

# St John's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

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*The children have been enjoying many wonderful, positive and fun activities as well as quality learning this term. Thank you all for your kind NSPCC donations for Number Day. As you will know, in January, OFSTED published the report from our most recent inspection. We are thrilled with the outcome and are so proud of this achievement. We will send a further link to the published report for those who missed a copy of the report.*

*May I also remind you that it is Parents Evening after the half term. Your child's teacher should have already sent you your individual appointment times. As always, I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued co operation and support. Have a wonderful half-term.*

*Miss Maudsley*



### Safer Internet Day

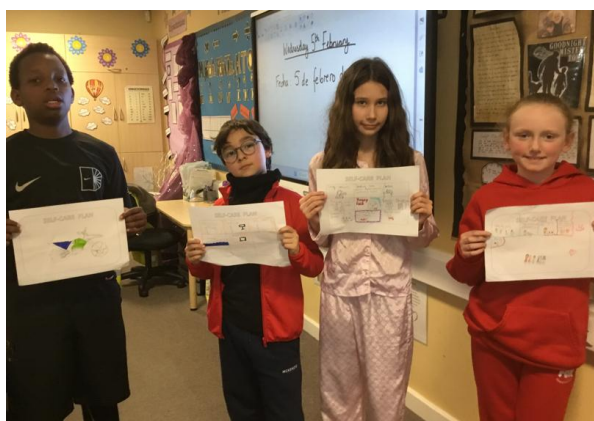
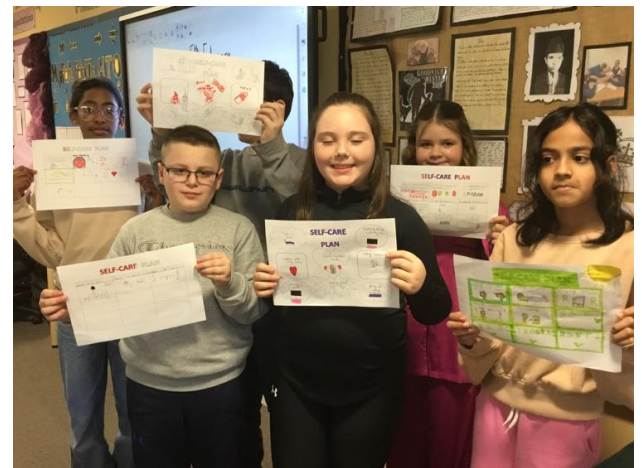
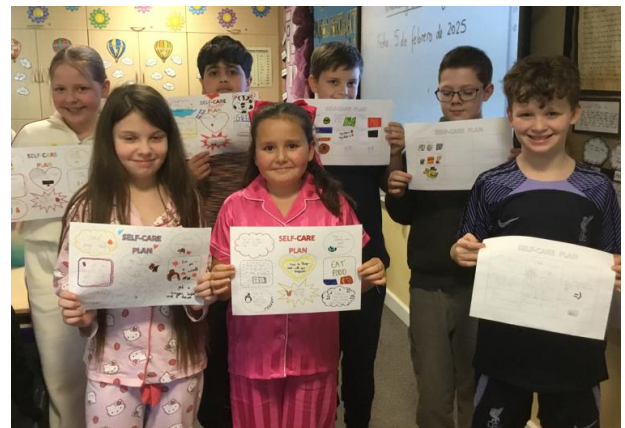
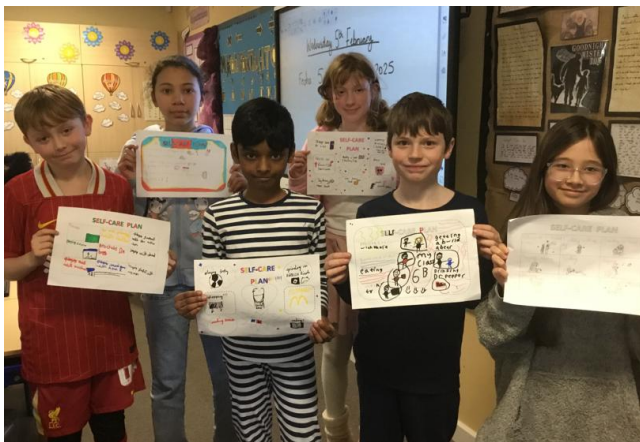


**Safer Internet Day** gave us a chance to focus on online safety and wellbeing of our children. This year's theme was **'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'**

Throughout the day the children took part in various workshops to teach them how to be safe online. They completed a number of activities to provide them the skills to also recognise scams, how to deal with them and how to create a strong password.

# Mental Health

For Children's Mental Health Week, The children took part in a number of workshops which allowed them to focus on the different emotions we experience, to recognise the importance of looking after our mental health and create a positive affirmation flower for themselves. Children were invited to school on Wednesday of Mental Health Week in clothes which made them feel good.



Children had the opportunity to create a self-care plan. For the plan the children had to think of activities which make them feel good and aim to complete one or more of the activities every day to help them feel positive. The children were then able to carry out one of their self-care plan activities such as: playing outside, draw, dance or listen to music.

# Mental Health



We looked at our mental wellbeing and how this links to physical activity. We have looked at how to keep our bodies healthy and how this can help keep our minds healthy.



Making positive affirmation flowers



Snuggling up with a blanky makes us all feel good!



In Early Years children made a wish and then wrapped it around 'The Wishing Tree'



Relaxing with a paintbrush.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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**Nursery** celebrated Chinese New Year by learning the story of the great animal race. They took part in Chinese dancing and moved around the floor like a snake to celebrate the year of the snake.

**Reception** children also celebrated Chinese New Year by creating lanterns and snakes. They produced some wonderful pieces of art!



Be a volunteer...

Father Peter is looking for a volunteer to help in the parish office for approx. 4 hours a week – Two 2hour sessions. If you are able to help, please contact Father on 0151 922 3604 at the Presbytery and leave a message if no reply.

# Yr 2

# SUPERHERO DAY



Year 2 recently started a '**Superheroes**' topic in Literacy in which the children created their own superhero characters and writing a story. They held a Superhero Day, and all Year 2 children came to school dressed as their favourite superhero. What a fun day!

## Football @ St John's



Some of our Year 5/6 team attended the Premier League Primary Stars Football Final at Liverpool Academy! We are extremely proud of the talent and sportsmanship shown throughout the day! Well done! St John's have also played numerous games in the **KMC Primary Schools Football League** and will continue their efforts when we return to school.

# NSPCC Number Day



Thank you all for raising a wonderful £159.95 for NSPCC. The children had great fun playing a variety of number games.

# People who help us ...

A huge thank you to **Aintree Fire Station** for coming to St John's and showing nursery and reception children how they help our community.



As part of our topic 'People who help us', Reception were visited by PSCO's. We learned how the Police help us and we were also able to try on uniforms and listen to the walkie talkie.



Children from across the school have enhanced our school **Faith Garden** making it a special place for prayer and reflection. Reception children made cereal bird feeders, Year 1 used recycled bottle tops to create a cross as a focus point and the Faith Friends designed some prayer stones and decorated them with our gospel values to remind us how we should follow in Jesus' footsteps.



## Fee, Fi, Fo, FUM



Our Nursery children are taking part in a program for foundation stage children based on learning fundamental movement skills. Delivered by LSSP, the activities are created around the story of Jack and the Bean Stalk.



# Valentines Disco



Dance Fever came to St John's on the last day of term. The children came dressed in their party outfits and had such a lovely time dancing with their friends.



## Play Leader Training Course



**Our Play Leaders received valuable training by LSSP. They were shown how to lead and support KS1 children during play times.**

**School finishes on**

***Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of February at normal time***

**Children return to school on**

***Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February***