

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Daniel** in **Y6** who understands what trust is in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Daniel is a very special member of our community, who lives our values every day. He is kind and has a wonderful generosity of spirit. He trusts his teachers and has made strong progress as a result. He also trusts his peers and they trust him too. Everyone likes to work with Daniel! Congratulations Daniel!

End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Tests (SATs)

Next week our fantastic Y6 pupils will join young people across the country in sitting their end of Key Stage 2 tests, otherwise known as SATs. It is very important that the children have plenty of sleep and attend school every day having had a good breakfast.

The tests they face are one of the ways in which the performance of schools are checked. The outcomes of the tests provide the Department for Education and OFSTED with evidence to measure a school's performance and effectiveness.

However, the outcomes of these tests could never tell the whole story of what special places schools are, nor do they explain how amazing our children are. Back in 2015 a Headteacher in another school somewhere else in the country wrote a beautiful letter to the children in her school. I want to share what she said and add some thoughts of our own...

Dear Y6 children,

The SATs tests do not assess all that makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests do not know each of you; the way that we do, and certainly not in the way your families do. They do not know how hard you have worked and they do not know the barriers you have overcome to get to this point.

They do not know that some of you speak two languages or that you love to sing or draw. They have not seen your natural talent for dancing, acting or playing a musical instrument.

They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them; that your laughter can brighten the darkest day or that your face turns red when you feel shy.

They do not know that you participate in sports; wonder about the future; or sometimes help your little brother, sister or parents after school.

They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try to be your very best. They have not seen you bravely conquer fears or overcome those obstacles which have held you back.

The outcomes of these tests will reveal some things about you, but they can never reveal everything. This is because there are many, many ways to be smart – so you are all very smart!

While you are busy doing the tests please remember that there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make you, YOU!

Aristotle said: "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all" and this is what we believe here at St John Fisher. So always be proud of who you are and remember that we are proud of you and will always believe in you.

God bless.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

This month new stricter data protection regulations come into force. We will be providing further information in due course. One of the changes is that we will only be able to publish first names in the newsletter from now on. Photographs will continue to be published without names. Parents and carers who do not wish for their children's names or images to be published can contact us any time. Thank you.



Attendance this week			
1 st	Y5		98.8% Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	FS2		97.5% Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y6		96.5% Elvis Owl will visit next week
3 rd	Y4		96.5% Elvis Owl will visit next week
5 th	Y3		92.0%
6 th	Y2		89.2%
7 th	Y1		88.8%
Target = 97.5%		Average Attendance = 94.3% ↓	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	Y3		89%
2 nd	Y4		88%
3 rd	Y6		86%
4 th	Y1		81%
5 th	Y2		80%
6 th	FS2		73%
7 th	Y5		70%
Average = 81%		↓	

This week has been affected hugely by an outbreak of chicken pox and some unauthorised holidays. A reminder that the Get Set, GO! challenges begin straight after 'Wake and Shake'. Children who arrive by 8.50am are included in the percentage. Well done to Y3 for being the best 'Get Set, GO!' attenders this week.

Term 5 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
289	308	327	283

Smiley Awards

Congratulations to the following children who achieved 'Smiley Awards' this week: Zack in Y1 and Kacper, Laurie and Lola in Y5!

Golden Children

- FS2** **Eliana** for always being creative and engaged and for being an excellent learner with a fantastic attitude!
- Y1** **Lena** for never, ever, ever giving up and for trying hard in all who work - true resilience!
- Y2** **Alan** for trying hard in all his work – all week!
- Y3** **Harley** for being incredibly brave when taking part in the this week's Liturgy of the Word!
- Y4** **Archie** for having a determined attitude towards all his work!
- Y5** **Filip** for having a great attitude to school and learning – and for making positive choices!
- Y6** **Jack** for making wonderful progress in Mathematics across the year!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Amelie	Zack	Isobel	Emilia	Alex	Alice	Ruby

Catholic Life of the School

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

We thank the young people of Y3 for leading this week's liturgy. There is no liturgy next week because the Y6 pupils will be doing their tests (SATs) in the Hall. The next liturgy will therefore be on **Thursday 24th May 2018** and will be led by the young people of **Y6**. We invite the family and friends of our Y6 children to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

Our next assembly is on **Friday 18th May 2018** and we invite the family and friends of our **Y3** pupils to join us in the School Hall at 2.55pm. Thank you



Achievements outside of School

- **Ellie** in **Y1** was received 'The Dancer of the Week' award this week in her tap dancing class. Congratulations Sophie, a wonderful achievement!
- **Bella** in **Y1** received a special certificate from Shoals Swim School for managing to swim 100m! Whata fantastic achievement!

Parent Carer Support

We are resuming our 'drop-in' sessions with a support worker from our local Multi-Agency Support Team. Our new worker is called Cecile who will be available to meet in school. If you would like an appointment please speak to Mrs Pickering or one of my colleagues in the School Office. You can also email. enquiries@st-johnfisher.org. Thank you.

FS2/KS1 Visit to The Butterfly House

A reminder that the payment for the educational visit to 'The Butterfly House' trip is almost due. We are still awaiting payments from some parents/carers. Please let us know if your child would like a home packed lunch or a packed lunch prepared by school under universal free school meals. If you would like a school lunch please log into your ParentPay account and select which sandwich your child would prefer along with payment for the trip. Thank you.



Crucial Crew and Peter Pan

A reminder that payments for the Y6 visit to Crucial Crew and for the whole-school trip to the pantomime at the Lyceum Theatre in December are due next week. Thank you.

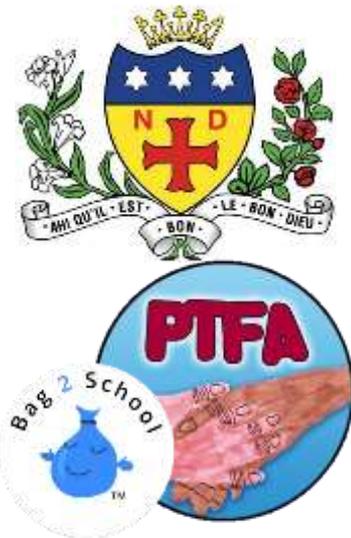
Inter-School Mathematics Competition

Here is a report from Evan in Y3

Last Wednesday some Y3 and Y4 children went to Notre Dame High School for a Maths Competition. We competed against ten other Sheffield schools! We had to answer twenty word problem in one hour.

The first team that finished all the questions had to put their hands up and they won. After all the hard work, we finished a brilliant third out of ten teams. After the clock had stopped they sent the teams to get a little snack provided by the students at Notre Dame High School. We had a lovely time.

A big thank you to Mrs Walton and Mrs Buckthorpe for taking us!



BAG2School

Our friends from the PTFA would like to thank everyone who donated bags of clothes for today's appeal. Thanks to your generosity they managed to raise £77.60! Thank you for your continued support! If you would like to help please leave your details in the post box in the foyer by the School Office. **Don't forget to buy your tickets for the forthcoming 'Family Night' on 18th May!**

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' will again be **"I understand what trust means."**

Time to talk: We remember from last week that trust is a gift; something special which comes from the love that one person has for another. It is something to be treasured. Trust is an important part of school life. When we have trust we are happier to try new things and take risks with our learning. Have you trusted others this week? Have you earned their trust perhaps?



Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

