



St John Fisher Weekly News



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Good News!

I have already informed you that, for the second consecutive year, our results have improved significantly. One highlight was the fact that 100% of our pupils achieved a Level 4 or Level 5 in all subjects (43% achieving Level 5s across the board). Yesterday the local Authority informed me that on this combined measure our academy was equal second out of all the 134 primary schools in Sheffield! This marked improvement builds on the strides already made last year and is testament to the dedication of colleagues and Governors, the support of you our parents/carers and of course the hard work of our fantastic children. Although the hard work continues, it is right to celebrate this important milestone.

Welcome Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended their child(ren)'s 'Welcome Meeting' last 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 next 'Welcome Meeting' will be a JOINT meeting for Years 1 and 2 in Mrs Broadhead's Y2 classroom on Tuesday 15th September at 3.30pm. The children and younger siblings will be supervised in the Y1 classroom during the meeting.

Curriculum Overviews

The curriculum overviews for Term 1 were emailed yesterday. They are also available via the 'Curriculum' Quick Link on the homepage of the website (www.st-johnfisher.org). 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 to make it so special. I would also like to thank my colleagues for their hard work in preparing the Mass as well as the children – who were a credit to our school.

The Building Work

The start date for our building work has been delayed by a week or two until November. I will keep you informed of developments.

Golden Children

The class teachers added the names of the following children to our Golden Book this week:

• F 2	Oscar Diaz for playing nicely and tidying up afterwards! Good lad!
• Year 1	Bethany Beatson for always being helpful and for being fantastic at tidying up!
• Year 2	Keira Ambrose for producing an amazing picture of Blackbeard the Pirate and for caring for others!
• Year 3	Kayla Osei-Bardu for settling in so well in her first few days with us and for having such a positive 'can do' attitude!
• Year 4	Vinny Ambrose for settling into Y4 so well and for working hard independently! What a star!
• Year 5	Max Smith for trying really hard when writing his short autobiography! Fantastic effort Max!
• Year 6	Franky Diaz for giving lots of encouragement to the group of children in his dinnertime family! He has impeccable table manners which are an example to the others and he gets them to follow his instructions!



Links Partnership Sports Stars of the Week

The children of Year 6 were chosen this week for the effort and good manners. Well done all of you!

House Points This Week

We now have new Smilies which look like coins. All the points accrued this week and last will be added up and revealed in next week's newsletter.

Top Table

The 'family' invited to sit at the 'Top Table' by Mrs Bower and her team of midday supervisors was the Goose family. The members of the Goose family are: Mia Pardo-Figueroa, Jack Harwood, Lucas Diaz, Joel Broadhead, Christian Adusei, Lorenzo Dizon, Xiomara Gregory and Maya DeSousa. Congratulations all of you!

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank Miss Kiernan, Mr Smith and the young people of Y6 for leading the liturgy yesterday. Next week our liturgy will be led by the children of Y5 and we invite the family and friends of our Y5 pupils to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am.

Achievements Outside School

- **May Woodhouse** Y2 has achieved her 25m swimming (front crawl) distance badge and certificate. Wow! What an amazing achievement May, we are all very proud of you!

Please let us know if your child has an achievement that he or she is proud of so we can share it and celebrate it.

Writing Champions

The children who have been named as champions this week for being enthusiastic and for making (or sustaining) improvements in their writing are:

Foundation 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tiarnan McKeown	Evan Siner	Rafal Boratyn	Lily Sanders	Arianne Alfonso	Anca Nicula	Oliver Peters

Weekly Attendance Winners

This week the girls and boys of **FS2** were in first place with **100%** attendance and they will be visited by Bobby Bear! In second place were the children of **Y3** also with **100%** but they had less pupils arriving on time. In third place were the young people of **Y5** who managed **99.7%** attendance and will be visited by Elvis the Owl. Congratulations all of you! The average overall attendance for the week was **98.9%** which is above our new target of 97%, thank you.

PTFA Cheese & Wine

Please try to support the Cheese & Wine evening on Thursday 18th September from 7.00pm in the school hall.

CBBC Joke Machine

Please check out CBBC for as we are appearing once again on their 'Joke Machine' programme. It is also available via i-Player.

Statement to Live By

Next week our statement to live by is: "**I can say one good thing about myself!**"

Time to talk: 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).

Best wishes for a fantastic weekend,
F Barratt