



St John Fisher News

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★ Citizen of the Week

★ This week's recipient is **Phoebe Asumadu** (Y3) who understands why it is important to be able to say how she feels. Phoebe joined our community recently and has settled in really well; impressing us all with her good manners and thoughtfulness. This week she sought help with a situation that she was unsure about which enabled her to feel happier. What a wonderful example, we are all very proud of her! Well done Phoebe!

SJF Open Morning 2016

Our Opening Morning takes place tomorrow (10.00am-12.00pm). If you know anyone who might be interested in looking around school or finding out more about our community please let them know and encourage them to contact us.

We are especially interested in welcoming the parents/carers of children due to start school next September. It will be a good opportunity to come in and meet us. Thank you.



Toys and Cards

Thank you for supporting us by not allowing your children to bring in toys and cards in to school unless they have been invited to by their teacher.

Phonics Workshop

Thank you to everyone who came along to support this week's workshop during which information was shared about the comprehensive 'Read Write Inc.' programme that we follow here at St John Fisher. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Forthcoming Events

Our School Calendar is available on the website or via: www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/school-dates/.

15-10-16	• Open Morning	(10.00 – 12.00)
W/C 17-10-16	• Assessment Point 1 (AP1) - Years 1-6	
20-10-16 to 21-10-16	• Y4 Residential visit to Kingswood Dearne Valley	
21-10-16	• Non-Uniform Day (£1 contribution to Diamond Jubilee Fund) • 50p Friday	
24-10-16 to 28-10-16	• School Holiday	
01-11-16	• School Photos	
07-11-16	• Review & Target-Setting Meetings (2.00pm-5.00pm)	
08-11-16	• Review & Target-Setting Meetings (5.00pm-7.00pm)	
11-11-16	• Community Service of Remembrance (10.30am) – Our Lady of Lourdes	

Achievements Outside of School

- **Cavani Alvaranga** in **FS2** achieved his 10m swimming ASA Rainbow Award! Well done Cavani!
- **Polly Flude** in **Y1** achieved two dancing rosettes; the first for samba and the second for her fantastic cha cha cha! Such an impressive achievement, well done!
- **Tiarnan McKeown** in **Y2** recently achieved the first stripe on his jujitsu belt! Congratulations Tiarnan, what a fantastic achievement!

SJF Diamond Anniversary

If you or someone you know would like to help us with our St John Fisher topic later in the year – please do contact us. Unfortunately we have not heard back from anyone yet. If you have artefacts we could borrow e.g. photographs, school letters, newsletters, school books, reports, certificates etc. we would also be very grateful. You can get in touch via our email address: enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk. Thank you.



Term 1 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  401	St David's House  382	St Patrick's House  351	St George's House  440
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Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

FS2	Charlie Morgan for trying really hard with his phonics work and for impressing his teachers with his great effort!
Year 1	Annabell Ost for trying hard in PE and for being a great role-model to her friends and classmates! Well done!
Year 2	William Denham for having a fantastic attitude to learning all week! Keep up the good work William!
Year 3	Erin Gent for concentrating, trying hard and impressing Mr Tandy in Mathematics lessons! What a superstar Erin!
Year 4	Christian Adusei for always trying his best in class. Also his impressive acting skills Julius Caesar have been stunning! Good Lad!
Year 5	Owen Pack for being so kind and helpful! He <u>always</u> tries his best so much so that his brain actually hurt yesterday when he was editing his work! What a superstar!
Year 6	Eden Hague for being an amazing assistant and expert this week! He has supported Mrs Holloway superbly and has been fantastic, whilst completing office and other duties! A star!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Isabella Walton	Maya Ptucha	Olivia Wood	Xiomara Gregory	Cole Hague	Finley Mappin	Y6 residential

The Catholic Life of the School

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Next Thursday 20th October our liturgy will be led by the young people of **Y1**, and the family and friends of our Y1 children are very welcome to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am.

Weekly Celebration Assembly

Next week we invite the family and friends of our **FS2** children to join us in the hall at 2.55pm for our Celebration Assembly.

50p Friday

Next Friday is 50p Friday. If you would like to support our four House charities please send your children in with a 50p+ each next Friday. Thank you.



Attendance This Week

FS2		99.7%	Elvis will visit next week!
Year 1		98.9%	
Year 2		99.6%	Brenda will visit next week!
Year 3		100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week!
Year 4		99.1%	
Year 5		96.6%	
Year 6		99.4%	
Weekly Target		97%	This week's Average Attendance 99.04%

Another fantastic week for attendance with almost all classes beating the 97% target.

Thank you for your support!

Workshops at St Marie's Cathedral

Here is a message from the Cathedral:



The beautiful, but seriously damaged, Victorian wall tiles that decorate St Marie's Cathedral will be restored to their former glory in the next few weeks as part of our Heritage Project.

Join the conservator, Katie Langridge, and her team for this exciting and hands-on Family Fun Workshop. You will find out more about St Marie's amazing tiles and how they have been conserved, and even restore your own tile! Not to be missed!

Join us for an exciting and hands-on workshop on Wednesday 26th October, 10.30am-12.30pm to find out more about these amazing tiles and how they have been conserved, and even paint and restore your own tile! Not to be missed!

Activities are suitable for children 3+ (children must be accompanied by an adult).

The workshops are free, but you need to book as there are limited places. If you are interested in booking places please follow this link for more information:

<http://stmariecathedral.org/events/conservation-in-action-family-fun-workshop/>

Mission Together

Please do not forget to collect your loose change in aid of Mission Together. We will contact you after the holiday with the date for bringing the boxes in. Every penny counts and will be put to good use. Thank you.



Remembrance



Our annual Community Service of Remembrance takes place on Armistice Day, 11th November 2016, starting at 10.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. This has grown to become an important event on our school calendar, and rightly so, because we believe it is very important.

Our Service will come at the end of a week when all the children will explore the origins of Remembrance Day and will be encouraged to think about and pray for those who died or who were injured in the First World War (1914-1918) and in all armed conflicts since.

We will also think about the families of the fallen and injured and all civilian casualties of war, particularly children. If you or someone you know have served in our armed forces and would be prepared to help us in a very small and simple way during our Service, or if you would be prepared to talk to some children in a lesson, please contact us on enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk. Also if you know ex-service personnel and/or members of their families who are part of our parish and local communities please do invite them to join us for our Service. We want this to be a real community event. Thank you.

Non-Uniform Day

Next Friday (the last day of Term1) will be a non-uniform day in order to raise money for our Diamond Anniversary fund. We would be extremely grateful if children could each make a voluntary contribution of at least £1 in order to come to school not wearing school uniform. Thank you for your support,



SJF Student Council

The school community came together in order to vote for the candidates they wanted to represent them on the 2016-17 Student Council. The children also voted for children to take the executive positions on the Council – traditionally held by pupils in Y6.



The results were:

• Chairperson & Y6 Councillor	Abudulla Al-Rammahi
• Vice Chairperson & Y6 Councillor	Zarnetta Moomba
• Treasurer & Y6 Councillor	Joseph Hurst
• Secretary & Y6 Councillor	Mo Aloba
• Y5 Councillors	Saffron Killbride & James Fitzpatrick
• Y4 Councillors	Marcus McKernan & Laurie Paige
• Y3 Councillors	Jia Robinson, Tamzin Samba & Mitchell Clayton
• Y2 Councillors	Summer Marsden & Alhamzah Al-Rammahi
• Y1 Councillors	Kessy Higiro & Polly Flude

I would like to congratulate those who were elected and thank everyone who stood for election this year. It was a very good thing to do whether you were elected or not. It is important for all our children to develop an understanding and appreciation of a democratic process that is a cornerstone of British life and values.

I would like to thank Mrs Darken for supporting the work of the Council throughout the year, including the organisation of these elections. I would also like to say a big well done and thank you to all the children for their hard work and mature attitude throughout the election campaign.

Sport for Dads, Grandads and Children!

We were delighted to welcome dads and granddads to join children in Key stage 2 for some alternative sports led by Rachel from our Links partners. Here they are in action...



Pet Club

Pet Club has started once again and the children will be learning about how to be responsible pet owners and protectors. They will also be having some special visitors to find out about how to care for different types of pets.

Raising Resilient Children

All parents are invited to come along and hear suggestions and ideas for supporting our children so they develop essential coping strategies; learn how to express feelings appropriately; and explore other areas of life where resilience skills are essential. This special event takes place on Tuesday 18th October in the Parish Centre, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Why not come with a friend? Tea, coffee and cake will be provided.

Christmas Craft Club!

Here is a message from Mrs Asquith:

Yes it is that time of year again and our Christmas Craft club will be starting again after half term. If we have any parents or grandparents who could spare an hour on a Thursday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm to help our younger children with cutting and sticking please speak to me. Thank you.



Y6 Residential

This week the young people of Y6 enjoyed their residential to the Hollowford centre, Castleton. We will publish a report and photographs in next week's newsletter, though you will be able to sneak a peek at some pictures on the Y6 class blog shortly. Thank you.



Supporting our Pupils with Nut Allergies

We have a number of children who have significant nut allergies. The allergies are potentially life threatening. As a community we are working with the children and their families to manage the risks that are posed to them. In line with advice from 'Allergy UK' we would therefore be extremely grateful if parents/carers would consider the fact that some of our children live with these allergies when making choices about what to include in their children's packed lunches at school or for educational visits.

If you have any queries about this please speak to Mrs Pickering, our lead for First Aid. Further information is also available from the following websites:

- www.allergyuk.org
- <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/food-allergy/Pages/Intro1.aspx>

Thank you for your support.

Plea for Books

We would really like to have more Bible stories available in school for children to read and enjoy. We are looking to invest some of our RE budget into this. However, we also wondered if you had any at home that you no longer need. Please pass books to Mrs Holloway and she will share them with the classes. Thank you.

Statement to Live By

Next week's statement to live by is: "I can laugh and have fun."

Time to talk: Together remember times when you had fun; those special times when you laughed so much that nothing could make you stop, and your sides ached, and you could barely stand up. What made these times so special? Who were you with? Why is it so important to laugh and have fun? What would life be like without fun and laughter? What really makes you laugh?



Best wishes,
Mr Barratt