

# SJF NEWS

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## Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Ruby** in **Y6** who understands why it is important to stand up for people and treat them with dignity, in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Ruby has a strong sense of justice – and of what is right and wrong and she is not afraid to say so and speak up for herself and others – always respectfully, politely and in good humour. What a super example! Congratulations Ruby!

## Term 6 Smiley Scores



## Term 5 Learning Value Winners - Correction

I would like to apologise for leaving Summer's name off the winners' list in last week's newsletter.

Summer was a joint winner in Y3 and we congratulate her for her efforts along with all the other class winners and the pupils of Y6 who received the overall class award! Well done everybody!

## Term 5 Learning Value Winners:

FS2		☺ Erin
Y1		☺ Lena
Y2		☺ Tyler & Riley
Y3		☺ Freddie & Summer
Y4		☺ Emily
Y5		☺ Reuben
Y6		☺ Ashleigh & Poppy
<b>Class Champion: Y6</b>		

## Writing Champions



## Golden Children

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Katie</b> for always doing the right thing! Katie consistently chooses the right behaviour and tries her very best!
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Hannah</b> for being a really good friend and role-model to others! She is kind, caring and always helpful!
<b>Y2</b>	<b>All of Y2</b> for showing determination, passion, teamwork, respect and self-belief in the recent skipping competition! They were so incredible we came first! Congratulations!
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Summer</b> for having a positive attitude towards everything this week! He has been a fantastic learner and role-model!
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Vilius</b> for having a positive attitude towards everything this week! He has been a fantastic learner and role-model!
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Oliver</b> making great strides in Mathematics and is continuing to really impress! He is explaining his methods and answers really well! Keep it up! Mrs Holloway is very proud of you!
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Calum</b> for always giving 100% effort to everything he does and for being a really great friend to everyone!



Attendance this week			
1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2	100%	Bobby Bear will visit next time
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5	99.7%	Brenda Bear will visit next time
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2	98.3%	Elvis Owl will visit next time
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	97.2%	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	97.2%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	96.4%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	96.3%	
<b>Target = 97.5%</b>		<b>Average Attendance = 97.9%</b> ↑	



Get Set, GO!			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y2	97%	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	FS2	96%	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5	92%	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	92%	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	90%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	89%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	87%	
		<b>Average = 92%</b> ↑	

**ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?**

### Beat Your Best

*The SJF Weekly Personal Challenge!*

This week the Sports Leaders set a **'Tennis Bounce'** challenge! Well done to everyone who participated.

The leaders want to give a huge shout out to the following children for beating their best: Cavani, James, Owen, Charlie, Oscar, Bronte, Maya, Isobel, Jacob, Bethany, Amelia, Tyler, Freya, Phoebe, Molly, Israel, Aleks, Rafal, Lorenzo, Reuben, Rowan, Jack, Max, Evie, Willis, Kayla and Kai,

### School Library

A reminder that our School Library is open to the following children on the following days:

- **Mondays** and **Tuesdays** KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) 12.45pm to 1.15pm
- **Wednesdays** FS2 (Reception) 12.30pm to 12.50pm
- **Thursdays** and **Fridays** KS1 (Years 1 and 2) 12.30pm to 12.50pm

### Achievements outside of School

- **D'Mari** in **FS2** received a special certificate for swimming 25m! Congratulations superstar!
- **Summer** in **Y3** achieved the Stage 3 level in swimming! An incredible achievement, well done!
- **Jack O** in **Y5** and his Beighton Magpies teammates won the Eckington tournament last Sunday for the third year running! It is a massive tournament involving more than twenty teams, so this is a huge achievement!
- **Charlie** in **Y1** received a special 'Live & Loud' winner's certificate and certificate for football in the holidays! Congratulations Charlie!
- **Lola** in **Y1** received a special 'Noodle Performance Arts' certificate for appearing in their recent performance of 'The Wizard of Oz'! Congratulations Lola!

### Y1 Phonics Screening

The children's understanding of phonics has been assessed this week as part of a national screening process.

Early indications are encouraging and absentee children will be assessed on their return to school. The results underline the importance of reading with your children at home; reading anything that appears in 'real life'; spending quality time in libraries and quality book shops, practising sounds; attending school workshops etc.

The results also underline the effectiveness of our phonics programme and I thank my dedicated colleagues, including Mrs Sambrook, Mrs Hadfield, Mrs Morris as well as all my colleagues who have worked so hard in school to enable this current group of Y1 children to read, to enjoy reading and to succeed.

### Parent & Carer Support

If you would like an appointment to meet our MAST Support Worker, please speak to Mrs Pickering, someone in the School Office or email ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)). Our MAST worker is there to support all parents and carers; to listen first and to offer helpful advice on a wide range of matters. She can also signpost you to other services and liaise with my team here at SJF so that together we can ensure that you feel supported.



### SJF STEM Week

Here is a message from our Lead for Science, Mr Broadhead:

Next week is 'STEM Week' at St John Fisher! Here's a quick rundown of what STEM stands for:

- **Science:** The study of the natural world
- **Technology:** A product made by humans to meet a want or need e.g. a chair is technology; so is a pencil - any products created by children in order to solve a problem is regarded as technology
- **Engineering:** The design process kids use to solve problems.
- **Mathematics:** The language of numbers, shapes, and quantities



For our STEM week the whole school will focus on **water**, as this vital resource is in short supply in many parts of the world. During the week each year group will be looking at a different area e.g. the pollution of the oceans or water shortages.

### Catholic Cup

Here is a message from Mr Broadhead - our very own Gareth Southgate!

Congratulations to our football team who took part in the annual Catholic Cup tournament organised by our friends from All Saints Catholic High School at the 'Goals Centre'!

The tournament involved teams from all of the Sheffield Catholic primary schools - and was very competitive.

Our team played well and performed with more confidence in each game.

We were unfortunate in some of the games - but that's football! Once again I would like to say well done to our players, who should be very proud of themselves for the way they played; worked together; and did our school proud!



### Skipping Competition

Here is a report from Mrs Broadhead!

The Y2 children took part in the first ever skipping school competition in Sheffield! There was lots of hustle and bustle in the sports hall at Ponds Forge. Seven schools competed. Everyone showed great teamwork and support for each other. There were individual competitions for 'Double Bounce', 'Speed Bounce', 'Hop and Swap', 'Swing Skip', 'Face-to-Face' pairs and then there were the team games for 'Run, Jump Out' and 'Keep the Pot Boiling.

- **Stefania** received a **bronze award** for 'Double Bounce'
- **Max** received a **silver award** for 'Double Bounce'
- **Kessy** received a **bronze award** for 'Speed Bounce'
- **Faye** received a **silver award** for 'Hop and Swap'
- **Gio** received a **gold award** for 'Hop and Swap'
- **Kiya** received a **bronze award** for 'Swing Swap'
- **Maya** and **Izzy** received **bronze awards** for 'Face to Face' pairs
- **Riley** and **Tyler** received **bronze awards** for 'Face-to-Face' pairs

We couldn't believe the skills of everyone who took part! Most amazingly we won overall!



*First place for the first time ever! We were so excited we nearly burst! We couldn't believe it!*

*We are now - officially - the first year group ever to win a city-wide skipping competition in Sheffield! We have made history!*

*Well done to everyone! A huge 'thank you' too, to the volunteers who helped make this experience possible!*



### **PE Kit: SJF Martial Arts Day**

Next **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June** every class will enjoy a special martial arts lesson delivered by Mrs Houghton, one of our parents. The aim is for the children to have fun as they are introduced to martial arts. Those children who already attend lessons will also be included.

We would like **all** children to come to school dressed in their PE kit, ready for their session. Thank you.

### **Catholic Life of the School**

#### *The Feast of St John Fisher*

Everyone is invited to Mass to celebrate the feast of our patron, St John Fisher, next **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018**. During Mass the children who are making their First Holy Communion tomorrow will have the opportunity to again wear their special clothes and participate in the liturgy in a special way. As usual, Mass will begin at 9.30am. Parents/carers of our First holy Communicants are invited to come into school and help their children get ready before Mass. The girls will get ready in the library and the boys will get ready in 'The Fisher Room'.

#### *Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

There will be no liturgy next week as we have Mass on Friday. The next liturgy will be on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018** and will be led by the young people of **Y1**. We invite the family and friends of our Y1 children to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

#### *Celebration Assembly*

There will be no Celebration Assembly next week because we are attending Mass. All awards will be presented the following week except the Citizen of the Week certificate, which will be presented in church once Mass is concluded.

We have rescheduled our next Celebration Assembly so that it takes place on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June** just after 9.00am, before our Sports Day morning activities begin. We invite the family and friends of our **Y6** pupils to join us. Thank you.

**First Holy Communion**

We would like to send all our prayers and best wishes to the following children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Communion for the first time tomorrow at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church - following a programme of preparation. We hope the weather is kind, and that the day is a very special one for each child and their families.

We pray for:

Marisa	Olivia	Leon	Jacob
William	Tiarnan	Daniel	Jason
Lottie	Vilius	Oscar	Phoebe



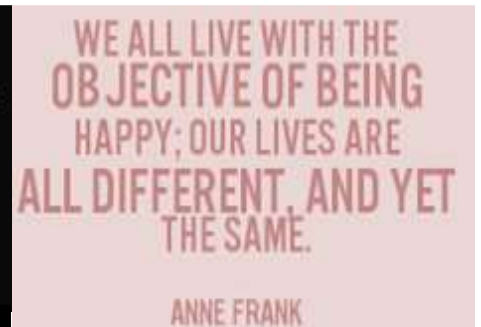
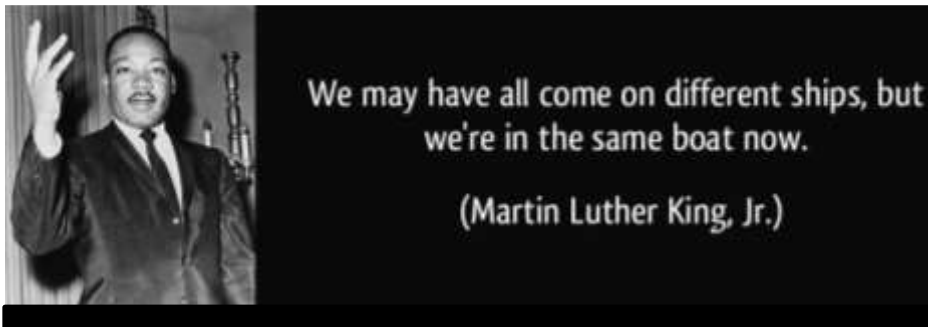
*May the joy and peace of Jesus,  
present in the Holy Eucharist  
be with you today and always.*

*Congratulations!*

**Statement to Live By**

Next week our 'Statement to Live By' will be **"I notice we are the same and are different"**

**Time to think:** St John Fisher is a rich community made of different people with different backgrounds. We celebrate our diversity and give thanks for the way it enriches our school, our lives and our experiences. We know that it is important to show respect for one another. It is also important to remember all the things that unite us, and remember that these things will always be greater than that which separates or divides us.



**Finally**

I hope you have a really great weekend, especially those receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time tomorrow and their families and friends. I hope the weather continues to be good.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all dads, stepdads and foster dads and Grandads and everyone who is there to love and care - a very happy Fathers' Day on Sunday **wherever you are**.

I would like to thank our amazing PTFA for organising the special Fathers' Day gifts that the children brought home this evening.

**Dads are most  
ordinary men  
turned by love  
into heroes,  
adventurers,  
story tellers  
and singers of  
songs**

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt