



St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

The first recipient of the year is **Sam Orbell** (Y4) who has been chosen for the way he has shown his understanding of how special he himself is, and how he has made others feel special this week in line with our statement to live by. Congratulations Sam, we are all extremely proud of you!

St John Fisher Primary - A Catholic Voluntary Academy



OPEN MORNING

Saturday 26 September 2015

10:00am - 12:00pm

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'A Good School' OFSTED May 2015

for children starting school September 2016



SJF Open Morning

We are holding our second annual Open Morning on **Saturday 26th September 2015** from 10.00am to 12.00pm for parents and carers of children who are due to start primary school in September 2016. It will be a great opportunity for them to have a look around and find out lots about our school by talking to children, staff, Governors and parents. If you would like to help us please get in touch.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please let them know. Thank you.

Welcome Mass

Today the community of St John Fisher; children, staff, families and friends came together for Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes to mark the beginning of the school year. I would like to thank Fr Paul and everyone who was able to join us for making it so special. I would also like to thank those who worked hard to prepare the Mass, especially Mrs, Evans, Miss Kiernan, Miss Pendlebury and the young people of Y6.

Welcome Meetings and Curriculum Overviews

Thank you to everyone who attended the welcome meetings this week. It was a great opportunity to find out more about what will be happening this academic year and ask any questions you might have had.

A reminder that the FS2 welcome meeting for parents will happen later in the term (**Tuesday 6th October**), once those children have had the chance to settle in to school.

Curriculum overviews were also emailed this week. Please refer to these for more detailed information about what your child/ren will be covering in class this term and some ways that you can help them at home. Please let us know if you can help us in any way.

PTFA Information Evening

The PTFA would like to invite you all to their information evening on Tuesday 15th September 2015 in the school hall at 6.30pm. There will be refreshments and cake on offer too. It will be a great opportunity to meet other parents/carers and staff and find out more about all the things the PTFA does and the different ways you might be able to help – which need not be a big commitment. **Please try and come along.**



Maths at SJF

Curriculum

As many of you will have heard from the class teachers already this year, there have been significant changes to the National Curriculum recently and these changes will be tested at the end of Year 2 and Year 6 for the first time this year.

As a school, we have wasted no time in adopting the new 'mastery' approach to teaching maths from this year. This is the approach that is already used in those highest performing countries of the world where mathematics is a real strength, and is key part of the UK government's education reforms.

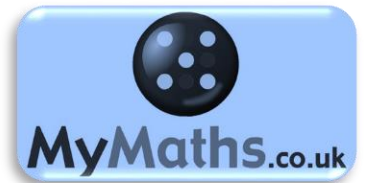
The 'mastery' approach involves teaching maths in such a way that every child can develop a deep understanding. Physical resources and pictorial representations are used as much as possible throughout school so that children can 'see' and 'feel' the maths and there is an emphasis on understanding and explaining rather than just learning procedures and facts.

The approach is based on the belief that all pupils are capable of understanding and doing mathematics, given sufficient time, the appropriate on-going support and the right challenge.

This year, all children in a class will always work on the *same* topics together, with additional challenge being provided for every pupil by going deeper rather than just accelerating on through to new content. Further information about this will be provided throughout the year and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

My Maths

Children in Years 1 – 6 have been given a personal login for the 'My Maths' website, www.mymaths.co.uk. Teachers will be setting maths homework for their class via this website.



**THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN WHO YOU ARE
AND WHO YOU WANT TO BE,
IS WHAT YOU DO.**

Term 1 PE Focus

As part of 'Real PE'; our new approach to PE we are focusing on DETERMINATION in Term 1. This week Mrs Broadhead, and two Sports Leaders: Jasmine Green and Daphney Adebayo led a special assembly to introduce the focus. The children will be challenged and reminded to:

- ✓ never give up on themselves or their teams
- ✓ always try their best no matter what they are doing
- ✓ try again if something goes wrong

Determination is one of the key attitudes that will help make our children winners in all things, which is why it is so important that we challenge, support and inspire them to be resilient and never give up – whatever they do - every day. I would like to thank Mrs Broadhead, Jasmine and Daphney for their fantastic work.

New Playground Equipment

You will have seen that work has been going on all week to install our new playground equipment which was chosen and designed by the children through the School Council. It looks fantastic and we can't wait for the children to be able to start using it and enjoying it!

The matting used to make the area around the equipment safe is one that needs to be planted with grass seed in order to bind everything together. Therefore, the children will have to wait a little bit longer before it is completely safe to use. We are hoping that the nice September weather will mean this isn't too long and will let you and the children know as soon as it is ready.

Contact Information

Please ensure that we have your up-to-date contact information, in case we need to contact you urgently.

Parish News

The next Children's Mass will be on Sunday, 20th of September 2015 at 10.30 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The Mass will be led by the "Immaculata" Group and children will be especially involved in the liturgy. The Immaculata group's motto is: "To love Jesus and Mary more and more". If you would like to find out more please speak to Mr Boratyn after the Mass.

Celebration Assemblies

Our first Celebration Assembly was a great success, acknowledging and celebrating efforts and achievements in school this week and also making those children who have a birthday feel special. Thank you to the Y1 family members and friends who joined us for this.

Next Friday (**18th September**) the parents, carers, family and friends of our **Y2** pupils are invited to join us for the celebration assembly at 3.00pm in the school hall.

All Saints Open Morning

An Open Morning at All Saints for Y6 pupils takes place on **Saturday 19th September 2015**. All are welcome.

Achievements Outside of School

- **Emilia Rodgers** in **Y1** achieved her Octopus 3 Stage 1 Award for swimming recently! Well done Emilia!
- **Emily Cowlinshaw** in **Y2** completed the summer reading challenge! Well done sunshine!
- **Tamzin Samba** in **Y2** has passed her Freestyle One Dance Yellow examination! Congratulations Tamzin!
- **Jack Swain** in **Y3** achieved his Super Swimmers Level 4 award over the summer holidays! His next target is to lose his back float and swim unaided! What a star you are Jack!

Writing Champions

Our fantastic Writing Champions this week are:

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Emilia Rodgers	Hibah Javid	Alice Curtis	James Fitzpatrick	Vinny Ambrose	Noora Moshtael

Please look out for their fantastic work in the school hall!

Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

FS2	All the new children who started for the first time this week! You have all been wonderful, well done!
Year 1	Sophie Hemmingway for being really kind and helping our new children settle in to our school! Good girl!
Year 2	Mitchell Clayton for making such a fabulous start! He is showing great body language and is showing resilience as he sticks to tasks!
Year 3	Lola Pardo-Figueroa for working hard all week and for setting a good example to the rest of the school!
Year 4	Ruby Molloy for settling into school really well; for making new friends; and for working really hard every day!
Year 5	Jack Green for having a very mature attitude to his work, particularly his writing. Keep it up Jack!
Year 6	Byron Siamelis for making a fantastic start in our school; showing a great attitude and making new friends! Well done!

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Next Thursday (17th September) the liturgy will be led by the young people of **Y6** and the parents, carers, family and friends of our **Y6** pupils are invited to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

Website Updates

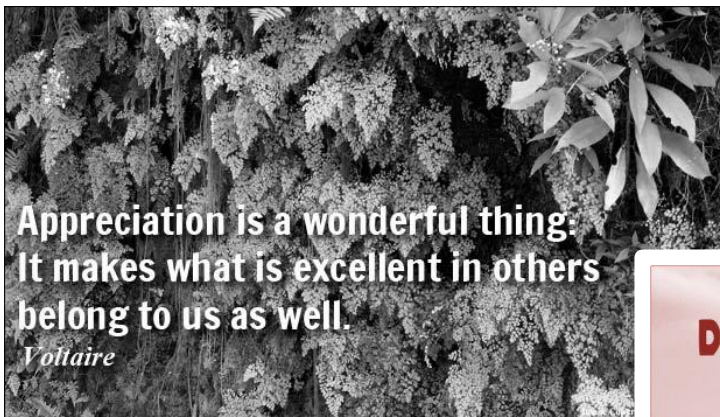
We are in the process of updating the website so that all the information is current and helpful. I would like to apologise for the fact that it has taken longer than expected.

Statement to Live By

This week's 'statement to live by' is:

"I can say one good thing about myself"

Time to talk: Sometimes we find it easier to say good things about others than about ourselves. Together think about the things that you are good at or the qualities that make you special and pick your favourite. Talk about why it is important to remember the good things about ourselves rather than dwell on the negatives. You can then explore why it is important to see the best in others too (rather than their faults). Remember God created all of us to shine. We are therefore *all* special. We are therefore *all* amazing.



**DROP THE IFS AND BUTS
TO LOVE YOURSELF...**

Love brings you face
to face with your
self. It's impossible to
love another if you
cannot love yourself.
~John Pierrakos



I hope you all have a very happy and safe weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt