



A message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and that you had a pleasant and peaceful break in the half term holiday last week?

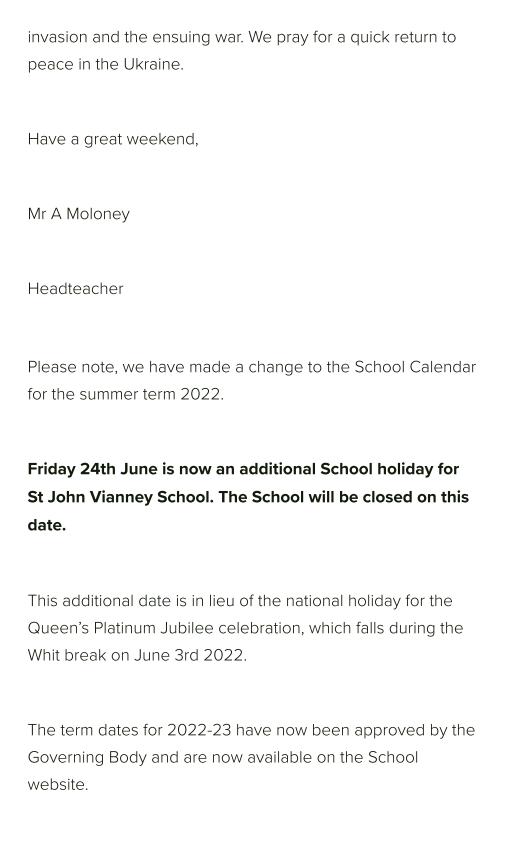
The week away from school allowed staff and pupils to recharge their batteries for the second half of the academic year. The pupils have certainly settled back into school routines well this week, which bodes well for the rest of the spring term, which like all terms at SJV will be a really busy one.

Last week we undertook further internal building work to help prepare the school for when the new build starts (hopefully in the summer). We have been remodelling classrooms and building new office and quiet rooms to ensure we have the room resources ready for when the Rainbow building will be demolished in the first phase of the build. We will keep you informed of developments, as we continue to work with the DfE build team through March and April.

Over the next 2 weeks our KS3 and 4 classes will take part in their annual residential experiences. KS4 head to Calvert Trust for a 4-night residential in Keswick from Monday next week and KS3 classes are attending Bendrigg, in South Lakeland for a 2-night experience during the following week. The residentials will provide many learning opportunities for our pupils and we know the pupils will have an amazing time, with the teams of staff who have volunteered to support the children, whilst away. We wish them a safe and enjoyable experience.

Next week we also turn our minds to Lent and will have an Ash Wednesday service to make the start of the spiritual journey our children will undertake. Classes are preparing for their own Lenten challenges to help fundraise for worthy causes and I know the pupils, supported by the staff, will do their very best to contribute. We are asking the children now to think about how they will work differently in Lent, with a key reminder of the importance of fasting, giving and charity/kindness. Your support in reminding our pupils of the importance of Lent and these themes, at home, is always appreciated.

Our prayers this weekend go out the Ukrainian people who's lives have been so affected this week by the Russian





Stars of the Week

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

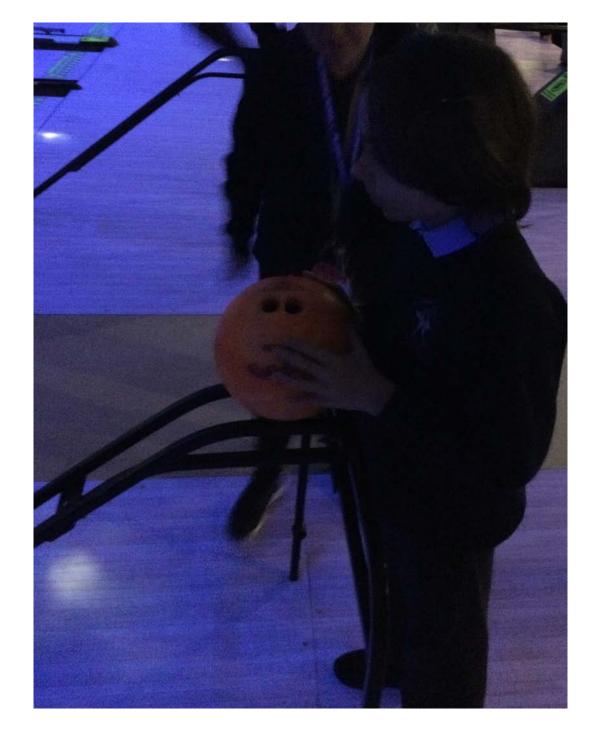
This week we are celebrating the following achievements:

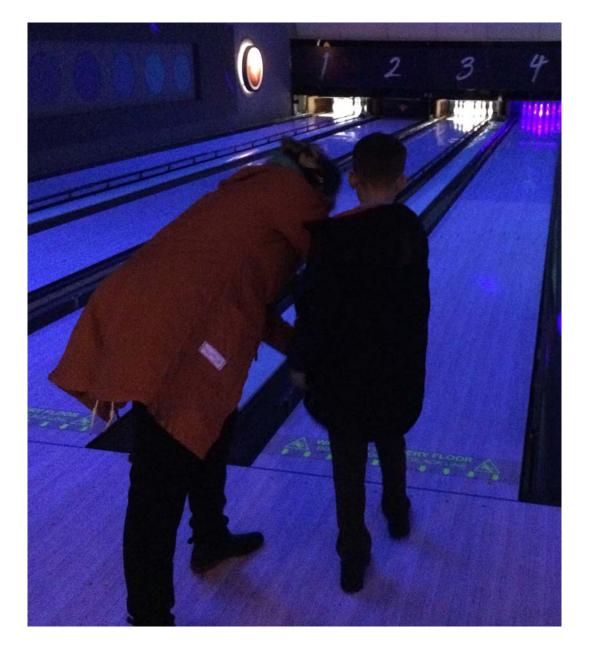
- Tyler- For supporting his friends, he has interacted well and participated in lessons.
- Leon- For improved behaviour and attitude to learning. Well done!
- Damien- For being very flexible while off site.
- Leon- For being an always student.
- Rayyan- For good engagement on school trips and building on his confidence.
- Rome- For dealing well with tricky situations.
- Aidan- For his improved eating and drinking during school time. Well done Aidan.
- Nesrine- For continuing to improve her communication, and consistent engagement in all aspects of the curriculum.

SJV Class News

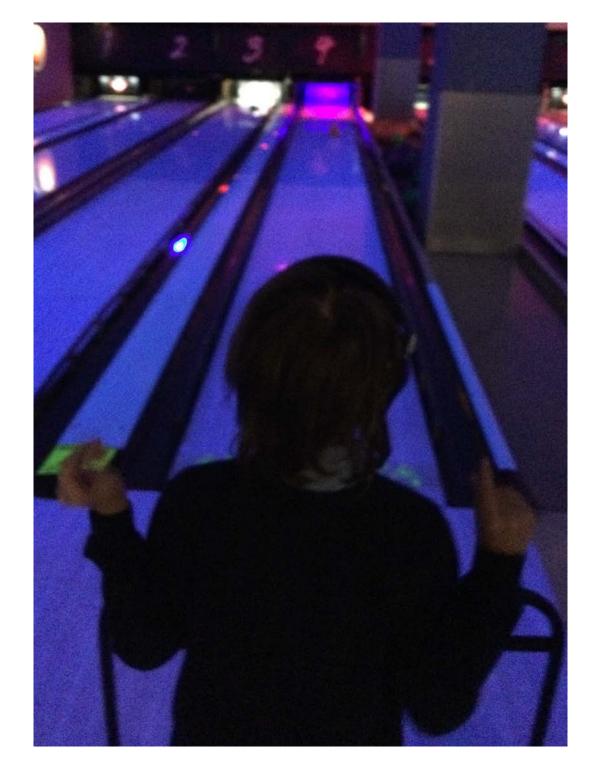


Class 1 had a great time at bowling with Mr Whelan this week, as part of their PE curriculum!



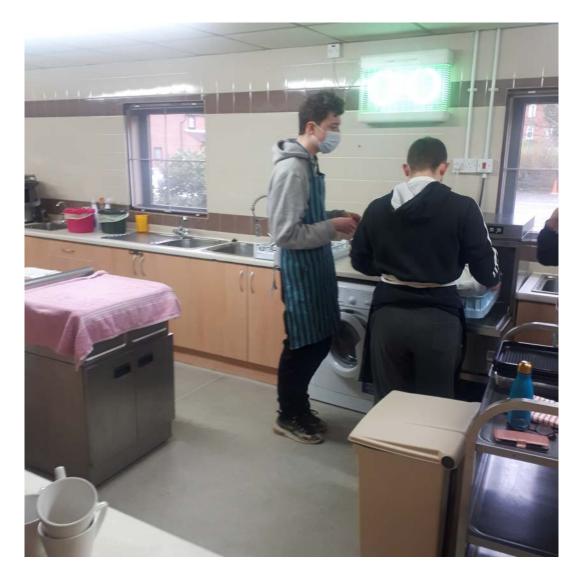








Class 13 visited the Salvation Army centre and completed their first community action sessions. While they were there, they worked in the kitchen and also took orders for drinks and cakes. The group were brilliant and worked really hard.











Class 9 have been exploring magazines as part of their English work.





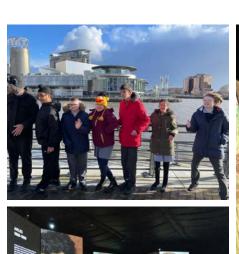






Van Gough Exhibition

It was a nice surprise when Mr Moloney joined Class 9 & 6 for a therapeutic experience at the digital exhibition of Vincent Van Gogh's work!



















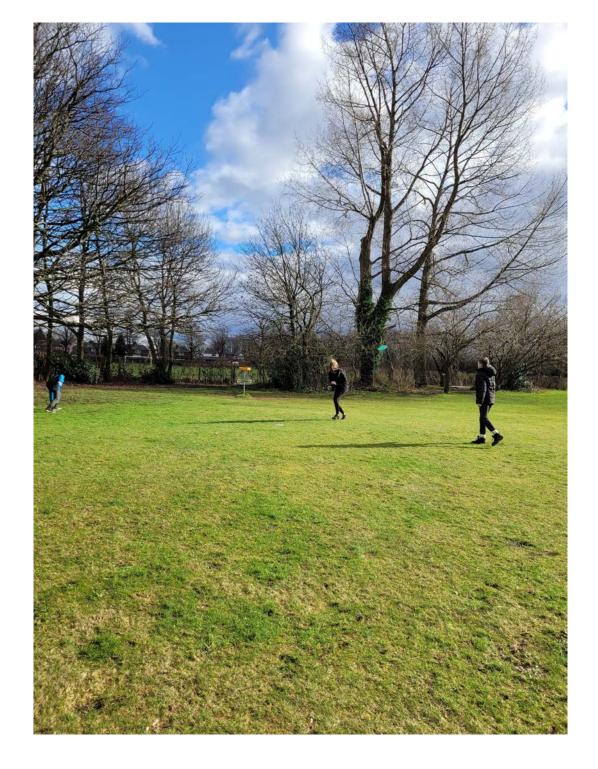








Class 8 have had the amazing opportunity to visit Longford Park and play disc golf, well done team.





Class 12 took great pride in working as a team, as they tidied and cleaned their Post 16 Common Room. This was their task, in BTEC Vocational Learning. Well done everyone.



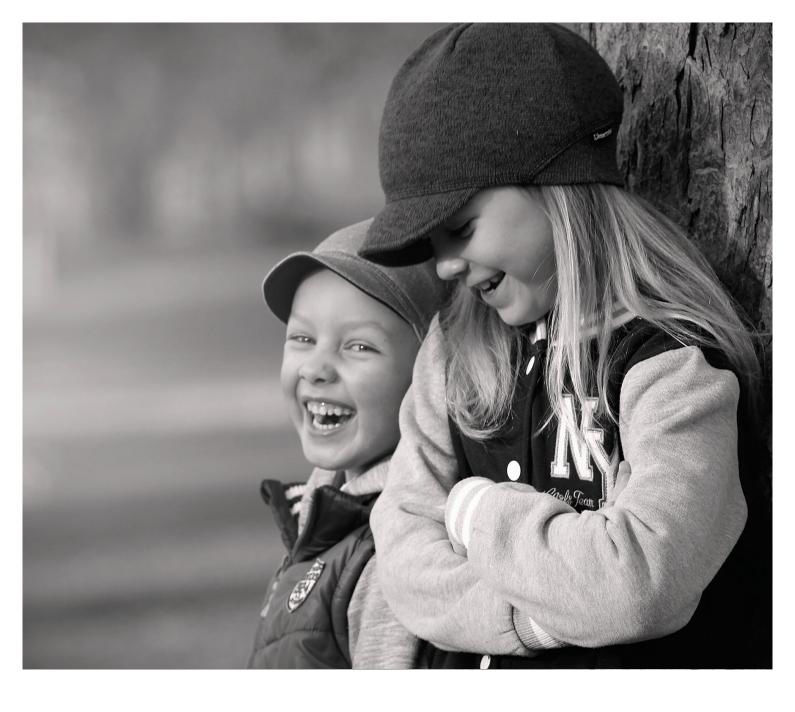












Class 3 have been playing turn taking games during Enrichment, with a partner they wouldn't usually choose to play with. This pushed some of the children out of their comfort zone, but by the end of the session everybody was smiling.





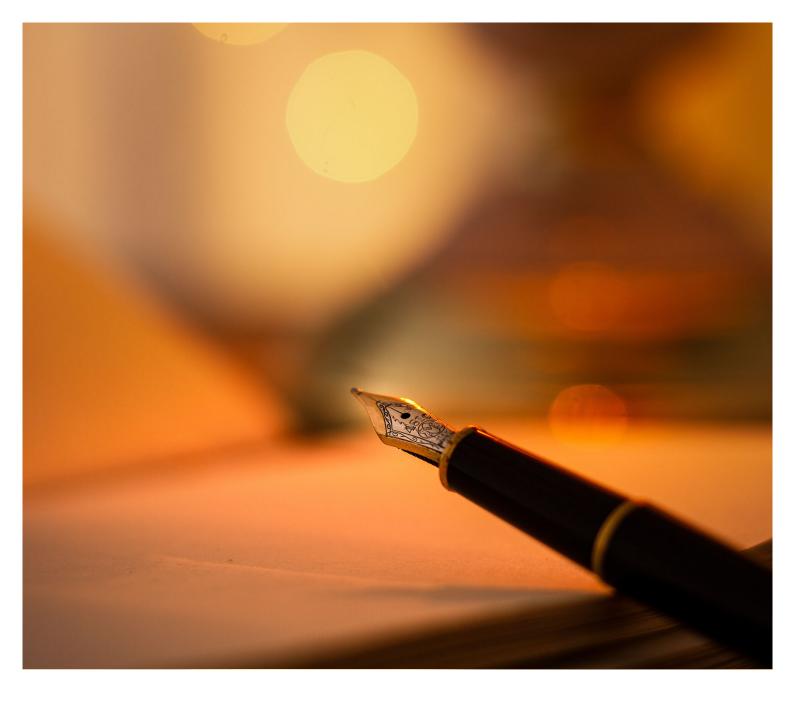




Class 7 & Class 4

Class 7 and Class 4 have started their Textiles topic in DT. The pupils were so engaged and produced some fabulous work. Well done everyone!

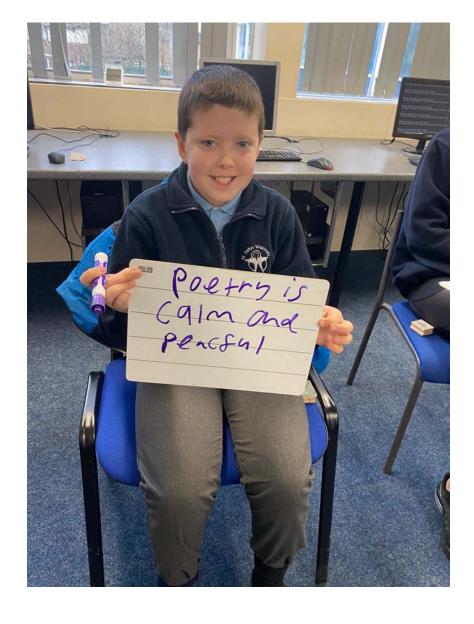




Class 8 are getting excited about entering a national competition from 'Poetry by Heart' - here members of Class 8 are explaining how writing their own poems and performing them made them feel.



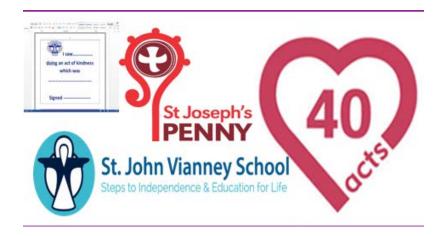




Our Catholic School

It's wonderful to be back after the half term break and to see everyone again and catch up all what's been happening in and out of school.

It's been a busy start to the term with the Chaplaincy Team meeting and getting straight down to planning the SJV Lent launch for 2022, as well as rehearsing for our upcoming Ash Wednesday Service.



The whole staff met on Tuesday night for Catholicity training, where we looked at what we can do to support the school and the pupils on our Lenten journey. I also gave feedback on a learning walk with the student lead chaplains. It was wonderful to see how much care the lead chaplains took and what good points they made for us, as staff on things we are doing well and things we could improve on.



Whole school Training

Objective: To understand how you can support SJV and yourself on our Lenten journey
To reflect on feedback from learning walk

SJV's religious focus this week is God's message from Pope Francis 'Let us learn to live with kindness, to love everyone, even when they do not love us.'

In Religious Education we have been looking at what we can do to 'let our little light shine', coming up with ideas for our charity appeals and our acts of kindness we plan to do throughout Lent. It's going to be a wonderful run up to Easter at SJV, with our children and young people leading the way with good works and kindness, showing how much SJV lets them shine.

Class 12 charity event for Lent

Penalty shootout

Breaktimes on Mondays. Tuesday-Chapel yard or GYM

20p a go or 6 goes for £1

Haribo sweets if you score!





By Mrs Garfin

A word from our Family Liaison Officer and Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Local Offer

The Children and Families Act requires all local authorities to publish and maintain a 'Local Offer'. A Local Offer is a wide range of information about all the support and facilities which families can expect to find in their area, for children and young people who have special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities. The information should cover education,

health and social care support and services for children and young people aged between 0 and 25.

You can access your Local Offer via your Local authorities' Website: type into the search box Local Offer.

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I hope you find this information useful! If you need any further help or information please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Griffin.

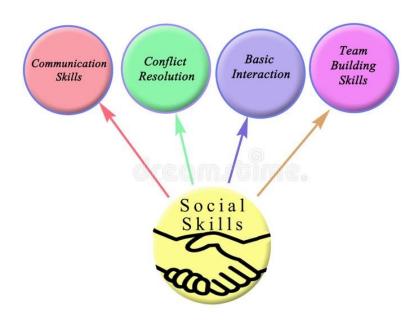
Mrs Julie Griffin

Mindful Minute

This week we are going to focus on Social Skills. Social skills are the skills we use everyday to interact and communicate with others. They include verbal and non-verbal communication, such as speech, gesture, facial expression and body language.









Enjoy your Weekend!

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