

THE KEY STAGE 3 POST

Year 7

This Week's Message...

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and have been enjoying some of the recent relaxation of the government's lockdown.

This week's underlying theme is that of caring. It's something that at St. John's I truly feel we do as a community, and one of the many reasons I enjoy teaching in this school. The lockdown has emphasised this more than ever, with the stories we are able to share in this Newsletter. Things have certainly changed in the last few weeks. I go for a daily walk with my wife and children after lunch each day. Whilst on this walk, we pass some shops and restaurants. Before the relaxation of lockdown there was a rather eerie feel about the area, but after a while of doing this walk, I noticed that it was not eerie but peaceful. I started to notice things, small things, that I would not have noticed before. It was like the scenario when you are talking to someone with loud music playing in the background and then suddenly it is shut off! It allowed me to focus and I realised even more the impact that we have on people and our surroundings.

This all changed two weeks ago when a fast food establishment opened its drive thru. After shortly leaving the house, on our daily walk, we were greeted with the longest drive-thru queue I have ever seen. People were queuing for over two hours to get their meal. They could not sit in the restaurant, so they were parking up around the area and eating their meal in their cars. Do not get me wrong, I like a takeaway as much as the next person, and it would be hypocritical of me to say I was not tempted to queue up myself!

It wasn't until the next day when we went back out for our walk, I realised the impact. I stepped out of my front door and felt a crunch, it was a bag of rubbish. We walked further down the street and I started to feel frustration, every bin was overflowing, wind blowing rubbish into the river, sauce was smeared over the pavement and again the next wave of customers queuing for 2 hours. Sadly, this week's news has also confirmed a similar situation in certain beauty spots around England.

My only hope is that this is a phase. In this Newsletter you will see and read how many of our student community are positively impacting on people and our environment.

Caring for those in need and respecting the environment around them. There were some wonderful photography submissions which I have shared as well. We all have a part to play going forward and it gives me hope that these students are being such positive role models. Well done.

Stay Safe, Mr Steadman



SHOUT OUTS

Top good comments!

- Umair M
- Amelia B
- Taya D-S
- Zuzanna S

Why not try this week...

Some gardening!



Wall of Fame!

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|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Luke G
Maths | Amelia B
PE | Mariah L
Geography |
| Jacob H
RE | Harelina K
Science | Joshua S
Maths |
| Liam R
Maths | Cindy M
Science/Geo | Daisie M
RE |

Well done to you all, keep up the good work!

This week's home share!



Victoria B (7SDC) has been perfecting her baking skills by making and decorating this wonderful birthday cake for her little sister, who turned 2 just before the holidays. Happy belated birthday to your sister and well done for using this time to develop your skills.

Don't forget!

Parents please email any images to your child's Year Leader to have an opportunity of appearing in next week's issue! For safeguarding reasons, this must come from the email address the school has on the system!

Bringing the community back together...

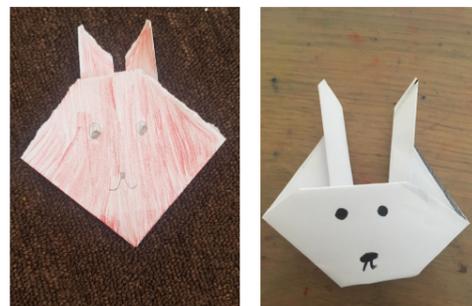


Extra Shout Outs

Maths

Daisie M	Marilyn Y
Mariah L	James D
Anand N	Grace E
Elliot O	Bianca G
Jake C	Rebecca Sales
Freddie P	Anisha A
Zack B	Tilly T-W
	Joseph G

Origami



Well done to Bianka S, Daisie M and Mariah L for their creation of Origami rabbits! Ms Fenton expressed that all the class did very well with this task. Well done

Photography



A special mention to Rebecca S (7OMP) who submitted some excellent photographs for the Photography competition. She has used the lovely weather we had over half term to showcase the natural beauty of the world around us! Well done.

Virtual Sleep Out



Well done to Joseph G, Sophia B and Ciara B, who on Saturday held a virtual sleep out to raise money for The House of Mercy. They stayed up all night camping in their front rooms! Between them they have managed to raise over £60. What an excellent example of the demonstration of care in the St. John's community. We are very proud of you all!

shout out

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Extra Shout Outs

Spanish

Isabel M
Mariah L
Rosella P
Isobel O
Frankie B
Daisie M
Alice P
Patrycja M

Extra Shout Outs

FDT

Joseph G	Edis K
Chloe M	Mark B
Stephanie K	Freddie P
Alice P	Jacob H
	Bianca L

Below: Joseph G home made McDonalds breakfast.

Below Right: Mark B home made Nandos!



Green Fingers



Well done to both Amelia B and Jacob H who have been growing their own fresh vegetables. Amelia is pushing forward also with her sunflowers. This might be a perfect opportunity to attempt the KS3 'Try it' section this week!

Both Amelia and Jacob have continued to receive multiple shout outs each week and have inspired us all during this difficult time!

Extra Shout Outs

Science

Isabel M
Rosella P
Alice P

Art

Izabel H
Immacolata R
Brodie L
Martina P
Umair M
Phelim H



Bringing the community back together...



Photography Competition

“The bench images are my favourite as they are stood frozen in time , empty, not being used whilst nature surrounding them has continued and flourished” Serenity O-G (7HB)

Well done to everyone who submitted their images for the Photography competition. There were so many to choose from - it was an extremely difficult choice to crown someone a winner!

For her creative filters, framing and description of the photographs, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Serenity O-G (7HB) has been chosen to receive the Photography award.

The deputy Year Leaders and I will be meeting to discuss an appropriate prize for Serenity! Extremely well done - we look forward to having you in Photography when KS4 arrives!



Bringing the community back together...



Well-being Tasks

“We have learnt that amid the fear, there is also community, support and hope!”

“Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.” Theodore Roosevelt

These are stressful and uncertain times. No one really knows what’s going to happen next or how long the COVID-19 pandemic will last. It’s understandable to feel anxious, a little bit lost, and very frustrated about not being able to control the situation. However, you can make a difference to how you cope with it, and you can make a difference to how other people are feeling too. The Making a Difference from Home activity pack will help you do just that. In it, you’ll be supported to choose and carry out a mini project to help other people at this time. These people may be your friends and family, or your local community, and what you do might just cause a ripple effect that makes bigger differences to our world in the fullness of time.

Complete the activity pack and make a difference for your family, for your community and for the planet.

-  1 Caring for my family and friends
-  2 Caring for my community
-  3 Caring for my planet

[CLICK HERE](#) for the activity pack.

On this subject, a few weeks ago you would have read about Luke H in Year 9 and how he was helping design face shields for the NHS. It makes us extremely proud as a school when pupils contribute positively to society. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the difference these shields have made to the safety of NHS staff caring for patients suffering from the Coronavirus.



TOGETHER
We Make a
DIFFERENCE

HOME – SCHOOL SUPPORT

Dear Parents/Guardians

As a school, we recognise that your experiences of lockdown, just like our own, would not all have been plain sailing. We also understand that, for some of you, there is a real danger of feeling isolated from your friends, family and community at this uniquely challenging time.

Whilst we, at St John’s, have been working hard to try to further enhance our communications with you through our weekly Newsletters, we understand that isn’t necessarily the same as speaking to a member of our community or hearing a familiar voice.

Therefore, from this week onwards, we are offering you the opportunity to contact the school to request a ‘call back’ from a member of our Year Group Pastoral Team. Whether it is a concern you may have with Home Study, a particular problem that you or your child is going through or even an opportunity to have a general chat with someone from St John’s, if you would like to speak to a member of our Pastoral Team, please email your request through for a ‘call back’ to the relevant pastoral manager email address below and we will get in touch with you in due course.

We would love to hear from you, so please do make use of this opportunity.

Year 7 - Miss J. Styles: jstyles@stj.kent.sch.uk
Year 8 – Mrs Hodges: lhodges@stj.kent.sch.uk
Year 9 - Mrs L. Buckingham: lbuckingham@stj.kent.sch.uk

This Week’s Prayer

*Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a
cure.*

*Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be
restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

Show My Homework is changing its’ name!

There will be:

- ✓ A new app icon and website logo (see below)
- ✓ **NO** changes to the way you currently use or access the app and website.



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