



St John Vianney Newsletter

11.02.2022



A message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are keeping well?

This half term has certainly gone by very quickly and we are extremely pleased with the application and engagement our children and young people have displayed in the 6 weeks since we returned after the Christmas break.

This week has been busy again with some excellent enrichment activities for pupils. Class 1 and Class 5 were invited to the Children's Adventure Farm Trust for a Funday on Wednesday and Class 10 had their annual catholic retreat, at the Spiritan Centre in Salford, on the same day. These, combined with our weekly activities, continue to allow learning to be brought to life for our learners, who continue to make the most of these opportunities.

In School we have also been marking Children's Mental Health Week with Assemblies, Class based activities and our 'Dress to Impress' own clothes day on Thursday. It was great to see so many pupils join in and raise funds for the 'Place2Be' mental health charity. It is really important for us to continue to consider how we feel and to be able to talk about our emotions and feelings, looking for support from friends and teachers, where it is required. Our 'Zones of Regulation' culture in school is certainly supporting us develop a more emotionally literate school.

Today, Friday, the staff have been in school on INSET training; a vital day with a focus on School Improvement activities to ensure we are continuing on our mission to make the St John Vianney School the best educational establishment we can be. It was a very successful day for our staff teams.

Can I remind you please School is now closed for the half term break and we reopen on **Monday 21st February at 9.00 am.**

I hope you have a restful break next week with your families and we look forward to seeing your children back in School for the start to Half Term 4.

Very best wishes,

Mr A Moloney

Headteacher

Please note, we have made a change to the School Calendar for the summer term 2022.

Friday 24th June is now an additional School holiday for St John Vianney School. The School will be closed on this date.

This additional date is in lieu of the national holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration, which falls during the Whit break on June 3rd 2022.

The term dates for 2022-23 have now been approved by the Governing Body and are now available on the School website.



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:

Harley - For a much calmer week and an improvement in his behaviour.

Theo - For happily sharing the swing with a friend.

Jason - For excellent behaviour and attitude.

Harley - For another brilliant week and having a mature attitude to school.

Leah - For having a great few weeks in school, for working hard on her communication and for being so brave when trying rock climbing at Hideout!

Curtis - For a consistently positive approach with work and peers.

Abdul - For following instructions and good sharing.

Filip - For always trying so hard and becoming more independent in Post
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Mikail - For helping his friends make sensible choices!

Andrew - For overcoming his fears

Bruno - For his excellent effort and for making good progress in Maths.

Joshua - For becoming a fully independent traveller

We have had 2 confirmed cases of Chickenpox within the School this week. If you are concerned your child may be displaying symptoms of Chickenpox, or are unsure what the symptoms are, please follow this link for more information

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

As always, please contact your GP if you have any concerns regarding your child's health, or ring the NHS helpline on **111** who will advise.

SJV Class News



Class 1 & Class 5

Class 1 and 5 had so much fun at CAFT this week, from feeding animals, playing in the park and having fun in the Forest School. The children were super engaged and so happy all day.







Class 12 &13

Class 13 & Class 12 visited Biddulph Grange National Trust this week with Greater Manchester Outdoor learning. We

walked around the gardens, had a look at the enormous trees and enjoyed a nice drink in the cafe.







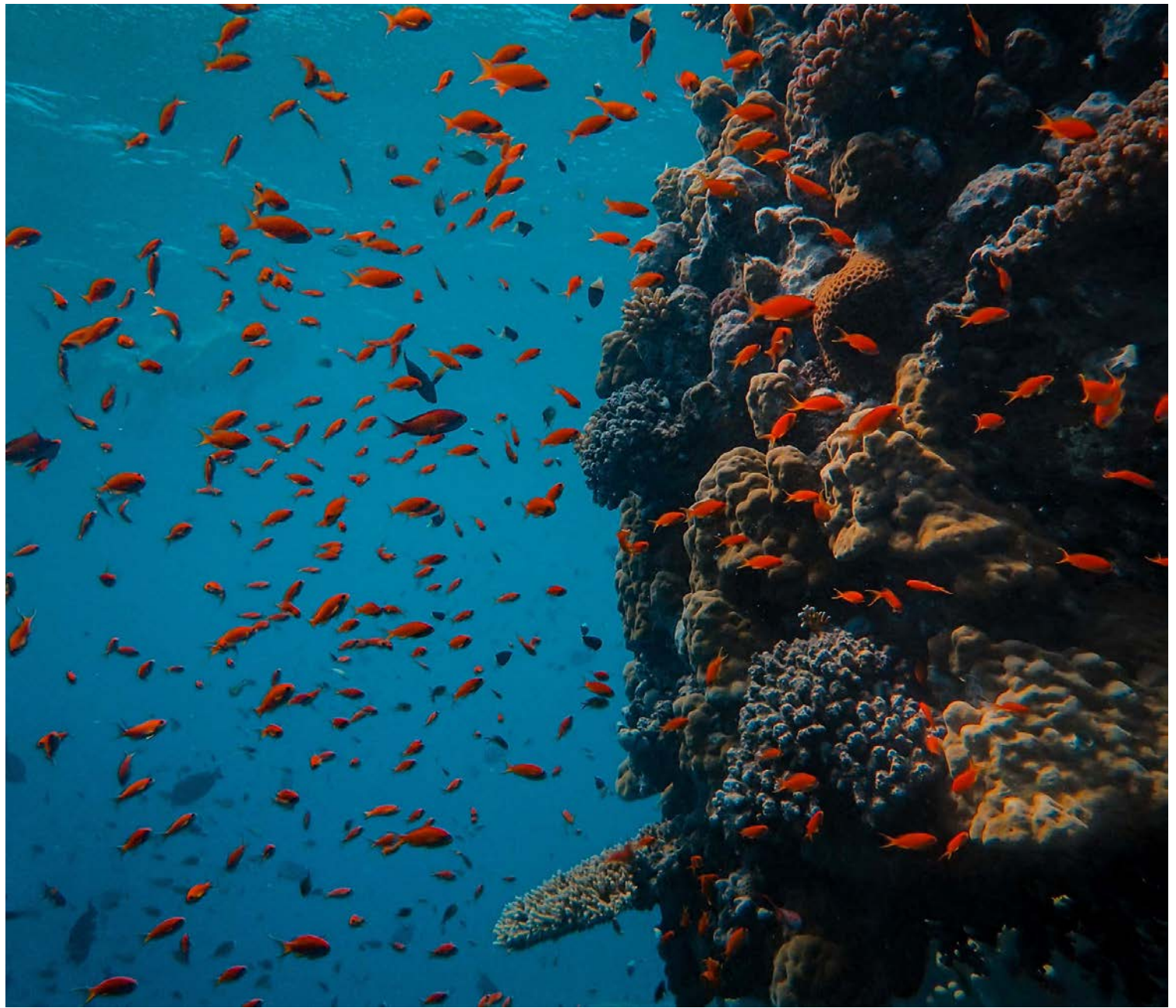


Class 3

Class 3 have enjoyed making their own sculptures in Art using clay.



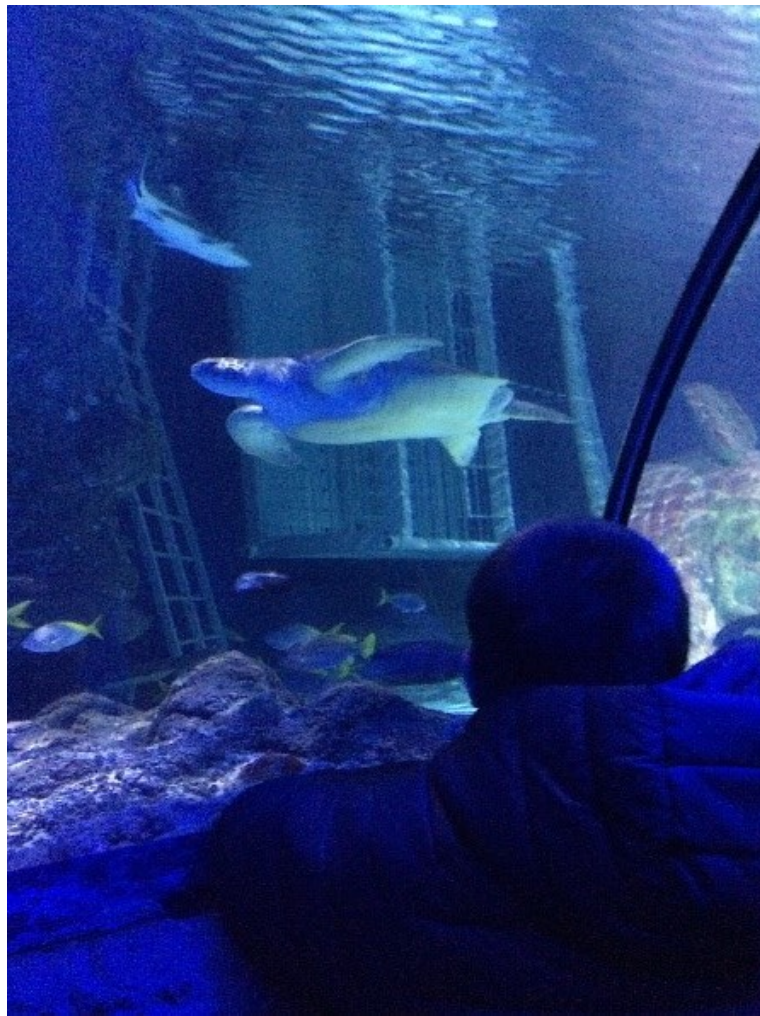


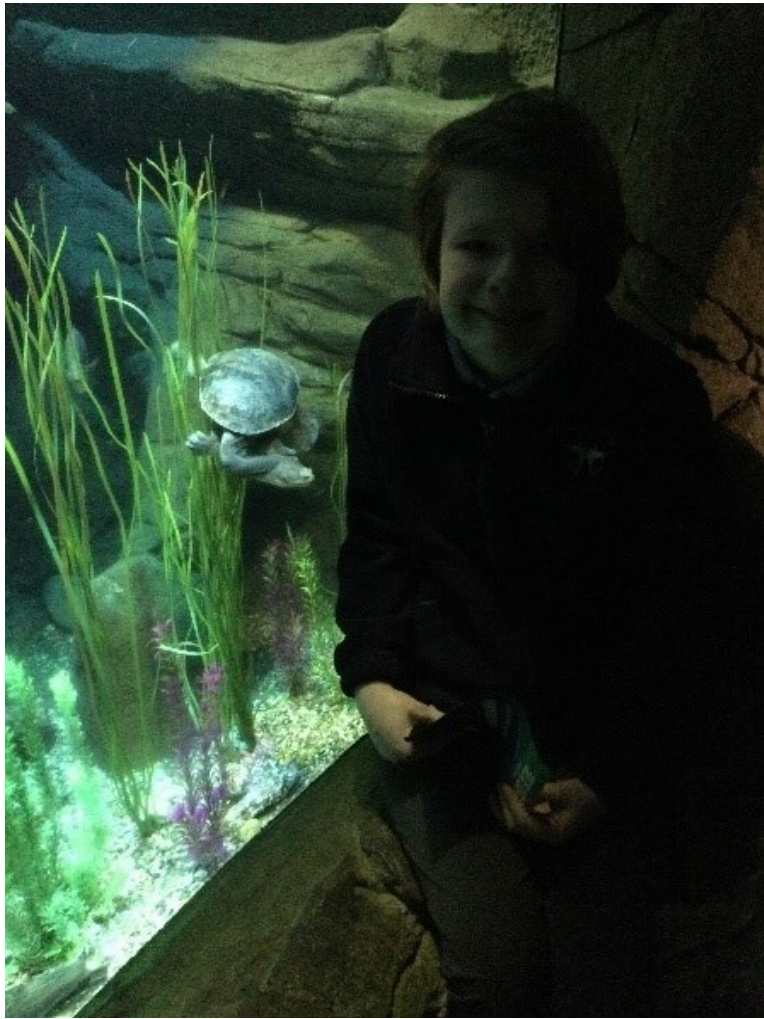


Class 9

Class 9 had a lovely trip to the Sea Life Centre in the Trafford Centre on Monday. It was great to see them all so confident outside of school.







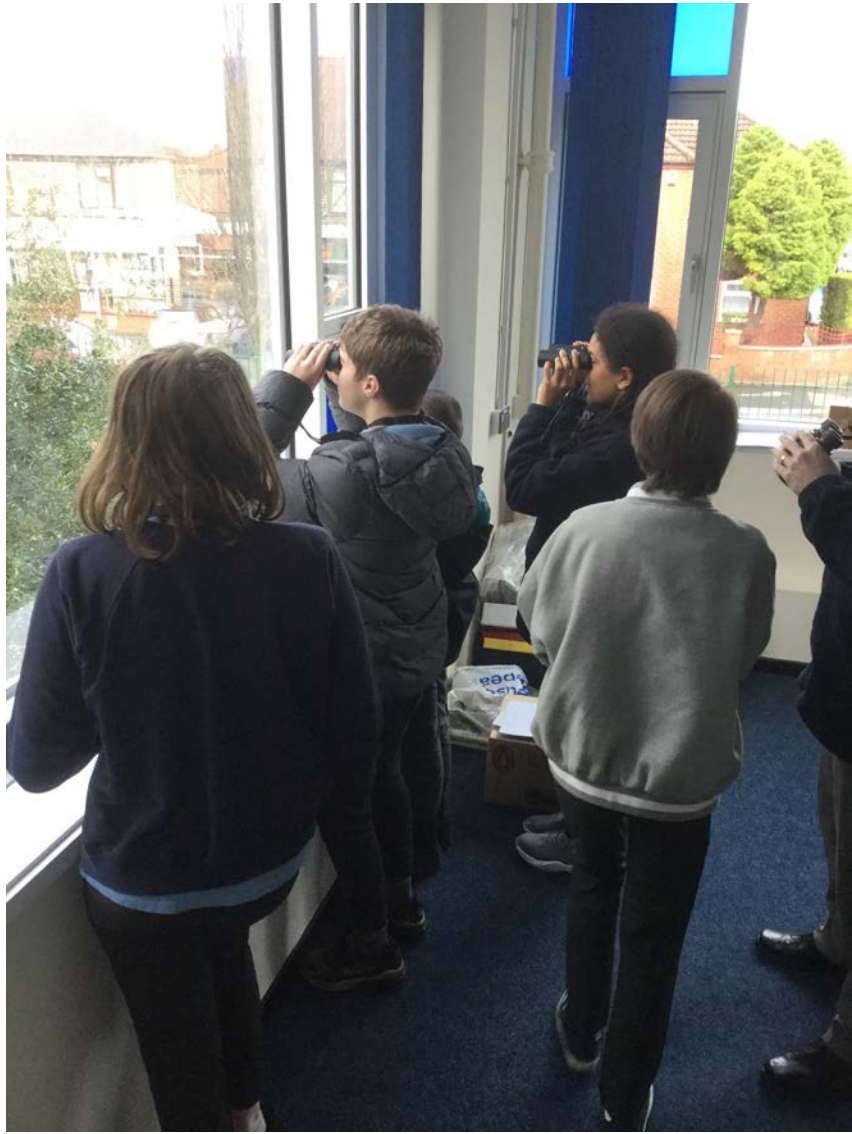


Class 8

Class 8 joined Mr Damant to take part in the RSPB's 'big garden bird watch'- they really enjoyed looking and identifying the birds and using our brand new binoculars.









SJV Speech and Language



Useful Resources – Adapting Fonts to Reduce Visual Stress

OpenDyslexic font was developed to help people who find reading difficult.

It is not just for people with Dyslexia! Letters have heavy weighted bottoms to indicate direction. You are able to quickly figure out which part of the letter is down which aids in recognizing the correct letter, and sometimes helps to keep your brain from rotating them around. Consistently weighted bottoms can also help reinforce the line of text. The unique shapes of each letter can help prevent confusion through flipping and swapping.

It is now available as a font "OpenDyslexic" to select in the fonts drop down menu in word, ppt etc on all school computers. If you can't see it on your computer contact SALT to troubleshoot. <https://opendyslexic.org>

Top Tip

Students can find one (or more) of the many steps included in reading and writing hard which can sometimes make the overall task unenjoyable.

We can make reading and writing more accessible (and enjoyable) for students (at any literacy level) by removing or replacing steps that are tricky e.g. read aloud software to reduce demands on decoding and memory; using pictures and cut out printed words to write to reduce demands on handwriting and spelling; making text easier to read with colours/fonts/overlays to reduce demands on visual skills.

There are many ways to do this with things we have in school like reading pens, read aloud books on you tube, adapting books and writing activities to include extra pictures or symbols.

We also have Clicker 8 software which can do ALL these things - read aloud, spelling/word prediction supports, adapted writing activities, story grids, mind mapping and more!

Websites for Adapted Books

- www.tarheelreader.org – find a book or write and publish your own!
- <http://chapelhillsnippets.blogspot.com/c/free-materials-to-download-and-print.html> – visually adapted books free to download.
- <https://www.youtube.com/c/SUPEREAD5/featured> – books read aloud on you tube.
- <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> for resources related to read, write, inc



Our Catholic School

Our spiritual focus within SJV this week is God's message from the Gospel for us to be 'Fishers of people'. Pope Francis further explained 'To follow Jesus means to share our love

for every human being'. This is certainly the message we try to spread at SJV.

Within our Catholic School this week we have been focusing on Children's mental health week. The theme of Children's Mental Health Week this year is 'Growing together'. The aim is to encourage and provide young people with knowledge, skills and tools to manage their own mental health and wellbeing. We had an afternoon off timetable to spend time in our class teams looking at this important issue. On Thursday staff and students were able to 'dress to impress' and express themselves.



Class 10 went to Father Nick's house at Just Youth on Wednesday and had a wonderful productive retreat, based on the theme of friendship.



Our lead chaplains this week have been doing a learning walk looking at our prayer tables and areas and I will be reporting back to the full staff in our Catholicity meeting after half term.

Within RE this week we reflected on our work this past term and looking at how we make a difference to our work and improve on it next term.

I can't believe it's half term already! I hope everyone has a lovely break and that we all come back refreshed and recharged for the lead up to Easter and lots of exciting times at SJV.



Mrs Garfin



5 ways to Wellbeing

Activities to try at home for young people

BE ACTIVE

Play your favourite songs and dance around for 30 minutes each day. Tidying the house gives a whole body workout. Try yoga via exercise channels online or Joe Wicks Monday workouts at 9am on his YouTube channel

TAKE NOTICE

Be aware of your surroundings. Look out the window or go for a walk and really take notice of the area you live. What do you notice you haven't seen before?

CONNECT

Find out something new about as many people as you can. Even if you have been friend forever. Make a list and see who has the most interesting fact

GIVE

Help out where you can. Offer to help neighbours, walk the dog, send a note to someone that might need it or tidy up your community to make it a pleasant place to be.

KEEP LEARNING

Try making a meal using store cupboard ingredients. Learn a new language using online platforms. Play board games that involve general knowledge.



SEYMOUR PARK JUNIOR PARKRUN


A free, fun + friendly 2k event for 4-14 year-olds

100th Event Birthday Run
Sunday 27th February @ 9am






100th Event Birthday

A free  doughnut and
raffle entry* for every runner

Come with us after the run on Sunday 27th
February to  chaiiwala® to celebrate.
(50% discount for runners)

Seymour Park Junior Parkrun is a weekly,
free timed 2k run for juniors. It takes place
every Sunday at 9am.

Sign up at parkrun.org.uk/register

*See prizes @seymourjuniors   
seymourparkjuniors@parkrun.com





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1ST SUNDAY

of every month

11:00AM - 12:00 NOON

@ Gorton Community Centre
543 Abbey Hey Ln, Abbey Hey
Manchester M18 8PF

- Accessible Dance sessions
- Games/Team building
- Sensory trial
- Meditation

£2 Donation
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Enjoy your Weekend!

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"art pottery clay" • shadi6454 - "underwater coral fish" • pen_ash - "birds parrot green rosella"