



St John Vianney Newsletter

12.11.2021



A message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers, it has been great this week to have welcomed back a full team of staff after the challenges of the first week after half-term break. This has allowed us to fully deliver our curriculum to the children and it has been exciting to see our pupils involved in a range of enrichment activities again this week. I must congratulate the girls' Key Stage 3 football team, who represented the school so well at The Etihad complex on Wednesday. Mr Wood, who managed the team explained that the girls not only played well and won a number of games played, but they participated in exactly the right manner and what we expect from pupils representing the school at such events. Well done to all involved. The boys' tournament at Manchester City takes place in 2 weeks time.



On Wednesday morning, Father Desmond and the chaplaincy team delivered two separate Holy Souls services for the school community. The services provided an opportunity for us to reflect back on those who have passed before us and who have made such positive contributions to all our lives. We were able to celebrate the lives of holy souls and also link our prayers to Remembrance Day, which took place on Thursday the 11th. Again, I was really proud of the involvement and participation of all our children during both important services. Thank you to Mrs Garfin and the chaplaincy team for coordinating our services.



Children across the school are continuing to make good progress in their lessons and staff are busy now uploading our assessment platform, SOLAR, to reflect the achievements made by the children in the lessons. This information will then be collated over the next few

weeks and will allow us to generate the first interim report of the academic year, identifying the successes made by your child in their lessons since September. We are aiming to send the reports home to parents by the middle of December.



We hope you have a great weekend. Please remember to follow the school on Twitter [@StJohnVianneySc](https://twitter.com/StJohnVianneySc) where you will be able to see daily the fantastic range of activities and events that our children and young people encounter at School.

Best Wishes,

Mr A Moloney

We are recruiting!

Job Vacancy

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The closing date is fast approaching for our **Estates Assistant Vacancy**. Click on the button below for more information and to download the application documents.

- Job Title: Estates Assistant
- Post Grade: Band 3 £19 312- £19 698 (NJC Points 5-6)
- 36.25 hours per week (shift pattern between the hours of 6.30am and 6.30pm).
- Full time including during school closure periods.
- 25/30 day's holiday per year (depending on length of continuous service).
- CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS **MON 15TH NOVEMBER @ 12:00 noon**

[Click here to down load our application pack!](#)



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:

- Aiden, for better focus and concentration in lessons.
- Tyler, for participating in restorative resolutions to fix friendships and being a good friend.
- Efe, for excellent participation and supporting peers.
- Dylan, for having a really productive week.
- Jason, for trying hard to understand the concept of time and completing all tasks.
- Daniel, for being really helpful in class and kind to his friends.
- Shawn, for a calm and relaxing first week back in school.
- Finlay, for great independent work and settling well with new staff in his class.
- Munir, for making a great start to the new term and participated in all of his lessons and contributed some great ideas.
- Scarlett, for being a really kind friend, and also for asking loads of brilliant questions at the farm this week.
- Curtis, for making an excellent start to his school life at SJV.
- Abdul, for becoming more comfortable and trusting with his peers.
- Andrew, for being generous to his friends.

Keep up the good work!!

SJV Class News



Class 1

Class 1 have enjoyed building Sensory Dens this week for some quiet and peaceful meditation work.







Class 3

Class 3 enjoyed their first visit to Cronkshaw Farm this week. They loved seeing all the animals.

Cuddles for the cat

Who's a pretty birdie?



Sweeping the sheds



Carefully holding a rooster



Class 2

In their Enrichment lesson this week, Class 2 enjoyed learning how to play card games.





Class 7

Class 7 learned some useful skills in their Design Technology lesson this week. They made tortoises with mechanisms!

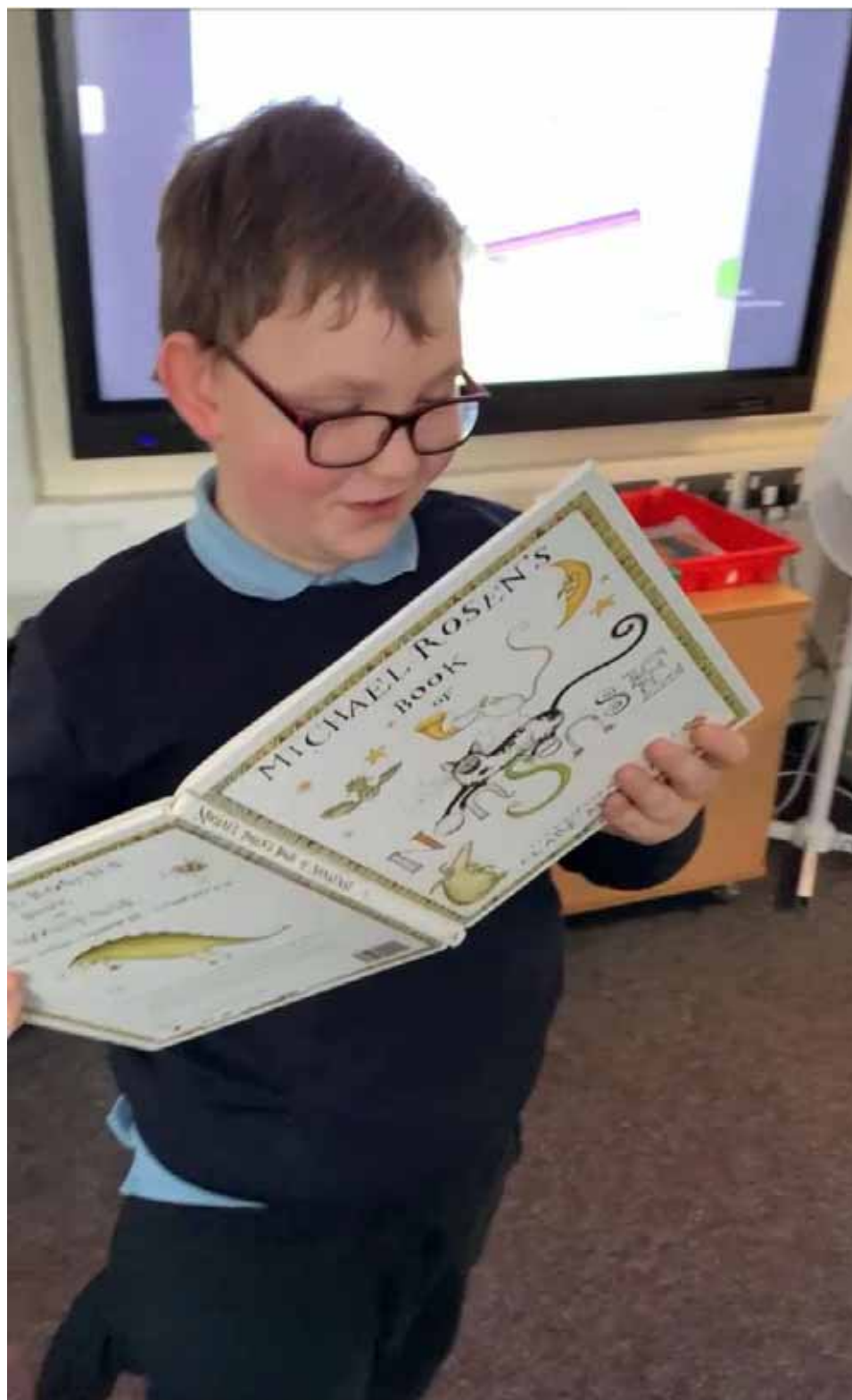


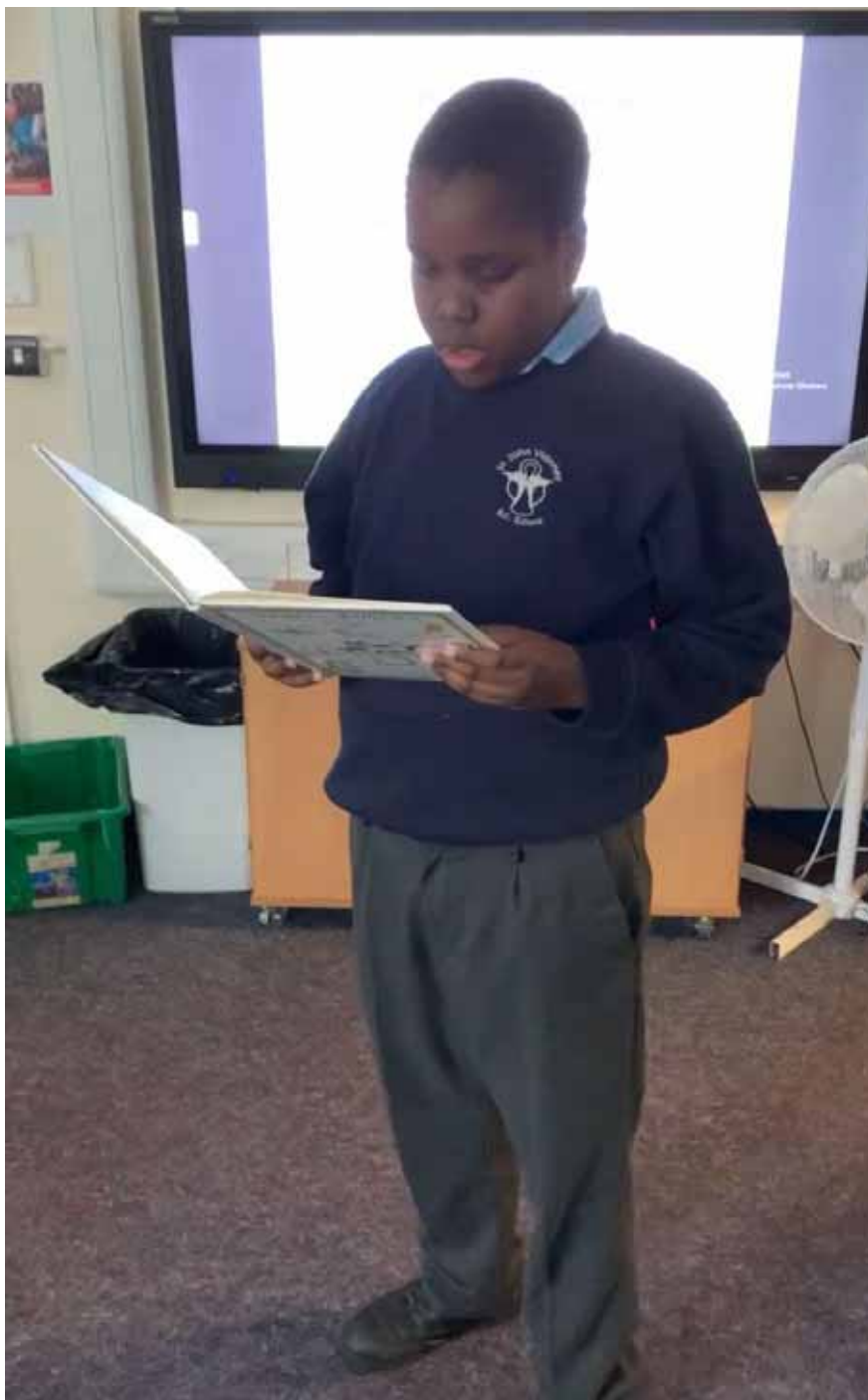


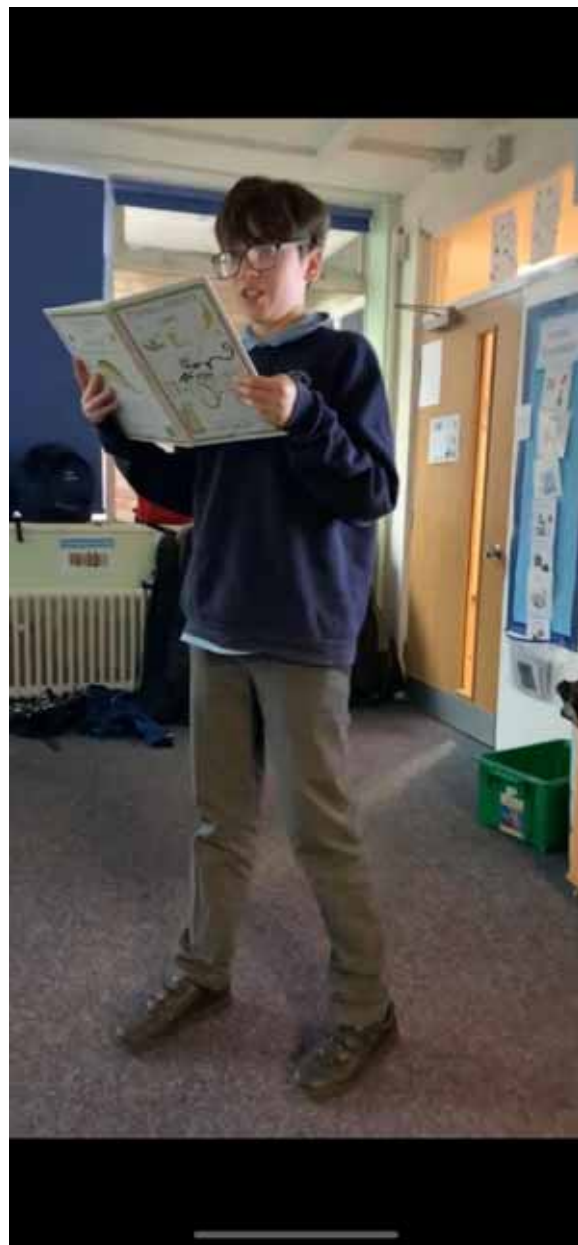


Class 4

No Nonsense Here! Class 4 enjoyed reading poetry this week. They particularly enjoyed Michael Rosen's Book of Nonsense.









Class 12

A number of young people in Class 12 took part in their first work experience day at King's Road School. They thoroughly enjoyed their time and were great ambassadors for St John Vianney School.





Class 9

Class 9 made some beautiful poppies this week while reflecting on Remembrance day. They enjoyed handing them out to their peers and staff during assembly in our Chapel.

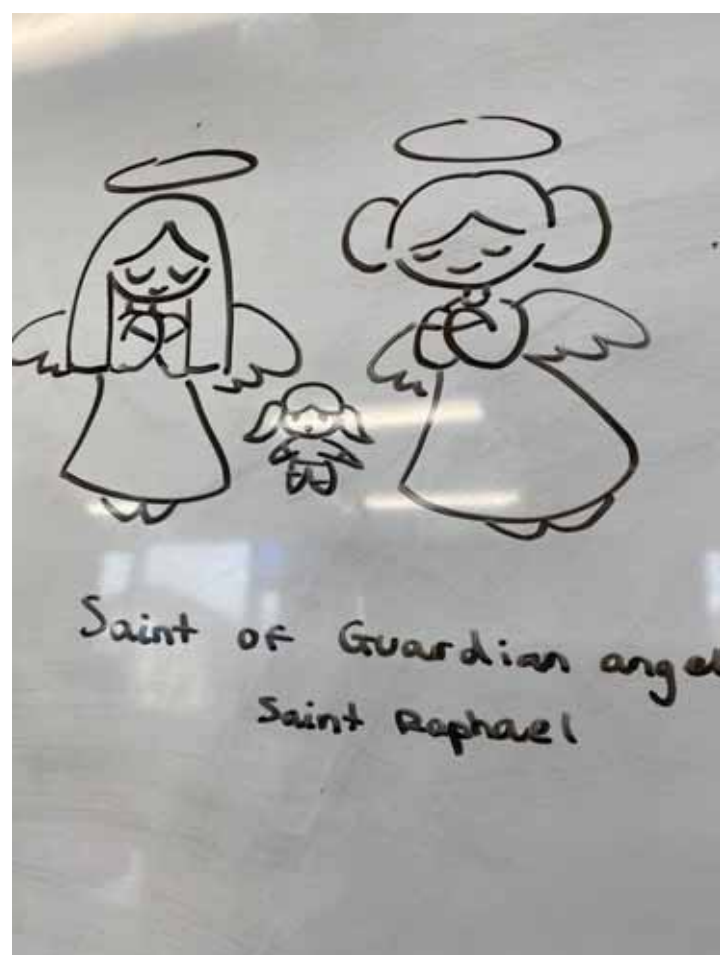




Class 8

Using their artistic skills this week, Class 8 have been drawing and acting like Saints so that their peers could guess which Saint they were portraying. Fantastic work all around.







Our Catholic School

By Mrs Garfin

This week in our whole school reflection we are reminded that God wants us to share the gifts he has given us of time, talent and money to help others. When used well these gifts help us to have a purpose in life and improve the lives of those around us.



'Life is a precious gift, but we realise this only when we give it to others.' Pope Francis.

When we help and support others, I think this is when you can see the Holy Spirit working at its best, there is so much of this at SJV.



Staff Training

It's been a busy week in our Catholic School. On Tuesday night, I led a whole staff training session on prayers and worship in SJV, how best to support our learners' spirituality and for it to be child-led.



On Wednesday, we had two services for the Holy Souls; one for key stages 2 & 3 and one for key stages 4 & 5. Both of these services

were led by our Chaplaincy Team and Father Desmond. In each service all the names and pictures that have been sent in by parents and carers were prayed for and this will continue during the whole month of November.



All of our key stage assemblies this week have focussed on the need for Remembrance and why we should never forget the sacrifice so many people made for our freedom.



In RE this week classes made their own angels to represent loved ones, people who fought in the wars or Saints from our Daily Focus in SJV 'Saint of the Day'. We have looked at what Poppies represent and

why some people will wear a white, purple or a black poppy. Do you know the difference? Our learners enjoyed finding out the differences and reflecting on such important events.

Family Liaison Messages

By Mrs J Griffin

Getting an autism diagnosis as a young adult can be a moment of huge significance. On one hand it can feel like finally getting answers to questions about yourself, or feelings of difference from others. But an autism diagnosis can also raise many more questions that need answering.



Lots of young people understandably want further information and support to understand their diagnosis. Yet, we know from speaking to young people that this advice can be hard to access.



So, you're autistic?

Ambitious Autism Youth Network decided to create resources for young autistic people like themselves. Their collection of videos and blogs, all written or featuring autistic young people themselves, explain diagnosis, autistic identity and everything that surrounds it.

They have divided the videos based on different experiences; getting diagnosed as a child, as a teenager and as an adult. We hope that there will be an experience that resonates with everyone, wherever you are on your journey.

To access the videos, click on the button below. It is always worth watching the video first to ensure the content is appropriate for your child or young person.

[Click here to access the 'Ambitious About Autism' resources](#)



With over 14 million daily users, Discord is one of the most popular communication tools for gamers. It allows you to create or join what are known as 'servers', where different users can talk in groups via text message or voice call. There is also the option to send direct messages and make video calls.

AGE RESTRICTION

13+



What parents need to know about

DISCORD



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Discord can be used to share content that is inappropriate for children. This content may be shared in public channels or sent directly to you. It is important that you are aware of the content that your child is sharing and that you are able to report it if you see it.



SEXUAL IMAGERY

Discord has a reporting system in place to help parents to identify and report inappropriate content. It is important that you are aware of the content that your child is sharing and that you are able to report it if you see it.



RISK OF CYBERBULLYING

Discord is a platform where users can communicate with each other. It is important that you are aware of the content that your child is sharing and that you are able to report it if you see it.



HIDDEN CHARGES

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RISK OF CYBERCRIME

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STRANGER DANGER

Discord is a platform where users can communicate with each other. It is important that you are aware of the content that your child is sharing and that you are able to report it if you see it.





National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Top Tips to Protect Your Child



1 BEWARE OF WHAT'S SHARED

Whenever your child goes on a server on the platform, they will be able to see, hear and share with a much larger audience. Be careful to make sure your child understands this and does not say or share anything that could be deemed offensive, harmful or put themselves or others at risk.

You can find Discord's own guide for parents here: <https://help.discord.com/en-gb/parenting-guide-to-discord> (+7746) 794646



2 IMPROVE SECURITY SETTINGS

To help protect your child, make sure they set strong passwords. You should consider using the 'two-factor authentication' feature for extra protection. It's also important to remind your child to never to share their personal information, or the details of anything you.



3 CHECK THEIR FRIEND LIST

You can restrict who is able to make 'friend requests' to your child in the 'Privacy' tab. It is a good idea to discuss the default options that Discord provides to ensure your child is aware of why it's a risk to allow strangers to contact with them through such platforms.



4 REPORT & BLOCK SUSPICIOUS USERS

Make sure your child knows how to report and block anyone or anyone who is causing them trouble or making them feel uncomfortable. If you find your child using the report or block buttons, it's a good idea to talk to your child about why it's a risk to allow strangers to contact with them through such platforms.



5 BEWARE OF NSFW CONTENT

Adults on the platform are a potential source for inappropriate content that you should be wary of. There is a Discord account known as 'Worship' which is supposed to promote any type of adult content. As your child is a member of the platform, it's important to make sure they are aware of the risk of encountering such content.



6 SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS

It's important you actively teach your child to treat others with respect and kindness online the same way as they would offline.

Take the time to read through Discord's Community Guidelines with your child. Find them at: <https://help.discord.com/en-gb/community-guidelines>



7 TURN ON SAFE MESSAGING

You should encourage your child to activate the 'Safe Direct Messaging' option. This will stop and delete any direct messages sent to your child containing explicit content.





Meet our expert

Chloe Woffenden has been a technology journalist since 1994 with a specialism in consumer technology (apps, websites, games, computing and digital products). As a mum of two young children, aged 8 and 6, Chloe is passionate about helping to keep children safe online.

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Teach-Rex



The week before the half term break we invited Teach Rex into school for a deep learning day focusing on sustainability, literacy and providing our pupils with some great ICT opportunities.

Our Children & young people as well as the staff were delighted to welcome Thomas the gorilla and his handler Sam, who taught us about the destruction of Thomas' habitat and the impact humans have on the environment.

Pupils engaged in a wide range of stimulating activities including: playing games with Thomas, creating movies and writing stories. In using a movie editing tool, they developed their literacy skills, ability to work as a team and ICT fluency.

Watch our fantastic video of the event by Mr Healey:



<https://youtu.be/IgtJtFn3Cxc>

Mindful Minute

When I take a deep breath I imagine that I am smelling a flower and blowing out a candle. Try it yourself.

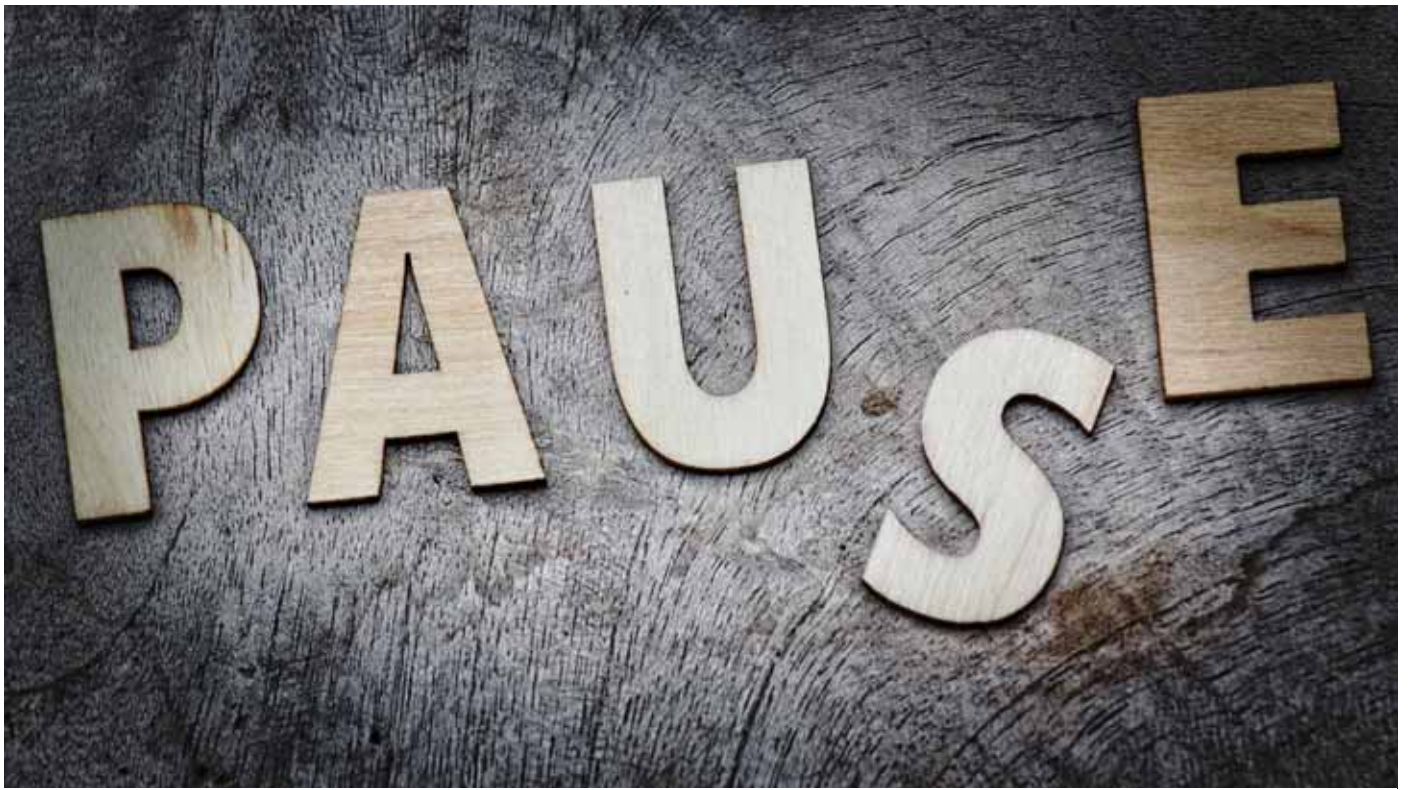
Breathe in and smell a flower.....



Breathe out and blow out a candle...



Enjoy your Weekend!



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Lorna Hamilton

Credits:

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