

# THE KEY STAGE 3 POST

Issue 6

Year 8

## This Week's Message...

I hope you are well and had a lovely half term.

I am sure, like me, you have seen the recent events in the news where one person's actions have caused controversy amongst many others.

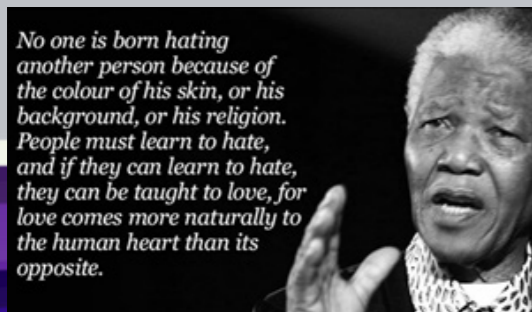
One of the things I love most about St John's is our unity. We have staff and students who are from different backgrounds, follow different religions and are of different skin colours. Irrespective of this individuality, we treat one another equally and with respect; we are all part of the same family. It is something that makes our school unique from others and we are proud of our ethnic diversity.

We also pride ourselves on forgiving others who may have done wrong. We don't hold grudges and we don't act or speak in ways that are hurtful in response to those who have made mistakes. Instead, we look to support them in overcoming why they did wrong.

I wonder if you can think of a time when you have said or done something you regret? I know I can. It may be that you didn't instantly regret your actions but, upon reflection, you recognised that you could have handled the situation better or done things a little differently. Perhaps the outcome would have been a little more positive if you had. The important thing is to learn from your mistakes in order to be a better person in the future; everybody makes mistakes – nobody is perfect.

I have included some powerful pictures and a quote from Nelson Mandela for you to think about given the incident the news and images from America this week.

Take care and keep safe,  
Miss Munns.



*No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.*



SHOUT OUTS

**Top good comments!**  
Emmanuel E  
Carlvin O  
Lena B  
Alisha K

## Why not try this week...

Some gardening!



## Wall of Fame!

- |                             |                                |                              |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Alisha A<br>Spanish/Science | Kadisha D'S<br>Spanish/Science | Panashe M<br>Spanish/Science |
| Harrison G<br>Geography     | Khrys S<br>FDT/Science         | Naomi E<br>FDT/Science       |
| Joseph K<br>FDT             | Lily P<br>FDT                  | Elliott B<br>History/Science |

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

## This week's home share!



Skye G (8CRC) has been helping her church with an outreach initiative by providing lunches for families and sheltered housing residents in Gravesham. Skye has been packing the lunches and making the sandwiches since the initiative began at the start of lockdown. Thank you for all you are doing to support our wider community Skye – a great example of Service to Others.

## 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 Shouts!**

**Science**

Gina D  
Naomi E  
Adwoa O-D  
Japjit S  
Nathan T  
Gustas K  
Ethan T  
Terrell D-J  
Belle N

**Extra Shouts!**

**Spanish**

Thomas L  
Rashanpreet S  
Mela B-R

**Extra Shouts!**

**History**

Ryan W  
Stephen L  
Hollie T  
Erin C

**Extra Shouts!**

**English**

Katerina N  
Emmanuel E

**RE**

John U  
Anu O  
Jeena B



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# 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.



## 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](mailto:jstyles@stj.kent.sch.uk)
- Year 8 – Mrs Hodges: [lhodges@stj.kent.sch.uk](mailto:lhodges@stj.kent.sch.uk)
- Year 9 - Mrs L. Buckingham: [lbuckingham@stj.kent.sch.uk](mailto: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.



Bringing the community back together...



TOGETHER  
We Make a  
DIFFERENCE