



# St John Fisher News

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## Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Melissa Clayton** (Y4) who was chosen for remembering this week's statement to live by: **'I try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up'**. Melissa is developing a really positive attitude to learning and understands that there will be times when she will find things hard. She is developing resilience and increasingly shows determination which means that rather than panic or give up she tries to tackle an issue independently first - knowing that she can also ask for help and support if/when she needs it. Congratulations Melissa, you are a super example to others and we are all very proud of you!

## Mothers' Day

This Sunday is Mothers' Day when we think about all mums and remember how special they are. I would like to thank our PTFA for organising the Mothers' Day flowers for all our brilliant mums here at SJF.

## Easter Passion Service

Please note that the date of the Easter Passion Service has changed from the one published in the SJF calendar. It will now take place on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015** instead of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. As in previous years the service will be led by the young people of Years 3, 4 and 5 and take place at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

## Athletics Competition

This week, fourteen children from Years 1 and 2 took part in a Sports Hall Athletics competition at All Saints Catholic High School, organised by our partners from Links. They joined children from other primary schools. There were fielding events like 'Speed Bounce', long jump and 'Accuracy Throw'. Also, there was the track events sprint and relay. All the children really enjoyed it and they even received a winners' trophy for the school! Mrs Broadhead and Miss May were really proud of the children for taking part and would like to thank all the parents who came to help and support the children.

## Exhibition

The current 'War of the Worlds' curriculum theme finishes at the end of this term and there will be an exhibition to celebrate the children's learning on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015** from 9.00am until 10.15am. Everyone is welcome, so please try and pop in to meet the pupil curators and see what your children have been learning and enjoying.

## Cid and Mo

We were delighted to welcome Cid and Mo back for a book signing yesterday. As so many children who had not bought a book asked for another opportunity to buy Cid and Mo's new book (and get it signed) Mr Smith will send home a letter (rather than an email) and give everyone a second opportunity to buy the book. He will also arrange for Cid and Mo to return later this term and sign them.



## Parent/Carer Workshops

Please make a note of the following parent/carer workshops to which everyone is invited:

- **Phonics** (Tuesday **17<sup>th</sup> March** 3.30pm – Y5 Classroom)
- **Assessment** (Tuesday **24<sup>th</sup> March** 3.30pm – main hall)
- **Writing** (Tuesday **28<sup>th</sup> April** 3.30pm – Y6 Classroom)
- **Mathematics: Addition & Subtraction Strategies** (Wednesday **6<sup>th</sup> May** – main hall & classrooms)
- **Mathematics: Multiplication & Division Strategies** (Wednesday **10<sup>th</sup> June** – main hall & classrooms)

## Reminder: School Dinners

I would like to remind you that from September 2015 our school meals will be provided by Taylor-Shaw (through Sheffield City Council). A meeting will be arranged so that parents and carers can find out more and ask questions in order to understand how the change will affect them and their children.

### Library

From next week the library will be open in the **morning** from 8.30am – 9.00am on **Wednesday, Thursday** and **Friday** and **after school** from 3.30pm until 4.00pm on **Thursday**. The sessions are for parents/carers and their children to simply enjoy a book together. All books can be read but none borrowed during these times currently. I would like to thank the parents who have volunteered to supervise the sessions at these times.

### e-Safety

Useful advice is available on our website via this address/link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/esafety/> .

### Writing Champions

The following children have been chosen by their teachers to be Writing Champions this week because they have been enthusiastic and worked really hard to improve their writing.

Foundation 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Alhamzah Al-rammahi	Sam Mappin	Christian Adeusi	May Woodhouse	Joseph Hurst	Dominic Rolfe	Mia Pardo-Figueroa

### Last Week's Golden Children

● FS2	<b>Ethan Usher-Ashton</b> for showing such care, empathy and encouragement to his friends!
● Year 1	<b>Harry Cawthorne</b> for making good choices and for being a role-model to his friends!
● Year 2	<b>Rafal Boratyn</b> for learning from his mistakes in mathematics and for improving as a result. He is really maturing and making good choices!
● Year 3	<b>Daniel DeSousa</b> for his amazing Mathematics work, he made a fantastic effort and was not afraid to have a go!
● Year 4	<b>Isaac Woolhouse</b> for working hard in a sensible and quiet manner in all subjects. keep it up!
● Year 5	<b>Sam Devoti</b> for writing a great description of a character. Well done Sam!
● Year 6	<b>Thomas Wood</b> for making excellent progress in reading since September!

### This Week's Golden Children

● FS2	<b>Chloe Musingi</b> for always listening and joining in. For also being a fantastic role-model for another child by showing her how to share!
● Year 1	<b>Calista Owusu Asumadu</b> for making good choices and for looking after her friends so well!
● Year 2	<b>Lorenzo Dizon</b> for listening and joining in all class activities and for improving in mathematics all the time!
● Year 3	<b>Ellie Cope</b> for making a massive improvement in Big Maths! keep it up Ellie!
● Year 4	<b>Ellie Cheetham</b> for doing the right things at the right times during lessons and for having a 'never-give-up' attitude!
● Year 5	<b>John Genita</b> for always working hard in class, well done!
● Year 6	<b>Harry Siner</b> for making a fantastic improvement with his writing! Congratulations!

*Harry and John will be mentioned at Monday's assembly because yesterday's liturgy was postponed*

### Good Shepherd Appeal

Please support the Bishop's annual Lenten appeal which aims to raise funds for the small charities which are part of the Hallam Caring Services. The charities are very small and have to compete with high profile national charities and television appeals for donations. The work they do for local families is absolutely vital. There is a collection box in every classroom and I ask that you are as generous as possible in sending in donations. Our target is to collect enough coins and notes to cover the whole library floor with a 'carpet' of money. Thank you.

### Achievements Outside of School

If your child has achieved something outside of school that he or she is proud of then we would like to hear about it. It does not matter whether it is a big or small achievement - if it is important to your child and special to you then we will share it and celebrate it just the same! Thank you.

### Smiley Amnesty

Please continue hunting for our missing smileys! We are in the middle of a smiley crisis! There have been reports that smileys have been turning up in all sorts of interesting places across Hackenthorpe and surrounding areas; including the seals of washing machines, in book bags, pockets and even in toy boxes. As every smiley is precious to us, please do your bit and leave no stone unturned in trying to find them! Thank you.



### Wear a Hat Day

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015** is 'Wear a Hat Day' to support brain tumour research. The children can dress down and come to school wearing their favourite hat. The PTFA will collect £1 donations at the beginning of the day and donate every penny collected to support this vital research. Further information about the day is available via the following link: [www.braintumourresearch.org/wearahatday](http://www.braintumourresearch.org/wearahatday). Thank you.



### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Unfortunately this week's **Y5** liturgy had to be postponed at the last minute due to the work going on in the new kitchen area. The liturgy has been rescheduled for **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. On **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** the weekly Liturgy of the Word will be led by the young people of **Y4**. As usual the family and friends of the children leading the liturgies on either day are invited to join us in the hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

### Green Day

On **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015** we celebrate the feast of St Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland. As it is a special day the children in St Patrick's House do **not** have to wear uniform. Instead they can dress down and wear something green if they have it. The Children in the other Houses must wear full school uniform as normal.

### Parish News

Here is a message from our parish:

*Our 'Immaculata Children's Group' invites everyone to a Lenten Children's Mass on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 10.30 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. As it is Mother's Day we want to remember our own mums as well as Mary, Our Heavenly Mum. Please come and join us in singing, praising God and praying for all mothers!*

### Attendance

This week the girls and boys of **Y4** were first with a **99%** attendance! They will receive a visit from Bobby Bear. In second place again were the young people of **Y5** with **98.3%** attendance and they will receive a visit from Brenda. In third place were the children of **Y1** who managed an attendance rate of **97.7%**. They will be visited by Elvis the Owl! Our whole-school average attendance this week was **95.6%** which is below our 97% target.

### Statement to Live By

Next week's 'statement to live by' is "**I know what humility means**"

**Time to talk:** Why don't you look up the meaning in a dictionary and discuss it? Is showing humility a sign of weakness or strength? Can you think of any famous people in the world or do you know someone close to you who shows that they know what humility means by the way they live their life? Why is it especially important to show humility during the season of Lent?

I hope you have a great weekend,

Mr Barratt