



St John Vianney Newsletter

11.03.2022



A message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mr A Moloney

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I hope you have had a good week.

Last week, our KS4 pupils had a week-long experience at the Calvert Trust in Keswick. This was a fantastic experience for them and the staff and pupils brought back some amazing stories of the individual and collective achievements made by our pupils in the Lake District.

This week, KS3 have been attending our 2 night, 3 day residential to Bendrigg, near Kendal in South Lakeland. They too have had a wonderful experience and I have been relayed so many stories from staff about the leaps in personal development, team building, resilience and independence made by the pupils of SJV.

We are very proud of the pupils who attended both weeks and their attitude, participation and the commitment displayed, which resulted in so many personal achievements in their learning. Well done to all and thank you to the staff who led and supported the residential experiences.

It has been quieter in School during these last 2 weeks, but we have continued to follow our normal timetables for those present and it had been very pleasing to see the pupils in school equally well engaged in their learning.

This week has been marred, slightly, by a number of staff and pupils who have tested positive for Covid and have been requested to isolate at home until they are Covid free. I wrote to all parents on Monday this week, to explain what our School expectations are, if a child or staff member tests positive or has Covid symptoms. To remind you;

We are requesting that all staff and pupils do not attend School for the first 5 days, following the onset of COVID symptoms or a positive Lateral Flow Test (LFT). Day 1 is the day of symptoms beginning or the LFT test, if there are no

symptoms. On the morning of Day 5 and Day 6, if there are no longer symptoms the pupil/staff member should take 2 consecutive LFT tests; if they are both negative they can return to School on Day 6.

If the pupil/staff member still has symptoms beyond Day 5 and 6, they should remain at home, until they have taken 2 consecutive negative LFT tests and have no symptoms.

Tests are available, if required, from the School Office.

Additionally, if any family requires any financial support to ensure their children are fully able to access all elements of education at SJV, please do contact School and we will do all we can to offer any support. This may be to provide school uniform, household groceries or access to opportunities for the child in the local community. If you would like to discuss this further please contact Mrs Griffin, our Family Liaison Officer, through the School office. Mrs Griffin will be happy to discuss these needs confidentially with you and we can work together to identify how the needs can be met.

I do hope you and your families have a restful and peaceful weekend.

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.



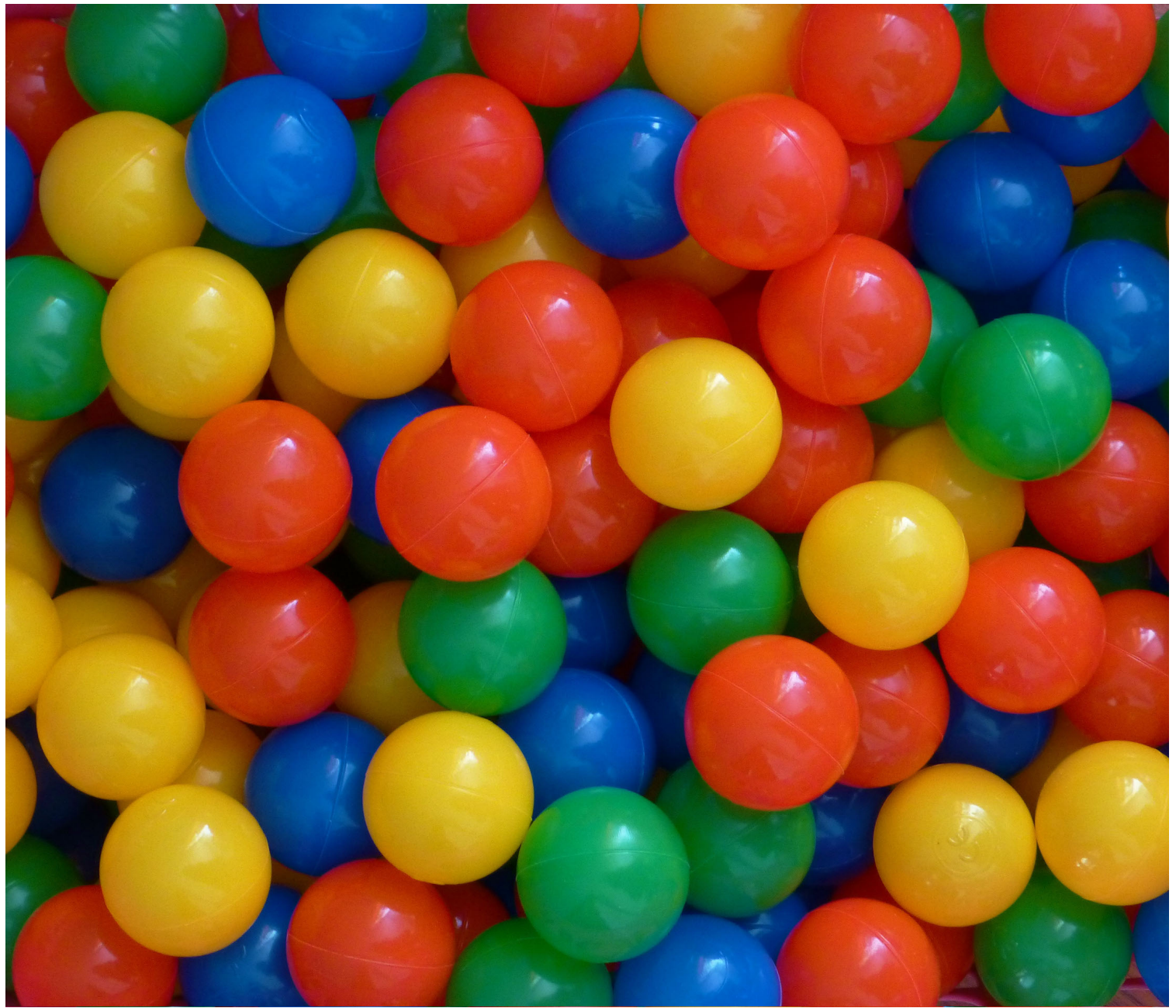
Stars of the Week

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:

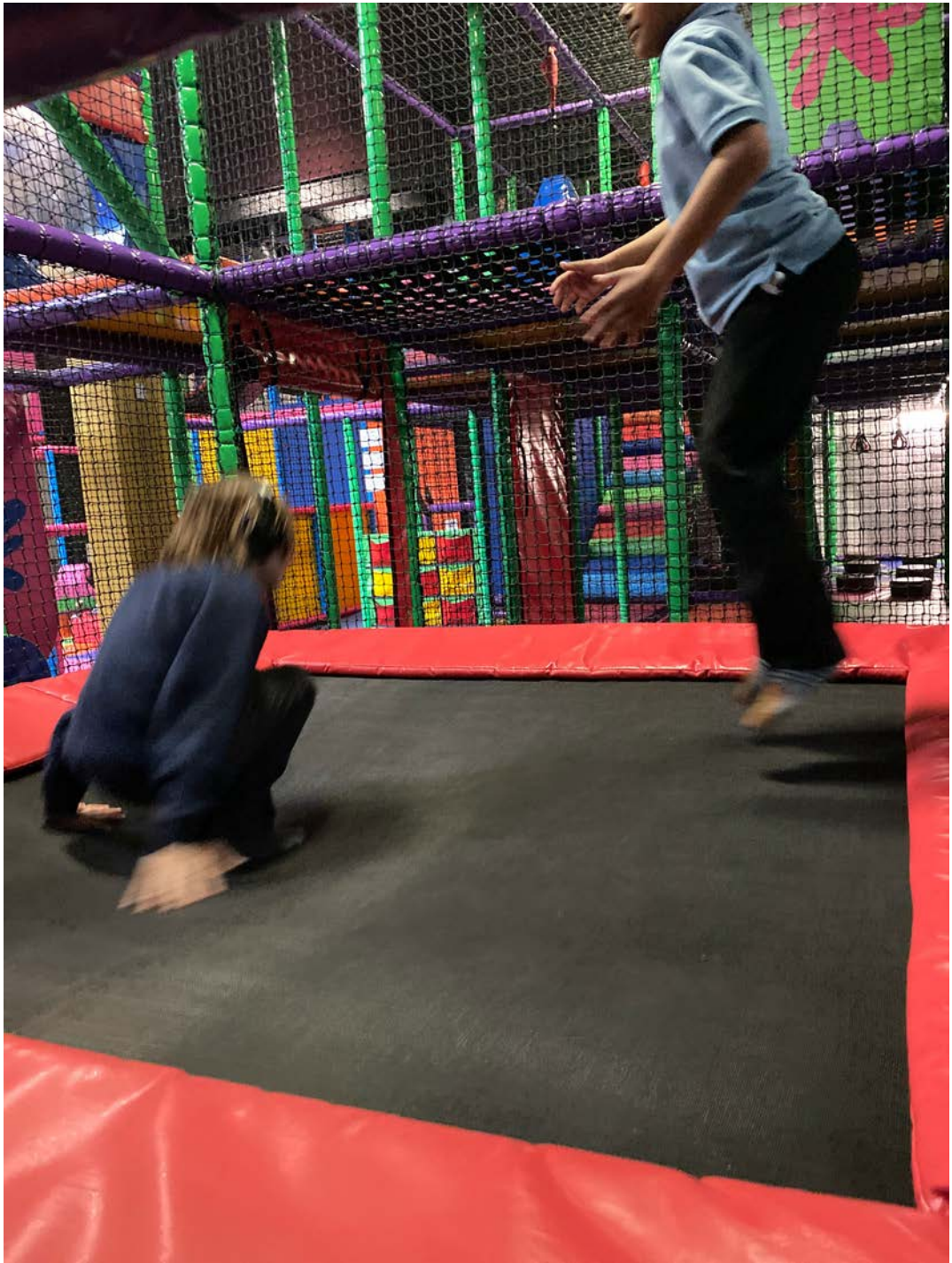
- Ben - For being a great asset to Class and SJV school. He read very well at our Ash Wednesday service
- Katie - For her excellent effort in all of her lessons.
- Damien - Doing lots of talking this week and dealing with lots of change.
- Kalen - For an improved attitude to learning!
- Daniel - For helping at the farm and working hard in lessons
- Jake - For looking after his friends.
- Reece - For an amazing attitude at school all week.
- Abdul - For amazing phonics work.
- Mia - For working really hard, using Clicker 8, in English lessons this term.
- Rhys - For having a great attitude in school all week!

SJV Class News



Class 1

Class 1 had loads of fun together at Antz in Your Pantz, especially on the trampoline and in the ball pool. They have also worked on their independence skills by taking the tram.











Class 9

Class 9 had an amazing residential trip to Calvert Trust last week. They did lots of exciting activities including climbing, swimming, the giant swing, canoeing and ghyll scrambling.













Class 12

The pupils in Class 12 enjoyed playing games together, which encouraged them to take turns, display positive interaction and enhanced their communication skills. Well done everyone.

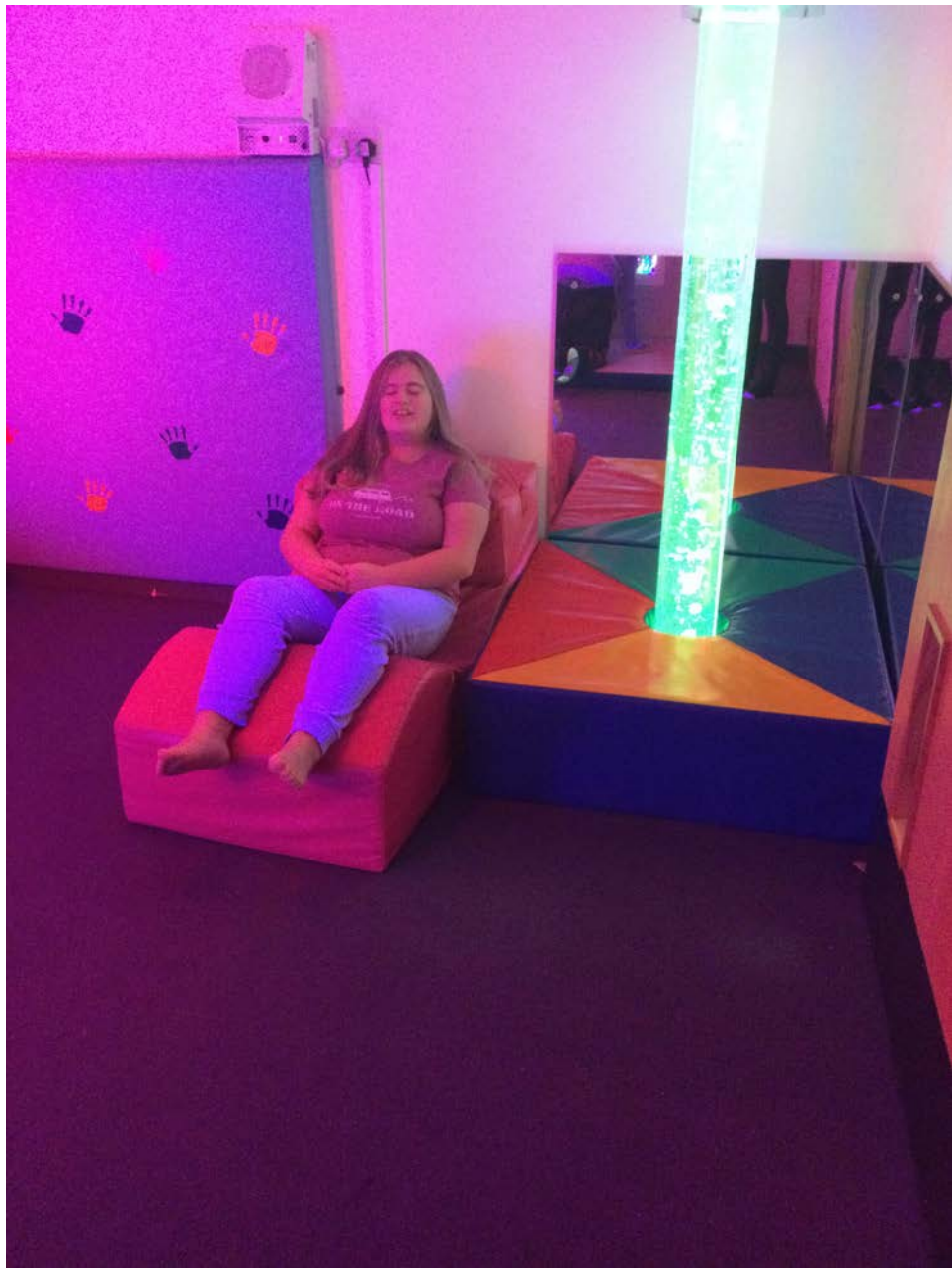




Class 7

Class 7 had a fantastic time at Bendrigg, during the first half of this week! The pupils learned some new skills and had loads of fun taking part in the activities. One of the highlights for our class was abseiling, which everyone really enjoyed. We also loved the giant swing and the sensory room. One of the most valuable parts for our Class, however, was the down-time, when the pupils were able to play, socialise and build on their friendships. We can't wait to do it all again next year!







Class 8

Class 8 have had a fantastic start of the week and spent 3 days in Kendal at the Bendrigg Trust, working as a team and enjoying adventurous indoor and outdoor activities. What an amazing opportunity, they all loved it. Well done everyone!!



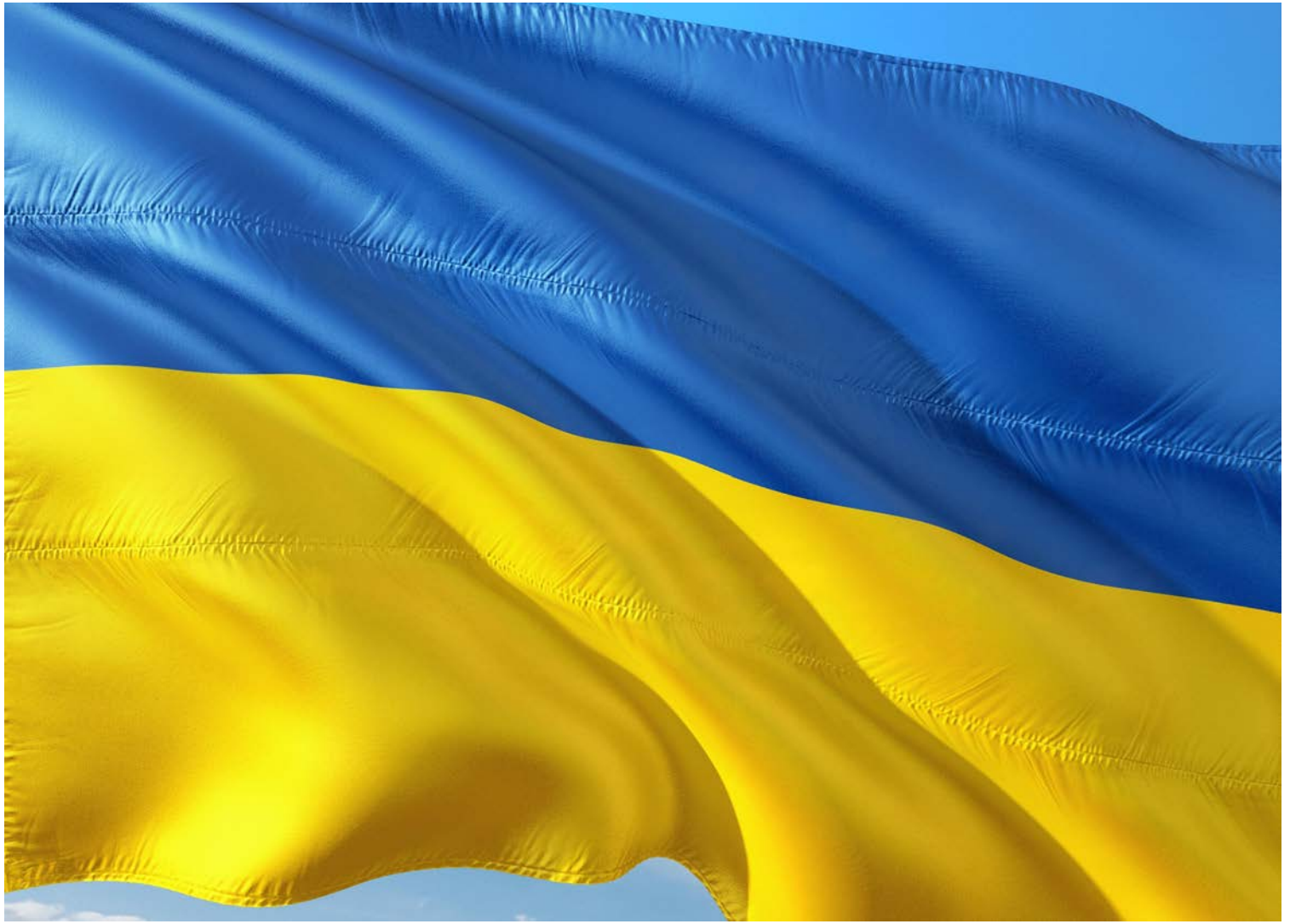




Bendrigg 2022







A poem for peace.

This is for Ukraine, I'm feeling your pain, Putin is insane,
Russia has too much power.

They shouldn't, but they do. They're too strong and it's just
wrong. I believe we should let there be peace, the pain and
suffering will ease, No war please? Internet trolls can tease.

But they're only laughing, cos they don't know the feeling.
They don't see what we're seeing, All the people they are
killing.

It is just disgusting. They are causing war for greed. With our support they won't succeed. Putin can't keep a promise, isn't honest, kids fleeing is all I'm seeing and it's a terrible feeling.

Lyrics written By Tyler.

Our Catholic School

Our prayers this week in SJV continue to call for Peace for the Ukrainian people. God's message from Pope Francis; 'Lent is a 'powerful season', a turning point, which can foster change in each of us. Let us deny ourselves something each day to help others'

Within SJV we have really seen this come alive with the whole school doing "40 Acts of Kindness". 40 acts is the generosity challenge for Lent, created by UK Christian charity, Stewardship. 40 acts has asked a question: what if Lent could be about more than just giving stuff up? What if it could be a time of radical generosity as well as spiritual discipline?



Within our Catholic school we have been praying for Ukraine with Mr Cassidy leading a staff reflection and the chaplaincy

team having a focus on this. The chaplaincy team have selected an Act of Kindness for the staff, which is to say thank you and give praise to others. For the students, it is to tidy their classrooms when leaving. The whole School can nominate one another when we observe an act of kindness taking place. We then celebrate these each Friday during the reward assembly.



In RE this week we have been looking at our charity campaigns for Lent and what each class is going to do to raise money. Additionally we have been trying to spend some time in Si-LENT prayer to be thinking and being more with God.

By Mrs Garfin

A word from our Family Liaison Officer and Deputy Safeguarding Lead

To help support parents, carers, and young people with additional learning needs, internet matters have created a hub to offer tailored advice on how to connect safely online across a range of social platforms.

Social media allows us all to make connections and breakdown barriers. For many young people, it can be a vital part of staying connected to the world around them. This resource hopes to empower young people with the tools to navigate it smartly and safely.

https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/?utm_source=Sprint&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ConnectingSafelyOnline



Thank you to all our Parents and Carers who are presently attending Riding the Rapids course here in school. Next week's session is all about 'Understanding Adolescent Behaviour' Part 2.

The course is for Parents and Carers of children & young people who have a diagnosis of Autism an/or complex learning needs. The course aims to help parents to understand and manage challenging behaviours shown by their child or young person.

Research shows that Parents and Carers who attend Riding the Rapids can:

- Make effective changes to their child's or young persons behaviour.
- Increase their coping skills and confidence when dealing with behaviours.

Riding the Rapids was developed here in Manchester by the Clinical Services for Children and Disabilities. It has been researched by the Social Policy and Research Unit at the University of York and shown to be highly effective.

The Course

Each weekly session covers a different aspect of understanding and managing behaviours. Parents and Carers start the course by deciding on a target behaviour they would like to change, and then putting together a plan to tackle it using a variety of strategies.

The course takes place for 2 hours a week for 10 weeks. The course takes place in school on a **Tuesday morning 10.00**

am – 12.00 pm

Parents and Carers develop strategies through discussion, direct teaching, practising ideas and watching videos of other parents talking about strategies they use.

The next course will commence in September 2022. If you are interested please get in touch with me via the school office.

Mrs Julie Griffin



A few tips from our emotional and mental wellbeing team here at SJV.

Mindful Minute

Today marks the beginning of British Science Week with this year's theme of 'Growth'. This doesn't have to just mean a physical growth, we can also look at emotional well-being and mental growth. A growth in our understanding and compassion for ourselves and others. A growth in developing our personal calming strategies and a growth in patience for others.





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