

St John Vianney Catholic School

School Newsletter

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



Mother Teresa said: "Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."

Our celebration assembly this morning proved two things: 1) that we are mastering the technology that will help bind us together in the coming weeks and 2) more importantly, that each new day and week brings us so many things to celebrate and opportunities to explore, even in the difficult times we find ourselves in.

The work that is being done at home and at school is amazing, and it is this attitude and hard work that we will get through all of this.

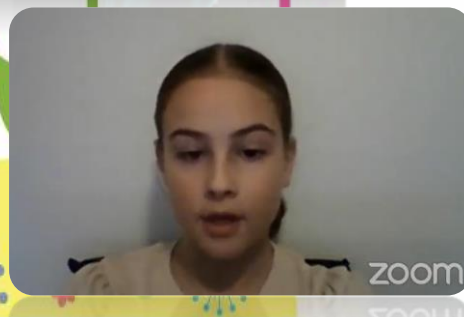
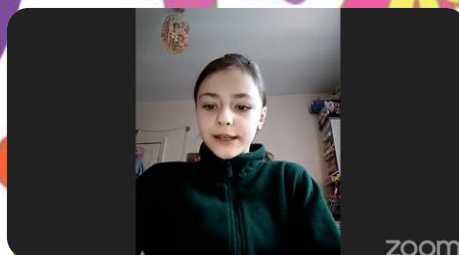
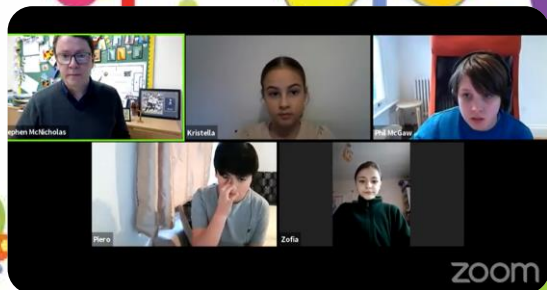
Teachers are reporting FULL attendance at some Zoom sessions and some brilliant work being submitted. This routine is important, and we hope that you can keep it up.

But...as always, we are mindful that we strike the right balance – please do your best to support your children in completing the work set, but don't let it put pressure on your home life; please make contact if you would like to discuss any issues you may have.

I will be sending out a very short survey next week to allow you to give some feedback about how things are going so far and we will use this to refine things in the coming weeks.

A huge thank you to my readers from Year 6 this morning who helped with assembly, leading the way to ever more participation and involvement from those at home.

Once again, stay safe first and foremost and have a wonderful weekend.





News and Messages

Stay at Home

The government's clear advice at present is that everyone should stay at home if they can. **Even if you or your partner are Key Workers**, your child should stay home if you are able to care for them. Please **DO** Not apply for or keep a Key Worker place if you are not a Critical Key Worker, central to the nation's response to Covid-19.

Staffing and Management

Our Assistant Headteacher, Mr. Quin, has decided to step back from management duties for the time being. I'd like to thank him for his invaluable input and assistance over the last couple of year in that role. His contribution to the development of our school in that time has been amazing. Of course, his role as class teacher and a Writing Champion at our school are unaffected.

Following on from this, I am delighted to share with you that Ms Donald, our Inclusion Manager has been appointed Acting Assistant Headteacher for the balance of the year. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the very best in this role.

Important reminders:

Once again, please ensure that you are doing everything you can about keeping possible Covid-19 symptoms away from school.

1) Please **DO NOT** send your child to school if they are unwell

- If they do not have symptoms of Covid-19, but have been unwell, you must still wait until they are fully better before you send them back to school.

2) Please be vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19

- **IF they have any of the 3 Covid-19 symptoms**, then you **MUST** keep them at home, book a test and notify the school that you have done this.

Covid Symptoms

- A) High temperature (37.8 degrees and above).
- B) A continuous cough (coughing a lot for an hour).
- C) A change in your sense of taste or smell.
- **IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT ANY SYMPTOMS, SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE OR CALL 111.**

3) The Importance of being Tested

- If your child has one of the above **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU BOOK A TEST.**
- Failure to do this means a) they cannot return to school for a further 10 days and b) we are unable to manage the possible risk of infection to other children and staff in their bubble.
- If you have difficulty booking a test, please keep trying until you get one - please let the school know if you are unable to.
- Waiting for 10 days is **NOT** an option – your child may be missing schooling unnecessarily.

4) Please observe **STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING** when dropping off and picking up children.

- This has been identified as a key risk in the transmission of Covid-19 in the return of children to full schooling.
- Please do everything you can to observe this.



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Nursery: A and F great work with their online learning!





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Reception Everybody has worked so hard with their remote learning tasks this week in Reception class myself and Mrs Holden are very proud of them! It is always so hard to choose because everyone is doing such great work a big Marshmellow, Spiderman and loud clap to all of you! The Stars of the week in Reception class are C and J.

J : You have really tried your best with your phonics this week you are trying your best with reading your tricky red words everyday in class and thinking about some great sentences to say and write . You are becoming more focussed when it comes to doing your work and you are working hard learning and writing your new phonic sounds. Your handwriting is really improving what great and neat work this week. Keep it up!

C : You have really tried your best with all your home learning tasks. You created a great 3d model when we were learning all about 2d and 3d Shapes out of different items that you found at home very creative! Your handwriting is really improving you are producing such careful and neat work and I can see that you are taking pride in the work that you are producing.





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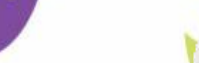
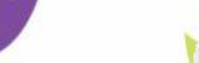
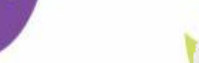
Year 1: It has been really difficult to choose a star this week as so many of you are doing such fantastic work at home, if I could, I would choose all of you again! This week my star of the week is A. She is always uploading lots of her fantastic work for me to look at. I am also so impressed with her extra reading and her enthusiasm for reading. She tells me most days about the book she has picked sending me pictures and talking about it on our Zoom sessions. It is wonderful to see her so interested in reading.

The second star is A, Who has been a role model this week in terms of how he is always polite and cheerful and always completes his tasks to the best of his ability. Well done!



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Class 2 have all worked extremely hard this week and I have been so impressed by how quickly they have handed in their high quality work. This week we have written character descriptions about our own made up pirates and everyone in Class 2 has produced an amazing piece of writing. Well done!

For my stars this week

I would like to choose T for her incredible piece of writing. Her expanded noun phrases and similes she used to describe her pirate character were spectacular. She also came up with lots of creative ideas for what her pirates interests would be, absorbing everything we have learned so far in this topic. Well done!

I would also like to choose R, the book worm. It has been great to see R develop his love of reading, with the regular updates each week about a new books he has been enjoying. He also makes time in his day to read to his little sister, entertaining her and inspiring her to also develop a love for reading.



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Year 3: I would first like to thank all of Class 3 this week. They are the ingredients of a Ms Giltinan's Marvellous Medicine!! Seeing everyone(yes, full classes!) on zoom twice a day works wonders. An elixir of joy beyond doubt.

Out of this magical mix I have chosen my stars to be E and N . They have turned up enthusiastically to every zoom, participated in every lesson and consistently hand in work promptly without letting standards drop! N's presentation is always beautiful and amidst all the hard work, E is also finding time to run with her dad as they raise money for charity.



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Year 4

This week can I nominate S. He always submits his work daily and it is always to a good quality. I particularly enjoyed his History work surrounding Julius Caesar. He answered all of the questions in full and gave some really detailed explanations.

I would also like to nominate A, she is always taking an active role in our Zoom lessons and is sharing lots of her great ideas. Well done!





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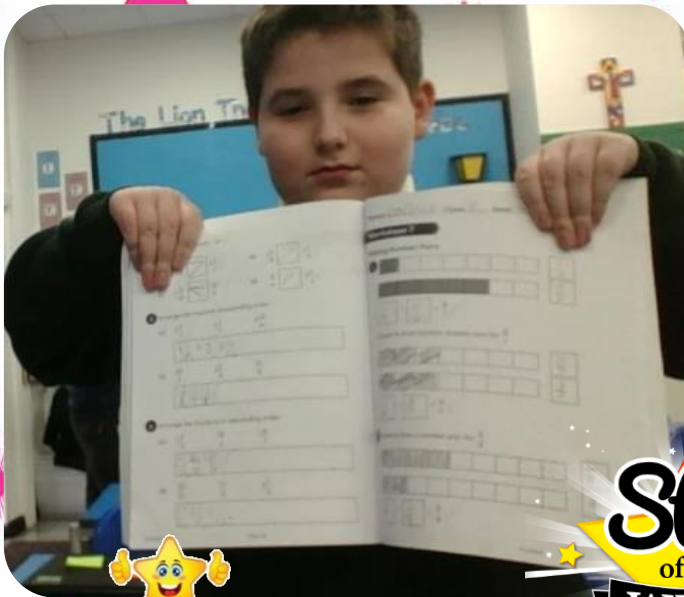
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Year 5

C - with a positive, determined attitude, Carmine has really started to grasp fractions more confidently. This week he has shown that he can now compare and order improper and mixed number fractions with different denominators using both pictorial models and his knowledge of equivalent fractions along the way. A really great effort this week with Maths. Well done Carmine!

N - listening to teacher advice and feedback, and acting upon it straight away. He went away and edited his writing on Wednesday afternoon this week. The result? An impressive, original setting description of Victorian London to set the scene for our story about Sherlock Holmes...



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'N's Fantastic writing! Beneath the dense smog, grimy houses continuously belched pollution through their dark, clay chimneys. The river Thames rushed and gurgled as it spat murky water into the dense, polluted air. On the cobbles below, hectic people bustled around the markets which were filled with the shouts of vendors. The road was crowded with horse drawn carriages. In the narrow, overcast streets, bleak children stood together by the walls of the dirty, dreary houses. Down a narrow cobbled alley stood a large, grand house. Shadows gilded silently along the smooth stone walls as a flame flickered feebly in a cracked gas lantern hanging from an old iron arch overhanging the large imposing door.'





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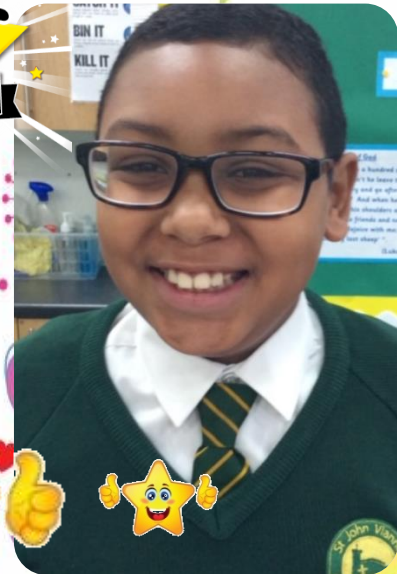
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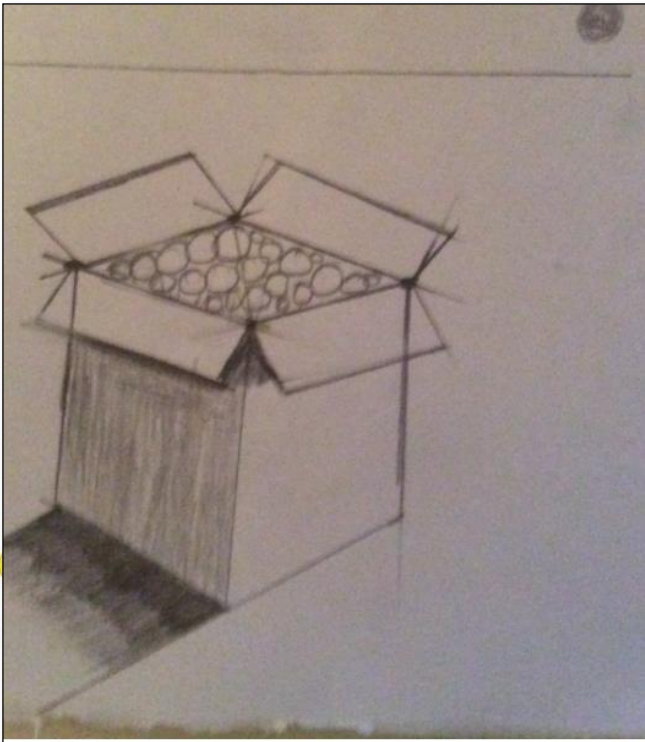
Big well done to all of year 6 this week. Again I've been very happy with the work that I have seen and the effort that has gone in to it! K - For her fantastic efforts so far. She has been working really hard and the quality of her work is excellent. She always follows instructions and always gives it her all. Well done!

A, C and C - They have been working so hard in school and I have been very impressed with the work I have seen uploaded on to Google Classrooms and all the good things I have been told about them. Keep up the hard work!

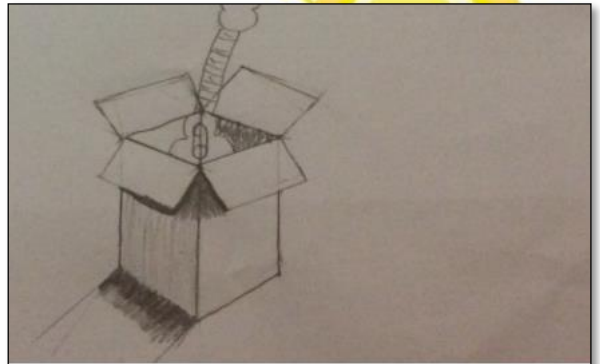


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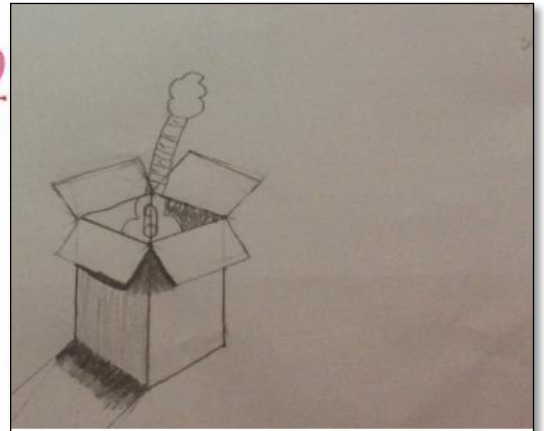




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Year 6 Artwork



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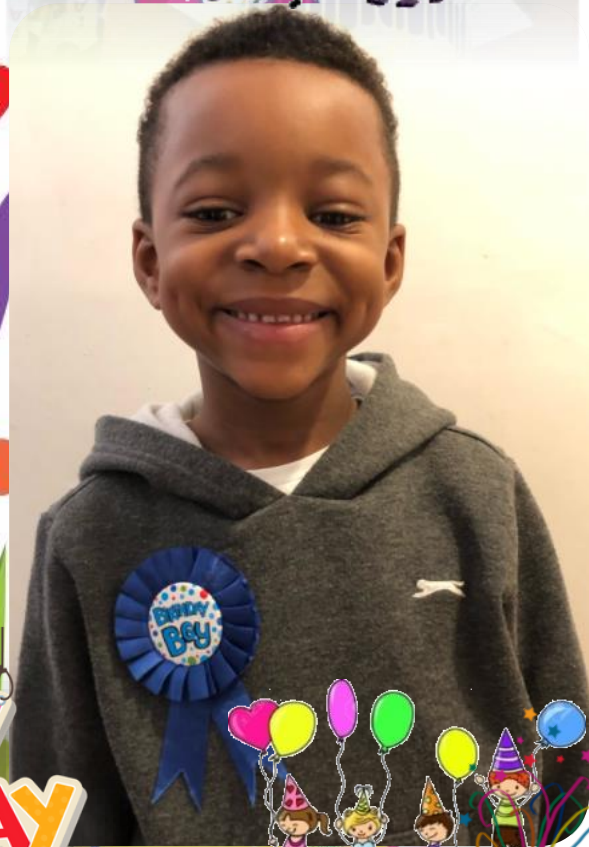


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