



St John Vianney Catholic School

Newsletter

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"Everything we can be, with Christ in our hearts."

Children of Many Talents!

You could be forgiven for thinking that the pupils at this school were being employed as (unpaid) glorified decorators! We are running out of wall space to show off their incredible artwork and writing. This week's assembly showcased their latest masterpieces and was a delight to behold. Colour, imagination and enthusiasm abounded as the children all shared their work. I continue to be impressed and proud in equal measure with the efforts of the staff and pupils at this school and later in this newsletter, you will see just a quick snapshot of the work going on here.

Dates

Please make a note of these dates and events in your diary:

W/C 30th Jan: Fair Trade Week

Fri 3rd Feb: Class 2 Assembly; Cycling Proficiency Bike Check

Mon 6th Feb: Cycling Proficiency Week; Safer Internet Week

Tue 7th Feb: Parent Consultations (2:45 to 5:40)

Thu 9th Feb: Parent Consultations (2:45 to 5:40)

Fri 10th Feb: Class 3 Assembly; Friends of SJV Valentine's Cake Sale (3pm to 4pm)

Fri 24th Feb: Class 4 Assembly

Mon 13th Feb to Fri 17th Feb: Half Term, school closed

Mon 27th Feb: Other Faiths Week

Wed 1st Mar: Ash Wednesday Service at St. John Vianney Church (time TBA)

Thu 2nd Mar: World Book Day

Fri 3rd Mar: Lenten Assembly

Fri 10th Mar: Year 5 Assembly; Early Years Book Fair

Mon 13th Mar: Year 1 & 2 Book Fair

Tue 14th Mar: Year 3 & 4 Book Fair

Wed 15th Mar: Year 5 & 6 Book Fair

Fri 16th Mar: Sports relief day & assembly

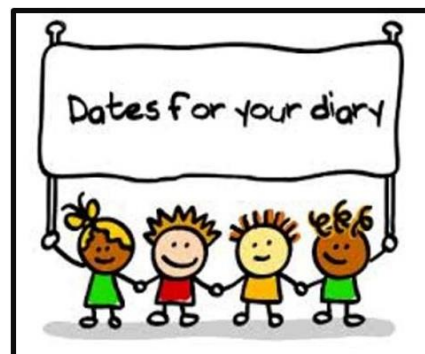
Tue 21st Mar: World Poetry Day

Fri 24th Mar: Year 6 assembly (Malawi Appeal)

Wed 29th Mar: Easter Liturgy

Fri 31st Mar: Mass for end of term (10am in the school hall)

Fri 31st Mar: End of Term – school closes 1:15



DON'T FORGET

School Lunches

Please be aware that if your child wishes to change from packed lunch to school dinner or vice versa **ONE week's written notice MUST be given to the office**. If this procedure is not followed correctly a charge may be incurred by the parent/carer for meals.

The cost of a school lunch is £2.40 per day, £12.00 per week. It is not possible to be in arrears with the cost of school meals.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent for any reason please call the school office on 0208 889 8421 on the first day of absence **before 8.30am**. In this way we can let the class teacher know before the school day starts.

Written absence notes **MUST** be sent into the school office on the first day of return to school. Without this your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Holidays within school time are not permissible. If you are going away for any length of time a leave of absence form must be filled in. These are available from the school office.

Uniform and Lost Property

ALL Uniform **MUST** be labelled. Our lost property box is overflowing....

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers are now in circulation. Please continue to support the school by sending these into school via your child.



Art Masterpieces



Artful Dodgers!

In our recent Creative Art Day, each class chose a famous masterpiece and used to create our own works, inspired by the Masters' techniques and genius!



Jungle Flower – by Reception Class!

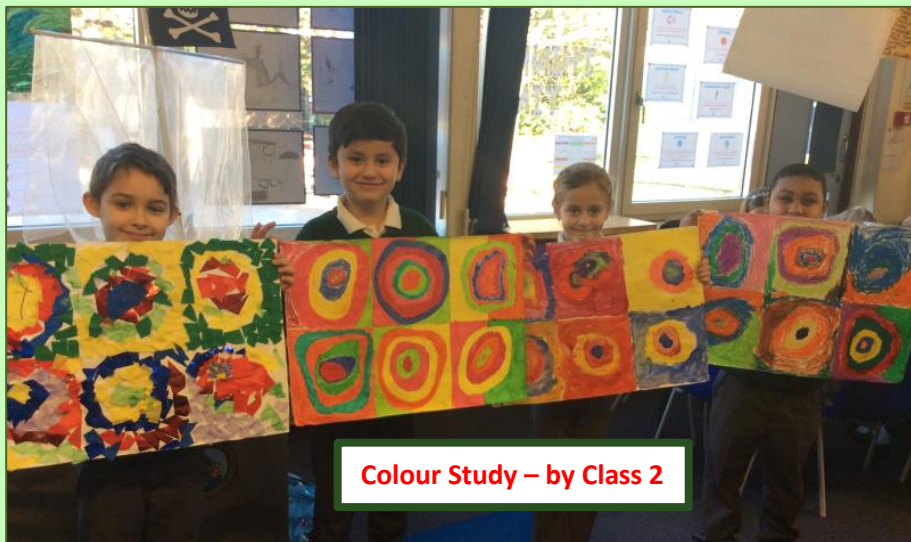
Jungle Flower – by Georgia O'Keeffe



Lollipop Trees – by Class 1



Lollipop Trees – by Hunderwasser



Colour Study – by Class 2

**Colour Study –
by Kandinsky**



**Andy Warhol Pop Art – by
Andy Warhol!**

Andy Warhol Pop Art – by Class 4



Art Masterpieces



**Andy Warhol Pop Art – by
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**Sgt Pepper Lonely Hearts
Club Band – by Peter Blake**



Sgt Pepper – by Class 6



Street Art – by Stik



Street Art – by Class 5

'Write' up there with the best!

Staff and pupils are really enjoying their writing at the moment. There is something of a groundswell, and writing is improving all the time. Children are enjoying their topics and are happy to write, while staff are progressing brilliantly on what we are calling the 'SVJ Writing Process'. This guides the children through a whole process, from reading, planning, drafting, editing and creating final pieces, supporting their development along the way. Some of the results are astounding!

Cast your mind back to when YOU were at primary school – I know for a fact that I was not able to work at this level when I was 10! Keep up the great work everyone.

I kept playing, each finger tapping a key after another. I suddenly felt very curious and peculiar, and I couldn't put my mind to anything. I peered round the wide, dark room. All there was the lonely piano, and me, feeling just like it. Just as I wiped my eyes to stop tears, I heard a voice mumbling 'Don't cry, I'm always here with you.' I recognised it... my... my... my wife. A transparent look-alike of my beloved wife suddenly placed her hand on mine - it felt smooth, amazing. Was it her? Was it? Was it a miracle? I opened up my eyes and her silky

soft lips gently touched my red cheek. I blinked, and she smiled away slowly, so I held her, putting her in my mind forever. It felt tragic, my mind tricking me into thinking she was here. I felt guilty. Why didn't I protect her from the danger? Why?

While thoughts ^{whirled} ~~swirly~~ wirled around my muddled mind, I lightly struck each key with my soft singers, overlapping the sound of the wondrous music. As my thoughts of great sorrow ran free as a bird, I could see a million places while sitting beside my piano. I could ^{even} go back in time.

As I played in sombre isolation this beautiful tune cast a terrible spell over me. I shuddered uncomfortably as it reminded me of the miserable, heartbreaking ^{recollections} ~~recollections~~ of people.

As I slowly played up to the key change, I saw my late wife sitting by my side. As is separated by a veil, I noticed she did not truly belong there and I watched as she ~~gently~~ gently melted the melody of music. She leant over and tenderly kissed my cheek - it felt almost as if something had gently brushed it with love. I turned around to get one more glimpse of her ghostly figure - the one I'd ~~seen~~ seen.