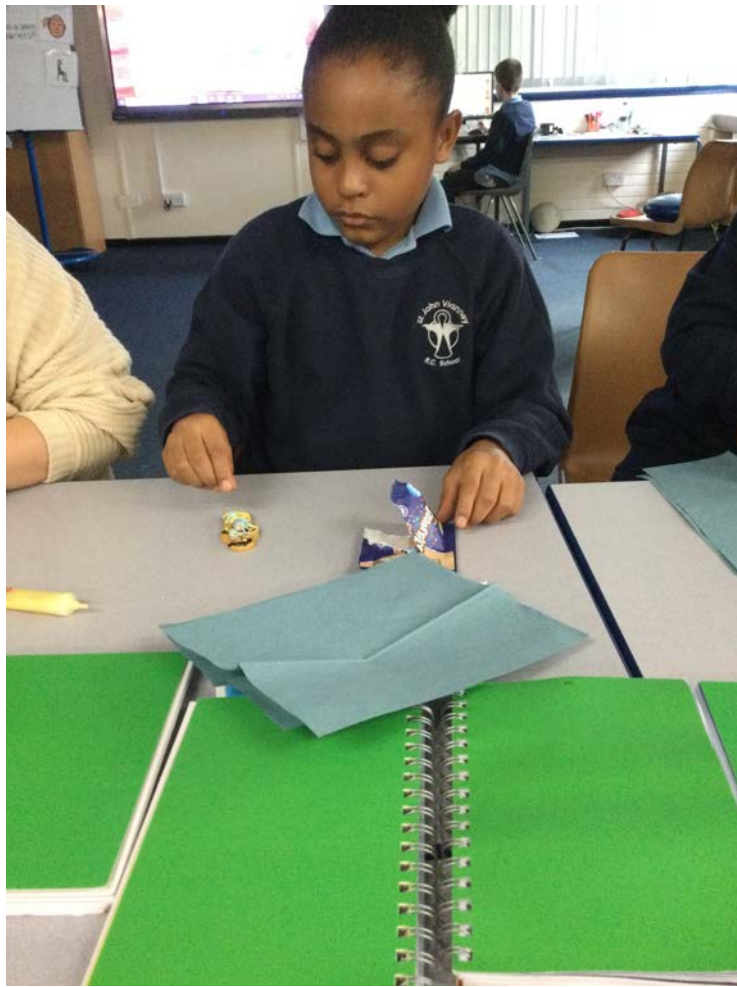
Class 1

Class 1 had lots of fun listening to The Gingerbread Man and acting it out with stick puppets. Our favourite part was decorating and eating our very own gingerbread men.





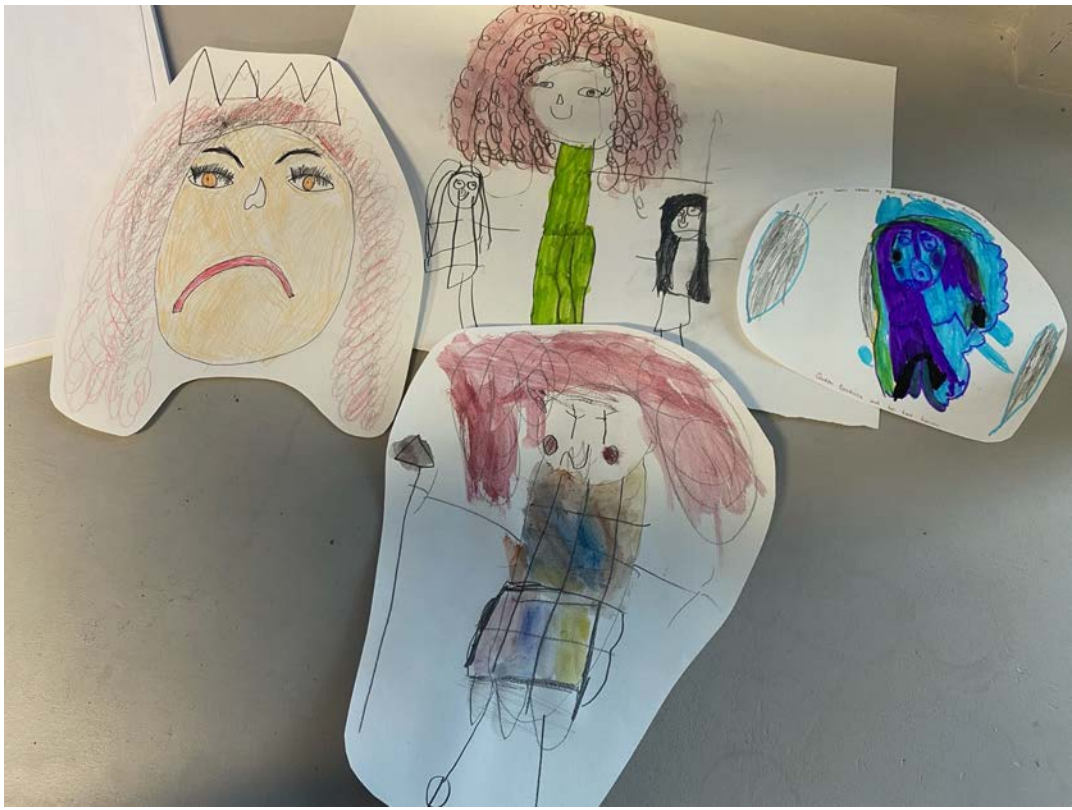






Class 7

This week in topic we've been learning about Queen Boudicca. As a class we had a go at role-playing her in battle, and then created some portraits of what we thought she would have looked like.





Class 8

The class had a great time this week trying out new notes and making tunes!









Class 12 & 13

Class 12 and 13 took part in a Bread and Butter session this week. They worked really hard and packed 60 bags. Great work everyone.









Our Catholic School

By Mrs Garfin

This week we celebrate the Feast of 'Christ the King'. It is a celebration to which we are all invited and an opportunity to make a new start with Jesus.

Pope Francis reminds us that 'Jesus leads us on our journey to eternal life'. *What are we doing on our journey?* How are we helping others? This quote helps focus our reflection time at SJV.



We had a very exciting day on Wednesday with the whole of the Chaplaincy/G.I.F.T team went visiting Father Desmond's for a retreat day. This gave the team a chance to plan for all the different activities we are doing for Advent and Christmas. SJV has the largest Chaplaincy team in the diocese (with 33% of the school on the team). We are very lucky and grateful that Mr Moloney allows us all to go (we had to hire a very big coach!). We had a fabulous time, with lots of laughter, singing and dancing and some serious hard work as well!



The team will be launching our Advent preparation at SJV, with two services next week. If you are sick of Christmas before the 25th December we have been learning that you've not been doing Advent right. We need to prepare properly for Jesus and think of others; we will be looking, as a school, of what we can do each week in Advent to fully prepare for Christmas.



With RE this week we have been doing a lot of MAD time!
This is making a difference to our work; we have been
looking at our work on Holy Souls and Saints and after the
students have read their written feedback they have all tried
hard to improve their work.





Staff Voice

Miss Copeland



Role in School – Teaching Assistant

What I've been doing this week: I have had a lovely week at SJV, learning about the Romans in Topic and seeing Class 4 dress up in Roman attire! I also had the pleasure of supporting Class 11 this week. We went to Gorse Hill and filmed a wacky scene with a student dressed as an alien, apparently this is an average day for Class 11! Everyone joined in and played a great part. To end the week, KS3 had the privilege to visit the Opera House to see the play 'Gangsta Granny'. I love the theatre, especially near Christmas!

What is best about being in SJV? The best thing about being part of the SJV family is the lovely students and staff. They make me absolutely love coming in to work every day.

It would be even better if... I could do more 1:1 work with students who have a particular interest they want to explore.

Hopes and dreams for the future? I am really interested in child psychology and helping vulnerable children. I would love to have my own little area in school one day, where students can off load their worries.



Student Voice

Ben

What I've been doing this week: I have had Independent travel training from Home to School. I am almost at the point of travelling to School all by myself. I did Work Experience at the 'Bread & Butter Thing'. I helped to pack over 60 bags of vegetables for families in need. On Thursday I went to the gym & worked out on the weights. On Friday I go to a local School to support younger students with their learning. I enjoy doing this, it is very rewarding.

What is best about being in SJV? Spending time with my friends & doing all the exciting things we do in Post 16. I also

like being a school prefect.

It would be even better if... We had better computers.

Hopes and dreams for the future: To go to college and later to work with computers.

Open Doors At Manchester Art Gallery

Open Doors is a series of creative sessions at Manchester Art Gallery, especially for autistic children, their families and carers. Each month you can get hands on with a variety of making activities and explore the art gallery. Please book via Eventbrite; only one ticket needed for each family. The next session is Saturday 27th November. Arrive anytime between 10-11.30am, the session finishes at 12 noon. More information on the Gallery website. Any questions, contact

katymccall@manchester.gov.uk or ring the main desk 0161

235 8888, leaving your name and number. Future dates:

Saturday 8th January, Tuesday 22nd February, Saturday 19th
March and Tuesday 12th April

Young People Having Their Say

Greater Manchester Youth Network (GMYN) invites young people aged 13-25 with a disability or additional needs to join their Youth Voice projects. It's a way of having their voice heard and campaigning with other young people to make changes. It's also about having fun, trying new activities and making new friends. Young people will be fully supported to take part. Contact Joseph Cain at [GMYN](https://www.gmyn.co.uk) on phone 07592845246 or by email joseph.cain@gmyn.co.uk.



Mindful Minute

keys to emotional well-being

Use
positive
self-talk



Remind
yourself that
you're a work
in progress



Work
towards
your goals
& dreams



Stay
physically
active



Get enough
sleep and
rest



Spend time
with family
& friends

Eat a
balanced
diet



Talk about
your
thoughts &
feelings



Do
activities
you love



Care
for
yourself



Keep learning
things that
interest you



Give
back to
others

Pathway
2 SUCCESS!

Enjoy your
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