



St John Fisher News

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Building Work Update

The programme of works is progressing well. The contractor is preparing to knock through from the new kitchen to the hall so that they can install the steels that will support its roof. All the shelves have been removed from the long corridor leading to FS2 and KS1 as we prepare for some work tomorrow and the Y1 classroom has been gutted. The children have moved temporarily into the library where they will be mainly based until the works have finished. A new exit to their outside area has been cut through and the wooden walls are being replaced with brick which will also improve insulation. The classroom will then benefit from a complete refurbishment.

The children in Year 2 will also be moving out of their classroom temporarily whilst that is refurbished and a new exit is added to open up access to the green space behind school for play and learning. They will be moving out on 23rd January and work will start on 25th January. The children will be based mainly in the parish centre, and we are extremely grateful to Fr Paul for helping us. The refurbishment of both rooms and the corridor is due to be completed in time for the first day of Term 4 (after the half-term holiday).

We have talked to the children about being safe and sensible during the works and they have responded brilliantly. Everyone is remaining positive in spite of the upheaval and we are just excited about the improvements being made for the children.

Staff News

I am delighted to welcome back Mr Andrews after his recent illness. We also welcome Mrs Seaton who will be joining our community as part of our cleaning team.

KIDZONE Holiday Club

There will be no holiday club at half-term unfortunately because of the building works and the need for contractors to work in all areas of school during that week. Both KIDZONE and school have worked really hard to find a solution but in the end it was too difficult as there will be a big push to get school ready for the children's return. We are extremely sorry for any inconvenience that this will cause and hope that you will understand.

INSET

I would like to remind you that Friday 13th February is an INSET day and so school will be closed. All staff, including school Office staff, will be attending training at sites across the city with colleagues from all the other Catholic schools in Sheffield. The calendar is available on the website for reference. Thank you.

Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who has returned questionnaires, the last came back today. We are now going through the responses and I am in the process of contacting everyone who made a suggestion or who raised a concern. If I have not spoken to you I am aiming to get in touch next week, and I thank you for your patience.

You can also give feedback directly to Ofsted via their 'Parent View' website (www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) any time you choose. If you would like to do this, but do not have access to the internet please contact me and I will provide a laptop linked to their website, and a private space to complete questionnaire – which does not take long to complete once you have registered.



Opening up the Library

I apologise that this has been delayed due to the library area being used by Year 1. We are now aiming to start on Thursdays and Fridays after the half-term holiday.

Focus Group

I would like to remind you that you are all invited to join us for a Focus Group meeting on **Wednesday 28th January** at **6.00pm** here at school to discuss homework, pupil report formats and general questionnaire feedback. It will be a great opportunity to get involved and have your say. If you can attend please email us on enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk, marking it 'Focus Group'. Thank you.

Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Poppy Walton** (Y3) who was chosen for remembering this week's statement to live by: 'I know that I am part of a community that includes my school'. We have been exploring how a community is like a family that includes everybody. Though it was a very difficult choice, because our children are so great, Poppy was chosen because she is kind, helpful and always tries to make sure that everyone feels included and not left out. We are all really proud of her! Well done Poppy!

Golden Children

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

● FS2	Tiarnan McKeowan for making some good choices and for being a superstar in his Read Write Inc. group!
● Year 1	Isla Atkinson for trying really hard with her writing last week and for being a good role-model to her friends!
● Year 2	Willis Stoeman for making everyone feel part of the class community and for ensuring that others are supported if they need it!
● Year 3	Jack Stacey for his enthusiasm and excellent work in literacy! We have a budding actor!
● Year 4	Olivia King for being the 'always' child by doing what is asked and having a go at anything. Also for being very polite and impressive on the radio!
● Year 5	Oliver Nelson for working really hard in maths and for knowing his times tables very well. Keep it up and keep learning your times tables!
● Year 6	Alhasan Al-Rammahi for making such a positive start at St John Fisher!

Writing Champions

The following children have been chosen by their teachers to be Writing Champions this week because they have enjoyed writing and made a big effort.

Foundation 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sophie Hemingway	James Hopkinson	Max Peckham & Joseph Kandare	Isaac Pattison	Evie Stamford	Jasmine Green	Franky Diaz

Top Table

Congratulations to the children in the Red Kite Family who were chosen by Mrs Bower and the lunchtime supervisors to sit on the Top Table today for having good table manners and for helping each other. Congratulations Stella A, Joshua M, Joseph H, Evie S, Nedas B, Alfie S-C, Ashleigh S and Joel B!

Achievements Outside of School

- Last Saturday **Olivia King** in **Y4** and her partner Lewis (from Hull) along with 30 other couples from around the world competed in the World Ballroom and Latin Championships. Olivia only started competing 7 months ago and is in Y4 but was competing in the under 12s category. Olivia and Lewis did incredibly well and were placed 6th in the world in ballroom and 9th in the world at Latin! This is a huge achievement and we are all very proud of her!
- **Ellie Cheetham** in **Y4** was awarded a bronze certificate from Skate UK for synchro! What a fantastic achievement Ellie!
- On 21 December 2014 the "Immaculata" group prepared a beautiful Advent Children's Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and after the Mass gave a Christmas Carol Concert. The group also took part in a traditional Anglican service of nine lessons and carols led by the Mike Robinson Ecumenical Choir on 22nd December. A big thank you to the children from St John Fisher who took part, they were: **Ola Dominiak, Nadia Kamolii, Sophie Robinson-Oates, Abigail Watters, Emma Watters, Rafal Boratyn** and **Filip Dominiak**. More information and photos on the website: www.mi-sheffield.com/immaculata



Attendance

This week the girls and boys of **FS2, Y3** and **Y5** all managed to achieve a magnificent 100% attendance and will be visited by Bobby, Brenda and Elvis next week! Our average attendance this week was **98.7%** which is above our 97% target. Thank you everyone for your support.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Next week's liturgy will take place on **Thursday 22nd January** and will be led by the young people of **Y4**. The family and friends of our **Y4** pupils are invited to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' will be **"I listen to what you say, and I show that I am listening to you"**

Time to talk: Why is it important to listen? How can we show that we are listening? How does it feel when we know we are really being listened to? How does it feel when we are not? Who do you like to listen to and why?

I hope you have a really great weekend,

Mr Barratt