



St John Fisher News

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Parent and Carer Feedback

As we move towards the end of the academic year it is important to start reflecting on how we are doing. I recognise the key role you have as parents and carers and since September it has been a priority of mine to engage with you and involve you more in school life. Your opinions are really important to me because I want St John Fisher to be a great community school. I would therefore appreciate it if you would take a few moments to complete the questionnaire that was both emailed and sent home to you yesterday. Please tell me what you think our strengths and issues are as a faith school community. Unless you have already done so, I would be grateful if they could be returned to me by Monday (20th) May. Many thanks for your support.

First Holy Communion and Children's Mass

On Saturday at 10.00am, 18 children from our school will be taking their First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Lourdes. This is a very special time for them in the development of their faith and we would ask you to keep them in your prayers this weekend. If you would like to attend, and join the celebration at Mass, you will be very welcome.

On Sunday at 10.30, we have our monthly Children's Mass, with hymns and a homily designed for the children to join in and understand. It will be a lovely way to end the weekend of celebrating for our First Holy Communion children, and we would like to see as many families there as possible.

Thank you,
Fr Paul and Sal Robinson (Foundation Governors)

Golden Children

Here are the names of the children added to the Golden Book last week (Week commencing 6th May 2013)

• F 2	Reuben Hastings-Quainoo for excellent reading this week!
• Year 1	Saffron Kilbride for always being polite and giving 100% in all she does!
Year 2	Jack Green for displaying an excellent attitude in all his work. A very good role model for Year 2!
Year 3	Patrick Iodge for having a positive attitude to learning and asking thoughtful questions in order to develop his learning further!
• Year 4	Abi Marchant for always having a fantastic attitude to her learning and working hard to reach her goals!
• Year 5	Libby Kilbride for being a fantastic learner and for always working to the best of her ability! She deserves the great success she achieves!
• Year 6	Isabelle Rolfe for being a wonderful student who is always ready to learn and work hard!

Next we have the names of the children who have been added to our Golden Book by teachers this week:

• F 2	Odette Paige for being an 'always' child in both her attitude and her learning! Fantastic effort!
• Year 1	Harry Parkin for trying really hard in his phonics sessions!
Year 2	Julia Kapinska for always demonstrating an excellent attitude to her learning and for being a good role-model for others!
Year 3	Jasmine Green who has been working hard to develop her concentration. Her efforts are now showing in the work she is producing. Well done!
• Year 4	Hubert Jaworski for achieving an excellent reading score in his last assessment which reflects his focus and hard work!
• Year 5	Bethany Croff for changing her attitude to learning and realising she has to take more responsibility herself. Her progress in mathematics has been AMAZING this year!
• Year 6	Dylan Burrows for really making an effort to improve his handwriting. Well done!

PTFA News

The committee would like to send out a big 'thank you' to everyone who supported our first car boot sale last Saturday. We all had a great time despite the weather being cold. We had a full playground of cars which was really encouraging and most of them made a good profit! Many sellers also said that they would do it again, which is good because we intend holding another one of **Saturday 15th June**. We will be sending out booking forms to reserve pitches nearer the time. If you would like to help out at our next one please let one of us know as helpers are always needed and are very welcome. The PTFA raised £182.68 - impressive for our first time.

You are also invited to join us for 'The Big Lunch' on **Sunday 2nd June** between 12pm and 4pm at school. We are also looking for donations of gifts for prizes, bottles of wine for the raffle as well as cakes and buns.

Thank you!

Donna Murphy and Louise Ramsden

Weekly Attendance Winners

The classes achieving the highest attendance for the week commencing 13 May were:

- In first place was Y1 with 100% attendance over the week
- In joint second place were Y4 and Y6 with 99.7% attendance over the week
- In third place was Y5 with 99.4% attendance over the week

Over the week our average pupil attendance was 97.8% which is above our target of 96%. This means that Bobby will visit Y1, Bertie will be shared between Y4 and Y6 and Elvis will be visiting Y5 next week.

Sheffield young painter of the Year 2013

I am delighted to tell you that twenty of our fantastic young artists had paintings exhibited at Ponds Forge recently. This exhibition features work from schools right across the city and is the largest exhibition of children's art in the country! Our congratulations go to everyone who had work exhibited.

Kayleigh Collins	Isabella Ramsden	Francis Needham	Ashleigh Sigauke	Poppy Walton
Ellie Cope	Saffron Kilbride	Ruby Hayward	Noor Khan	Jack Swain
John Genita	Jasmine Green	Alex Thompson	Darcy Tirol	Libby Kilbride
Chloe Walton	Névé McKernan	Abigail Gore	Anna Jaworska	Daniel Hoy

Achievements Outside School

Niamh McGreal in Year 6 participated in "Go for it: with a splash!" and "Lights, Camera, Action!" recently. She is also an active member of the Guides movement and achieved her 'Festival', 'Confectioner' 'Bumble Bee' and 'First Aid' badges and was even promoted to 'Patrol Secunder' as well! Congratulations Niamh!

Evie Flint in Year 4 competed in a fun run organised as part of the Sheffield half marathon last week. She ran the 3km distance with her brother and Grandma. She showed great perseverance by not giving up and crossed the finishing line full of enthusiasm! She also plays for Handsworth Girls' Under 10s team and received the 'Best Lass on the Grass' award for her performance in the last game of the season. Congratulations Evie!

Mia and Lola Pardo-Figuero also took part in the Sheffield fun Run at the Don Valley Stadium. The girls ran with their mother and family friend, and did really well. At the end of the run Mia even managed a sprint finish! Both girls received a bag which included a 'snap band', a notepad, a leaflet and some chocolate! The girls also received a certificate for participating in the fun run. Well done Mia and Lola!

Library Update

Mrs Cope and Mrs Golland met with the local authority Library Service recently to discuss ideas for our library. As part of the meeting they reviewed our current stock. As feared approximately 70% of our books might no longer be suitable because they are either dated or in a poor state of repair. We are therefore arranging for a large-scale loan as an interim measure to basically restock the whole library with books that will engage and inspire our children. Plans are being developed which are also being supported by our fantastic PTFA. If you can support us in any way, we would really like to hear from you. Thank you.

Gardens & Outside Spaces

If you would like to contribute ideas and time to help us transform our outside spaces please get in touch.

Statement to Live By

Our statement to live by next week is: **"I try to forgive people when they hurt me."**

Time to talk: You could share ideas about what forgiveness means and recall times when you offered or received forgiveness. Is it easy to forgive someone if they hurt us? Why is it important to forgive them? What would our own (or school) families be like if no one ever forgave? We remember that at Easter Jesus died to take away our sins and so we are called to follow his example in our own lives.

Have a fantastic weekend,
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