



St John Fisher Weekly News



Friday 14th March 2014 (Issue 24 ~ 2013/14)

PTFA Annual General Meeting

You are all invited to attend the AGM for our PTFA at 3.30pm on Tuesday 1st April 2014. It will take place in the Year 6 classroom. Children and siblings will be supervised in the Year 6 classroom.

The meeting is your chance to find out more about the PTFA and all the things that it has done over the last year or so to help our school with the money it has raised. This has been crucial given how tight budgets are.

The PTFA is an important link between home and school, bringing people together so that they feel part of our community – especially if they don't know many people.

Everyone and anyone can get involved and all contributions – big and small – are always welcomed.

I know how busy you are but it really would be fantastic if you could spare an hour to come along and listen and share ideas if you would like to. Thank you for your support.



Lá Fhéile Pádraig: 'Green Day' Reminder

The feast of St Patrick is on Monday 17th March 2014. At St John Fisher this means that it is 'Green Day' for the members of St Patrick's House. To celebrate members will be allowed to wear something green rather than their normal school uniform on that day. **All other children should wear full school uniform on that day. Thank you.**



Maths Workshops

Yesterday evening we had our first workshop focussing on the changes in the new National Curriculum and the ways we teach subtraction in school. We were really pleased with the number of parents/carers who attended and want to say a big thank you for the way you contributed, making the sessions fun and interactive for the teachers too! We had some positive feedback from parents and hope that all who came found the sessions informative and helpful. We will be following this first workshop up with a second one in the summer term and will keep you posted about the date.

Parish News

The next children's Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes will take place this Sunday (16th March) at 10:30am. All parents and children are welcome to attend this special children's Mass.

House Points This Week

St Andrew	St David	St George	St Patrick
Smilies This week			
33	23	136	82
Running Total			
135	79	227	155

Golden Children

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

• F 2	Calista Owusu Asumadu for being very helpful in class, especially at tidy up time! Well done, Calista!
• Year 1	Amna Javid for always following instructions!
• Year 2	Ola Dominak for being an 'always' child and for her politeness. She is always hard-working, always well-behaved and always does her best!
• Year 3	Jack Green for being a positive role-model and another 'always' child! He is always hard-working, always polite and always does his best!
• Year 4	Abigael Collins for a great improvement in her attitude towards maths! Her increased confidence is really helping her achieve more!

• Year 5	Luke Murphy for trying hard to improve his handwriting... and it's really working!
• Year 6	Charlotte Williamson for always giving 100% effort in her work, making a real difference to her education!



Links Partnership Sports Stars of the Week

The children who were identified as Sports Stars this week were Ipanda Kalyata, Leighton Gough, David Crosby-Griffin, Jack Waldron, Evie Stamford, Lola Pardo-Figueroa and Alice Curtis. Congratulations all of you!

FS2 and Y1 Visit to Whirlow Hall Farm

Both classes had a fantastic day at the farm and were lucky enough to have beautiful sunshine for their visits. They had a wonderful morning touring the farm, seeing lambs and piglets, and FS2 even watched Eric the horse having a haircut! In the afternoons, the children had a great time exploring the fields and the woods and finding things to make their very own Gruffalos.



"I liked it when the pigs snorted – it was funny!"
Bethany

"It was epic!" *Evan*

Both classes would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who came and helped them: Mrs Beatson, Mrs Denham, Mrs Murray, Mrs Cowlshaw, Mrs Gregory, Miss Tandy, Mrs Cawthorne, Mrs Harwood, Mrs Saxton, Mrs Ramsden, Mrs Jones, Mrs Owens, Mrs Cranston, Mrs Marsden, Mrs Kandare, Mrs Paige, Mrs Pardo-Figueroa, Mrs Boratyn and Ms Forde.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our liturgy next week will be on Thursday 20th March 2014 and will be led by the young people of Year 5. It will be in the school as usual and will start shortly after 9.00am. The family and friends of our Y5 children are very welcome to join us. Thank you.

Achievements Outside School

- **Olivia Dean** scored two goals and received the "Lass of the Grass" award for playing so well for her football team, Handsworth Girls, against Barnsley ladies last Saturday.

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
Alex Murray	Jack Oadley & Cole Hague	Jack Stacey	Arianne Alfonso	All of Year 4!	Thomas Wood	Sam Wilson

Statement to Live By

Next week our statement to live by is: "**I know when to ask for help and who to ask for help from.**"

Time to talk: You could talk to each other about why it is important to ask for help when we need it. The key thing is that our children should never be afraid to ask for help. A community is where burdens are shared and help is offered unconditionally to those who need it. Understanding this can reduce the stress that difficulties bring – whatever they are. Learning is all about being challenged; being taken outside our comfort zone. There are times when this is scary and we need the support of our friends, family and school staff to get through. You could talk about times when you have asked for help. What happened? You could share experiences when you have been able to help others too. God calls us to be there for each other in His name.

Weekly Attendance Winners

For the week ending 14-03-14 the girls and boys of **Y1** were in first place with **99.7%** attendance. They will be visited by Bobby Bear. In second place were the children of **Y4** with **99.4%** attendance and they will be visited by Brenda Bear! In third place were the young people of **Y3** who managed **99.1%** attendance and will be visited by Elvis the Owl. Congratulations all of you! The average overall attendance for the week was above our 96% target, at **97.9%**, thank you for all your support.

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt