



# St John Vianney Catholic School Newsletter

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## It's been strangely quiet this week...

It's that time of year when our 'top-of-the-school' year 6s venture out for their annual rite of passage trip to Pendarren in South Wales.

They leave a big hole behind them, but we were delighted to hear about the brilliant time they have had. They have conquered fears, bonded, laughed and shared a unique experience (same could be said for the magnificent teachers' team, I'm sure!)

[Reports from the front, along with some lovely photos](#), tell us that they are going to be: tired, full of news, tried, excited, tired, proud of themselves and...well...tired!

Rest up, team 6 – we'll see you bright and refreshed on Monday!



# The SJV Daily News

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

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## ‘Little Angels’ Shine

A very special treat, courtesy of the Friends of SJV



Many months ago, the Friends of SJV organised a cake sale, which raised an incredible amount of money. They requested that it be used to provide a special treat for the children and, this week, after waiting patiently for months, the Little Angel Theatre Company visited and made good the promise of ‘something special’.

For those of you that don’t know, the Little Angel Theatre, based in Islington, is a world-renowned company that specialises in magical puppetry storytelling techniques for children (of all ages!). This is not, believe me, any old puppet show.

We were so lucky to have them visit us, and the children were absolutely rapt as the story of ‘Me...’, about a baby penguin’s exploration of the exciting and dangerous world he is born into, unfolded before their very eyes.

To see it is to believe it – have a look at this trailer to give you an idea of the wonderful, charming experience your ‘cake-buying’ has provided for your children! [CLICK HERE](#)

Once again, a big thank you to the Friends for their hard work, and to you for supporting them so well! It really does make a difference.



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## Dates for your diary



- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September: Friends of SJV Meeting (7pm)
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September: Macmillan Coffee Morning & Wildlife Garden Launch (after assembly)
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: 'Maths No Problem' Parent Workshop (9am, 2:30pm, 7pm – sign up needed)
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October: Year 6 Pendarren Assembly
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: School Photographer (Individual Photos)
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October: Year 3 & 4 Trip to Royal Albert Hall
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October: Year 5 Assembly
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October: Parent Consultations (3:50pm to 5:30pm)
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Parent Consultations (3:50pm to 5:30pm)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Liturgy – parents welcome (9am); School Closes for Half Term
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November: All Saints Mass @ SJV Church
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Black History Assembly
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November: Year 4 / Reception Class – Buddy Assembly
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Anti-Bullying Assembly
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November: Year 3 Assembly
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Advent Assembly
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Year 2 Assembly
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: School, Trip to the Millfield Panto
- Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Performance – 'Nativity Nightmare' 7pm
- Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Performance – 'Nativity Nightmare' 9:15am
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: School Closes for Christmas – 1:15pm

## School Dinners

Please note that school dinners will increase to £2:50 after the October half term, week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> October.





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## Promoting World Peace

Each half term, the children and staff will be reflecting on a theme drawn from **Catholic Social Teaching (CST)**. CST outlines 8 different themes, and helps us to focus on the greater good – thinking of others in order to make our communities and the world a better place.

This half term, we will be thinking about **'Peace'** – what it means to us; how we can promote it in what we do and in what we say; what influence can we have on our home life, our classes, our school, our country...our world?

Today, our fabulous team from Class 4 shared their thoughts about this important part of our lives at our weekly celebration assembly. They told us the Gospel about when Jesus calmed the waves, and asked us to think about how we can create a calmness, a peace, in all we do. Thoughtful stuff.

Class 2, 3 and 4 then shared some of their class work on the subject: peace prayers.





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## Potions in Class 4

The whole school were treated to a special scientific display at assembly this week. Class 4's topic is based around Alice in Wonderland, and the science draws on the section where Alice takes a potion and it shrinks her!

The children were asked to think about a potion that would have magical effects, and our team of scientists created a 'hypnotising' potion, that bubbled and frothed in front of our very eyes!

Fantastic work!



# ALICE IN WONDERLAND





## This Sunday's Gospel

This Sunday, you will hear the gospel of Matthew, where a landowner is generous to his servants. One gets jealous because he feels that Jesus has been equally generous, regardless of how hard the servants have worked.

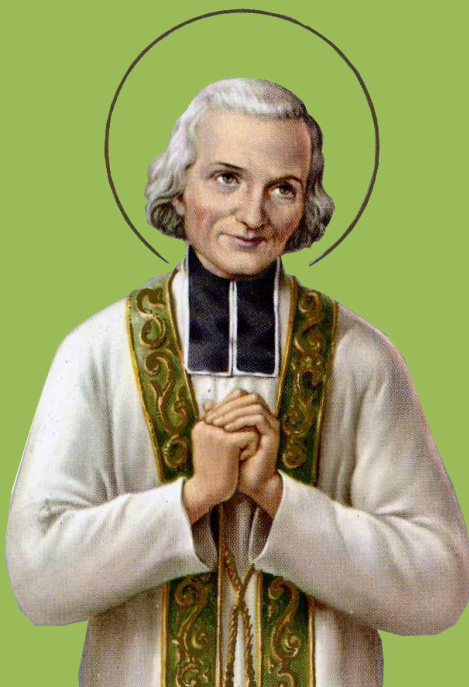
Jesus tells us, via this parable, that being generous is more important than quibbling about how fair life is.

**This week's word is 'Generous'**



“For it is  
in  
giving  
that  
we  
receive.”

*- St. Francis of Assisi*



## Have a great weekend

May I wish you all a pleasant weekend –  
enjoy (possibly) the last of the sunshine,  
and we'll see you all on Monday!