

St John Vianney Catholic School

School Newsletter

Edition: 242 24th March 2023

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



Coming together in Prayer

It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and carers this week joining in with their children's Lenten prayer mornings. Each class opened its door this week and welcomed the wider SJV community into the classroom to join the children's Lenten preparations. We reflected on compassion; its importance in being the source of many acts of kindness, charity and love. Without compassion, the world would be a bleak place. Our school and our children are a rich source of compassion and goodness, and we will continue our preparations for Easter as we complete our 'CAFOD Great Lent Walk' sponsored event. In preparation, parents even joined their children in a few laps around the playground!

Have a brilliant weekend everyone...

God bless, Mr. McNicholas



Attendance Update

This week was more in line with the national average at SJV, with attendance sitting at 93%. Thanks again for your support.

Please remember, current guidance is to send children in unless they are clearly unwell or have a temperature. Minor ‘sniffles’ should not keep the children away from school.

For the ‘Year to Date’ and ‘This Week’

	Attendance Rate	Absence Rate	Authorised	Unauthorised
Latest National Year to Date	93.7%	6.1%	4.6%	1.5%
SJV Year to Date	93%	7%	5.86%	1.14%
SJV This Week	93.82%	6.18%	5.96%	0.22%

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Notices

- **Ms. Morgan:** it is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Ms. Morgan at the end of next week. Sadly, she is leaving us to embark on another adventure beyond SJV, but I'd like to thank her on behalf of the staff, the children and our families for the incredible contribution she has made in the last 7 years to our school. Her expertise and enthusiasm have been constant and have enabled us to grow, progress and to cruise through two Ofsted's!), particularly with her science expertise!

We wish her all the very best in her last week and, of course, well beyond.

Ms. Harrington will be taking over in Year 3 from after Easter until the end of the year. She will visit the class next week and I am sure that the whole community will give her a warm welcome.

- **Friends of SJV Zoom Meeting:** The FOSJV monthly zoom meeting will take place on Weds 29th March 2023 at 7:30pm.

Please email: sjvfriends@gmail.com for a zoom invite.

Notices

- **Year 1 Phonics Meeting:** Wednesday morning at 9am (entrance via playground)
OR
- **Year 1 Phonics Meeting:** Wednesday afternoon at 3pm (entrance via the School Office)
- **Easter Liturgy:** Friday morning (31st March) instead of our usual assembly; Parents are welcome to attend.
- **After school sports clubs** are finished now for this term. New clubs will be arranged for the Summer term after Easter.
- **School finishes on Friday 31st March at 1.15pm** for the Easter holiday. There is no afternoon Nursery session on Friday 31st March.
- **Please make sure all debts** for breakfast club and school lunches are cleared before the school holiday.
- **Boosters & Choir:** Morning booster classes, intervention groups and choir continue in the last week of term. As do after school booster classes for Class 6.

Community Notices

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[CLICK HERE](#) to read the Haringey Easter Break Fun guide...

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FUN

Activities, courses
and events for
children and young
people in Haringey



haringey.gov.uk/holidayfun



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Limited
spaces
available!

FREE EASTER BREAK KICKS FOOTBALL CAMPS!

Premier League Kicks inspires young people to achieve their potential and improve their wellbeing. During this Easter break, Tottenham Hotspur Foundation will be hosting **FREE** Kicks Football Camps with professional coaching for the community.

Where and when

New River Stadium Sports Centre
White Hart Lane, Wood Green, Haringey, N22 5QW

Wednesday 5th April and Thursday 6th April 2023

10:00 to 11:30 – age 7-9 (Capacity: 20 each day)
11:00 to 15:00 – age 10-15 (Capacity: 50 each day)

Wednesday 12th April and Thursday 13th April 2023

10:00 to 11:30 – age 7-9 (Capacity: 20 each day)
11:00 to 15:00 – age 10-15 (Capacity: 50 each day)

To find out more and to register for the sessions,
email: THF.activities@tottenhamhotspur.com

Please scan the QR code
to register your interest



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**“ At the sight of her tears, Jesus said,
with a sigh that came straight from
the heart...”**

St Chromatius said, “Blessed are the compassionate.”

What does the word ‘compassion’ mean to you? Who is the most compassionate person you know, who really listens when you have a problem? Can you remember a time when someone showed you care and compassion - what did they do? To be compassionate is to share someone’s suffering – to feel sorrow for their situation and to do something about it...

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Lazarus, a friend of Jesus, was very ill. So his two sisters, Mary and Martha, sent a message to Jesus. But, by the time Jesus arrived, Mary threw herself at his feet, crying because Lazarus had died. At the sight of her tears, Jesus said, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, “Where have you put him?” So they took Jesus to Lazarus’ tomb. Jesus wept. “Roll the stone away,” he said. Then he shouted out, “Lazarus, come out!” Then Lazarus, who had been dead, came out with his feet, hands and face wrapped in strips of burial cloth. Jesus said, “Unbind him: let him go free.” Many of the people there saw what Jesus had done and believed in him.

The Word of the Lord

Our Liturgy



Our Assembly Liturgy

Our Mission this week...

Pope Francis said, "What we say and how we say it ought to express God's compassion and tenderness for all."

Jesus knew that Martha and Mary were sad and he did what he could to help them. People saw this and started to believe in Jesus. Today we can show people how good Jesus is and help others to believe in him by the way we live. Ask your child if they can remember when they last felt sorry for someone and helped them. As a family, ask yourselves, "Is there anyone who needs our compassion and our help at this time? What could we do?"



The lesson in today's Gospel? Be compassionate. Feel others' pain and reach out to help...

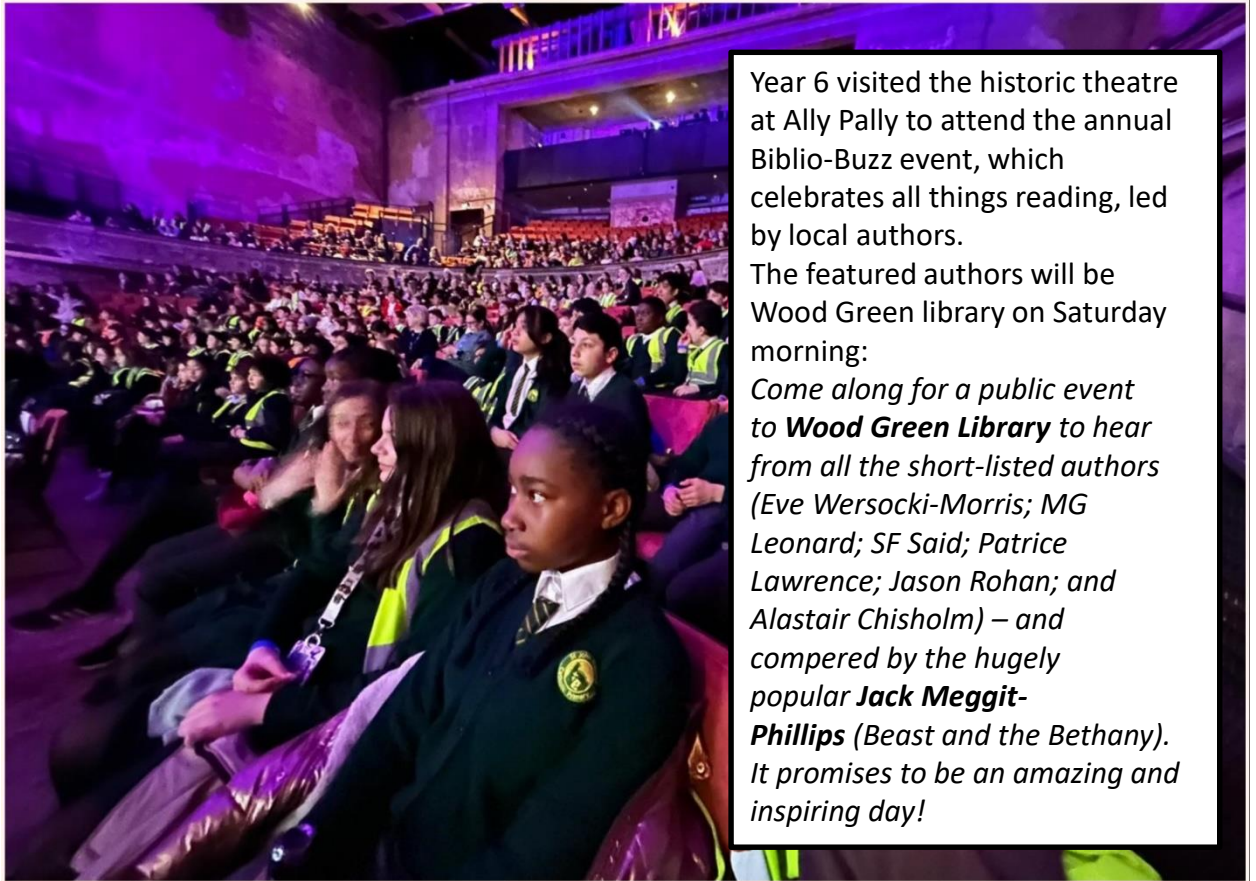
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Compassion

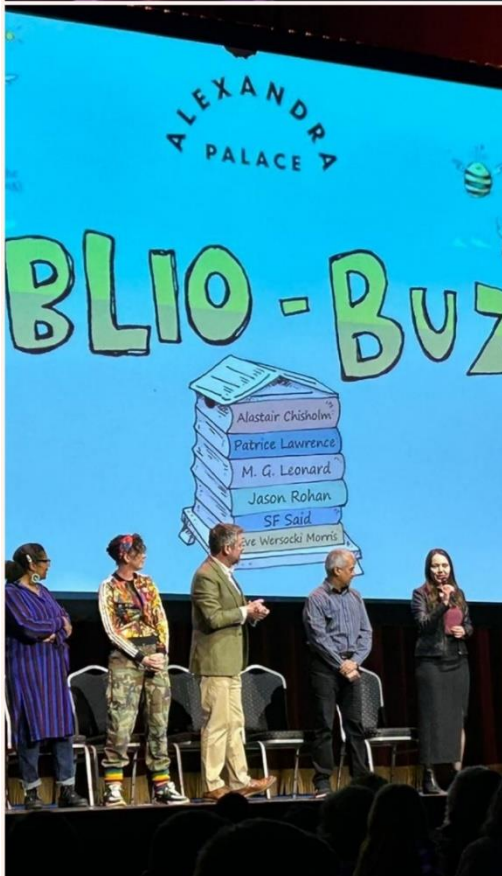
Author Event at Ally Pally



Year 6 visited the historic theatre at Ally Pally to attend the annual Biblio-Buzz event, which celebrates all things reading, led by local authors.

The featured authors will be Wood Green library on Saturday morning:

*Come along for a public event to **Wood Green Library** to hear from all the short-listed authors (Eve Wersocki-Morris; MG Leonard; SF Said; Patrice Lawrence; Jason Rohan; and Alastair Chisholm) – and compered by the hugely popular **Jack Meggit-Phillips** (Beast and the Bethany). It promises to be an amazing and inspiring day!*



Author Event at Ally Pally



Year 4 football teams triumph!

Well done to our marvellous Year 4 football team (or 'teams' to be precise!)

All three teams played a great game against West Green this week. Some brilliant football, cracking goals and a whole lot of fun and fair play! After taking a commanding lead under Coach McNicholas, West Green fought back heroically while Coach Kavanagh looked after things for 5 minutes, with the game eventually ending 5-4 to SJV once Coach McNicholas was restored. ! Better than watching Spurs for sure, but similar managerial problems!



CAFOD: The Big Walk for Lent



Remember to support the school's CAFOD Big Walk this lent. Please encourage friends and family to sponsor your child with whatever they can spare for this great charity. Money collected can be paid via School Money in the first week back after Easter.



Why take on the Big Lent Walk?

This Lent CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they've asked for to fight the climate crisis.

In Bangladesh, 14-year-old Dristy and her Mum Rupali are building seed beds and planting palm trees to protect their crops from flooding and cyclones.

Lenten Family Prayer Morning



Reception parents join their children for a thoughtful prayer morning.



Lenten Family Prayer Morning



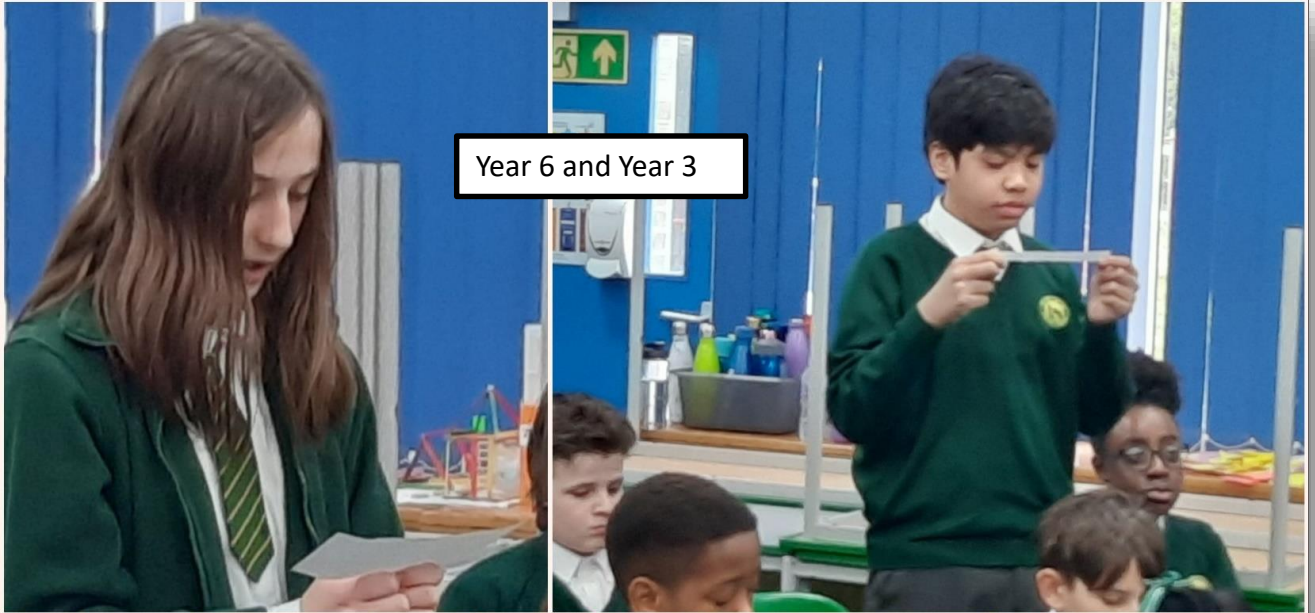
Lenten Family Prayer Morning



Year 4 reflect on Compassion



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Parents and Carers joined in on one of the last legs of the children's sponsored CAFOD Big Walk



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Online Safety

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'Oders' and are quite common in Roblox. An Oder is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter Oders. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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Nursery Places

- Nursery application forms are now ready. Please email the admin@st-johnvianney.Haringey.sch.uk to make an appointment to collect a form.





STARS OF THE WEEK

THE FORCE IS STRONG IN THESE ONES...



24th March 2023



Reception:

Well done to everybody in Reception Class this week! I would like to say a big well done to all of you for doing such a reflective and thoughtful prayer morning. Everybody did such beautiful singing and did such lovely prayer actions to the songs that we learnt for our reflection. The readers who took their prayers home learnt them and read them so well in class in front of their families and friends. I am very proud of all of you! You ALL DESERVE CLASS STAR this week! what a great learning class team you are!

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24th March 2023

Star
of the
WEEK



Class 1:

This week my star is going to someone who has really stood out for good thinking and super answers to questions. I was so impressed with the answers that you were giving for suggestions of how to show compassion and other ideas. It was clear to see that you were doing some fantastic listening A and that made the teachers super happy! Keep on working hard with those listening skills.

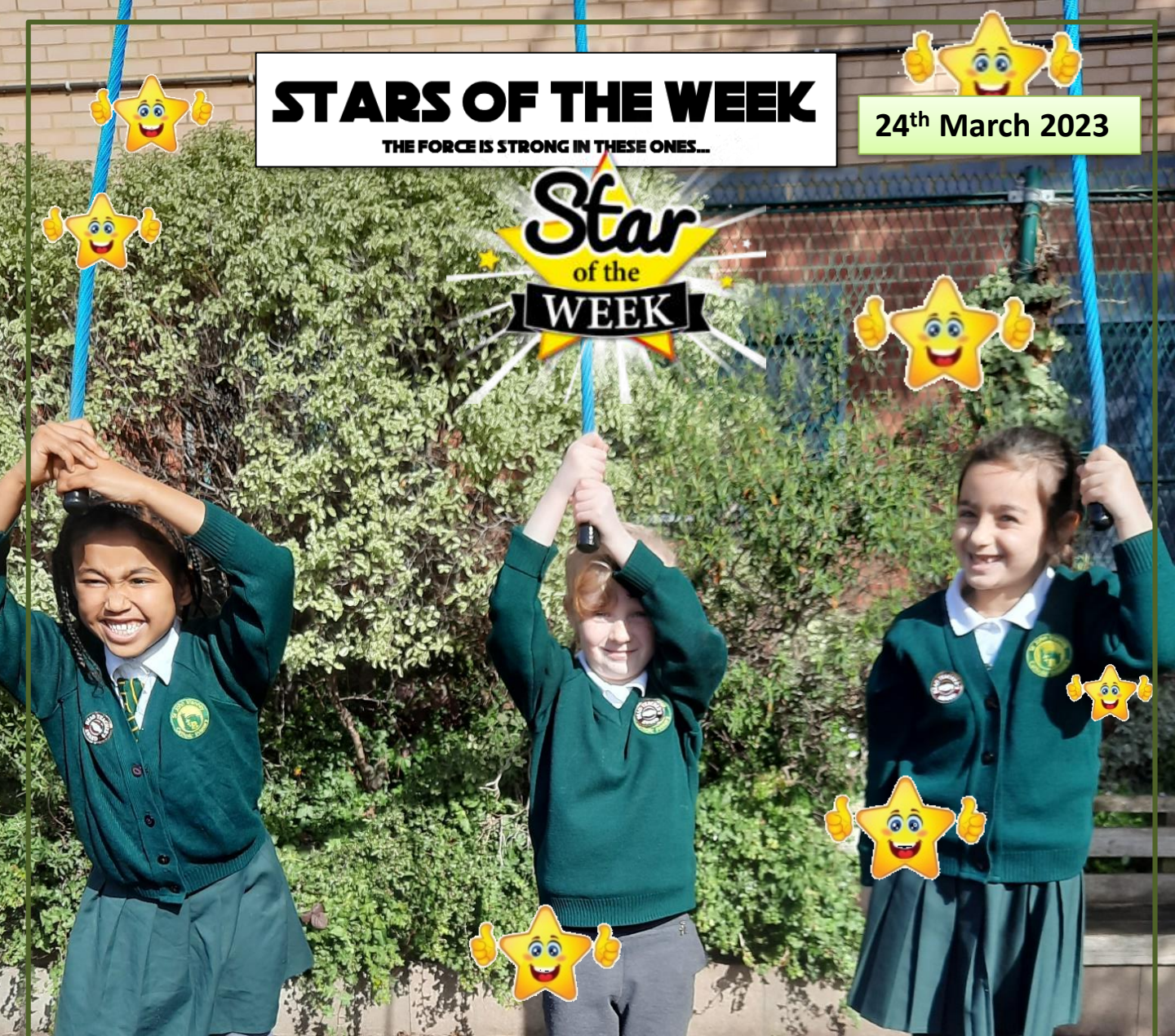
My next star is going to someone who continually tries hard with everything that he does. C you are my star this week for your wonderful listening all the time, the hard work that you put into all your tasks and never giving up even when things get tricky. I know that every lesson you go back to the table and know exactly what you need to do as you have listened hard, you participate in the lessons which really helps you to learn new skills and knowledge. Well done to you!

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Class 2:

Class 2 have worked incredibly hard this week, filling up their marble jar once again! I would like to choose two children who particularly stood out to me.

P's perseverance during her reading booklet was just amazing. She took her time and used all of her great reading skills - cutting up the word into chunks, rereading if it didn't make sense and highlighting where she found her answers in the text. Even though her 'brain was tired' she completed the booklet with a big smile on her face.

A also tried really hard, especially when completing her maths booklet. She used lots of clever strategies to work out her answer like writing down the number sentence, using her ruler as a number line and using column method for addition. Keep up the fantastic work!

I would also like to choose an additional star this week on our theme of Compassion.

M always shows compassion to her friends and teachers, picking up on when someone is suffering or in need of help, and showing genuine kindness and care to those people. We can all learn something from her!



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Class 3:

We have been writing instructions this week and I've been really impressed with how Class 3 has mastered all the features of instructions, including imperative verbs. So, two writing stars this week! First of all **M**, as she has this wonderful confidence with writing and is very creative with her work as well. And the second is **J**, who puts a lot of thought and effort into her writing and what's more, always makes sure her presentation is amazing. Well done both of you, keep up the great work!

M & M were both stars this week for being compassionate members of the class, always looking out for those around them that need help.

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Class 4:

This week the focus of our prayer morning was 'compassion'. I was very touched by Tahlia's compassionate actions in class and at lunch time to ensure everyone felt included and would like to give her a very well deserved star. I would also like to give a star to **A** and **J** for their partner work in editing. They followed all of the instructions carefully and worked together with patience and respect.

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Class 5:

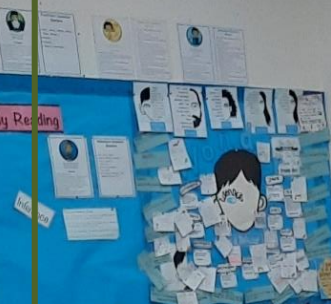
Our stars this week go to two children who, week in and week out, show what it means to be considerate, compassionate and hard working. These two individuals always have an eye out for someone who needs a bit of help. Whether its a fellow class member during lessons, a younger child in the dinner hall or indeed the class teacher trying to organise herself, these two are always there to pick up the metaphorical (and sometimes literal) pieces. Well done to **T** and **A** for being exceptional role models.



STARS OF THE WEEK

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Class 6:



A and L are the Year 6 stars this week. They are super-helpful and polite around the class and around the school, tidying away, holding doors open and generally being the 'glue' that we love in our classes and in our school. And, if that was not enough, they also displayed great patience and skills in their Art & Design work this week – not letting the ticking clock worry them into rushing and ruining their work.

celebrate!



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY