



St John Fisher Weekly News



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Marvellous Machines Exhibition

Our first ever Exhibition was a great success this morning. It was brilliant to be able to see all the great work that has been going on in classes this term, and for the children to be able to see what has been happening across the rest of the school. Thank you to all those parents, carers and friends who came to join us and for all the positive feedback that you gave. Our plan is to finish each whole school curriculum theme with an exhibition of work like this.



Red Day

The children of St George's house have been resplendent in red today. They also had some extra playtime to celebrate their special saint's day.



Easter Service

The children of Years 3, 4 and 5 led a beautiful Easter Service at the Church on Tuesday. They told the story of the important events of Holy Week, up to the crucifixion of Jesus, in a very powerful and moving way. Thank you very much to the staff who worked so hard in school to prepare the children and ensure that everything ran smoothly: Miss Kipling, Miss Rybka, Mr Tandy, Miss Kiernan, Mrs Dewsnap, Mr Hawley and Miss D'Roza. I would also like to thank Father Paul for welcoming us into the church, and the PTFA for filming the service. The aim is to produce DVDs with parents/carers can buy at a reasonable cost.

Parish News

All children and parents are very welcome to attend the special **Easter Sunday Family Mass on 20 April 2014** at 10.30 in OLOL with music and readings led by children. All children who will attend the Mass will get a beautiful Image of Divine Mercy with Chaplet prayer on the back.

Our Children's Group 'Immaculata' invites you to come to their concert on 27 April 2014, which will be preceded by Divine Mercy Service at 2.30pm.

We are still awaiting children's pieces of work for our special competition in honour of the two new Saints - John Paul II and John XXIII. Please draw a picture, write a letter or prayer to the new Saint, describing him in your own words. Please leave your entry in OLOL church, in school office (in a separate, clearly marked envelope) or email to: crusade.sheffield@gmail.com Please include your name and age. Prizes are to be won. **Deadline: 04/05.** More details on www.mi-sheffield.com

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
Xiomara Gregory	Diana Nicula	Owen Pack	Arianne Alfonso	Luckie Musngi for outstanding progress this year!	Abigail Watters	All children – for being 100% level 4+!

Bug Club

We hope the Y5s have enjoyed trialling the Bug Club online reading club over the last few weeks. Miss Kipling has had lots of positive feedback from the children and from parents in children's Reading Records. Unfortunately, the 30 day trial comes to an end on Sunday 27th April. To help us decide whether or not to subscribe to the site for the whole school, it would be great if the Y5 parents and carers could complete the evaluation forms children are bringing home this week. Thank you.

PTA-UK Gold Star Awards

Our fantastic PTFA has been selected as one of only three finalists in the new PTA of the Year category of the national PTA Gold Star Awards! The final judging stage will take place on 12th May and the winning PTA will then be invited to attend the National Awards Ceremony in London in June. What a fantastic achievement already – we are all very proud!

Good Shepherd Appeal

Children have been working hard to cover as much of the library floor with coins as possible this afternoon, raising money for Bishop John's Good Shepherd Appeal. The appeal raises money for the Diocese's Caring Services – a range of services which offer care and support to different groups of people in the community, including services for the deaf and St Wilfrid's centre for the homeless and vulnerable. The 'carpet of coins' is looking impressive so far! Thank you for your support.



House Points This Week

St Andrew	St David	St George	St Patrick
Smilies This week			
86	85	55	63
Running Total			
566	446	411	426

Sheffield Star

Some of our Y5 and Y6 children will be appearing in the Sheffield Star tomorrow (Good Friday). They did a taste test of different Easter Eggs for the newspaper, so turn to page 3 to find out what their recommendations were!

There should also be a report about our new kitchen plans in the paper on Monday – this one features some aspiring builders and architects from Y1!

Golden Children

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

• F 2	Sam Mappin for always being ready to learn, and for his growing confidence!
• Year 1	Christian Adusei for always doing his best and doing some lovely neat handwriting!
• Year 2	Joel Broadhead for always joining in and sharing ideas!
• Year 3	Isaac Woolhouse for being more focussed on his learning, being polite and a kind, friendly member of the class!
• Year 4	Sam Devofi for working really hard and making great progress in his maths!
• Year 5	Abigail Watters for a fantastic solo in the Easter Service!
• Year 6	All of Y6 for amazing results in the last assessments. 100% level 4 in Reading, Writing and Maths!

Achievements Outside School

- **Tamzin Samba** in FS2 has done a ballet and disco dance in her dancing show, '2014 A Dance Odyssey', at the Octagon Theatre for 4 evenings this week! She has still got up for school every day with a smile on her face. Well done Tamzin!

Weekly Attendance Winners

For the week ending 17-04-14 the girls and boys of **FS2** were in joint first place with **99.2%** attendance! They will be visited by Bobby Bear. In second place were the children of **Y6** with **97.5%** attendance and they will be visited by Brenda Bear. In third place were the children of **Y5** who managed **95.5%** attendance and will be visited by Elvis the Owl. Congratulations all of you! The average overall attendance for the week was below our 96% target at only **92.9%**. Please remember how important it is that your children are in school every day where possible and help us to get this figure back up after the holiday.

New Term

Mr Barratt is due to return to school after Easter – I know that he has really missed being here and has appreciated all the prayers and best wishes he has received from members of our community. We are all looking forward to having him back. **Term starts again on Monday 28th April.**

Finally

I would like to thank my colleagues for all their hard work over the past term; all the parents, governors and volunteers who have supported us; and of course the children who make our school such a special place. Have a happy, blessed and restful Easter.

Best wishes, Mrs Evans, on behalf of Mr Barratt