



St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

The recipient of this week's award is **Ruben Jackson** (Y3) who has shown that he understands what human dignity is by the way he respects others in line with our statement to live by this week. Ruben often shares thoughts, prayers and intentions during class-based and whole-school prayers. He thinks deeply about what is going on in school and the world around him. Just recently a visitor to school was so touched by the kindness, respect and good manners shown to her by Ruben, as she was walking through school, that she wanted everybody to know. My colleagues and I were very impressed when we heard because this is precisely the actions we would expect from a pupil here at St John Fisher. Well done Ruben!

NUT Strike

The National Union of Teachers has called for strike action next week on Tuesday 5th July. Our school will not be affected by this action however and pupils in all classes will be expected to attend school as usual.

Term 5 Smiley Scores So Far...

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
 304	 257	 266	 297

Moving Up Day

Next Wednesday is our moving up when all the children spend a day with their new teachers in the rooms that will become their new classrooms. The Y6 children transferring to Birley Community College will be out all next week whilst the children transferring to All Saints catholic high School will have a taster day on Wednesday.

On the day they will line up in their current classes and go to their current classrooms to be registered by their current teachers. After registration we will gather in the hall so that the children can go to their new classrooms with their new teachers. For your information these are the classes for next year:

• FS2	Mrs Darken	(Current FS2 classroom)
• Y1	Mrs Sambrook & Mrs Bishop	(Current Y1 classroom)
• Y2	Mrs Broadhead	(Current Y2 classroom)
• Y3	Miss Kiernan & a new teacher to be appointed	(Current Y3 classroom)
• Y4	Mr Broadhead	(Current Y4 classroom)
• Y5	Mrs Holloway	(Current Y6 classroom)
• Y6	Mr Smith	(Current Y5 classroom)

We understand that for some of our children changing classes is very exciting but for others it will be unsettling and perhaps even cause anxiety. We will therefore work hard to support all of them, particularly those most vulnerable to feeling anxious, including those with special educational needs and disabilities.

Please talk to your children about the change and let us know if you would like to follow it up on Monday and Tuesday in readiness for Wednesday. The children moving to Y3 will be with Miss Kiernan on Wednesday

and once the appointment of the other teacher has been secured we will arrange for the children to meet him or her before the end of the year if we possibly can. Thank you.

First World War Project

As you know, the young people of Y5 have been working very hard on their First World War writing project. This single project has been undertaken in partnership colleagues and children in:

- Birley Community Primary School
- Birley Spa Primary School
- Charnock Hall Primary School
- Rainbow Forge Primary School

Yesterday, as part of this project we were visited by Dr Julie Moore from the University of Hertfordshire who had come to talk to the children all about entertainment in World War 1, particularly in Sheffield and our local area. She was so impressed with our children, particularly with how they listened and for coming up with such wonderful questions that she ended up staying longer than expected!



Well done to all the children in Y5, we are very proud of you. I would also like to thank Mrs Holloway for her hard work as the link teacher and coordinator of the project on behalf of our school.

Thank you also to our children's families and friends who have supported them by helping with research at home and by taking them to the library and museums.

We will be exhibiting our work during our final curriculum exhibition of the year which takes place on **Thursday 14th July** at 9.00am in the school hall.

We will have some work in the school hall as normal, however, all our First World War work will be displayed in our classroom. On the day we will also hopefully have some World War 1 tasty treats on offer too! We all hope that you can make it! Thank you again for your support in this project.



Fantastic News

I am delighted to inform you that our school has received the School Games Silver Award in recognition of all we are doing to promote sport and healthy living through the opportunities our children receive through our PE curriculum time and extra-curricular opportunities offered at lunchtime and after school.

I would like to recognise the hard work and dedication of Mrs Broadhead in earning us this second award. We are very grateful to her.

Yesterday the children in Y4 went on a very exciting trip to Chatsworth Park in the heart of Derbyshire. The reason for this trip was to follow up on work done in both geography (rivers) and science (habitats). The children walked into the park and really amazed the adults with their knowledge of rivers (thank you Mrs Raynes). They were able to identify that the River Derwent that runs through Chatsworth is the middle course of the river and they identified a number of different features: flood plains, tributaries, a weir, a beach and a number of deltas. We saw how the river is cutting through the park and moving, creating the beginnings of an oxbow lake.

Afterwards the children undertook some work on habitats. They looked at the trees in Chatsworth and were able to identify the following trees using guides: oak, sycamore, hawthorn, cherry, elm, sweet chestnut,

horse chestnut, lime, beech, birch hornbeam and London plane. The children use the guides well and also identified wild flowers and insects that have the park as their habitat. The children also understood that a tree in itself could be a habitat and found an oak tree was home to: a fungus, rabbits, birds, squirrels and a variety of insects and arachnids.

At the end of the day the children used their water colour paintings skills (which they have been working on all year) to paint the landscapes they saw in front of them.

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Year 2		95.7%	Elvis the Owl will visit
Year 3		93.2%	
Year 4		91.3%	
Year 5		98.8%	Bobby Bear will visit
Year 6		93.8%	
Weekly Target		97%	This week's Average Attendance
			94.8%

Attendance in Term 5

FS2		97.2%	
Year 1		97.5%	
Year 2		97.9%	
Year 3		96.2%	
Year 4		96.8%	
Year 5		95.4%	
Year 6		97.7%	
Weekly Target		97%	This term's average attendance
			96.9%

Term 5 attendance was close to our 97% target. Attendance in the last week had a huge impact in pulling the figures down.

Attendance since September

FS2		95.1%	
Year 1		97.7%	
Year 2		96.9%	
Year 3		96.4%	
Year 4		96.8%	
Year 5		97.2%	
Year 6		96.8%	
Weekly Target	97%	Average Attendance this year	96.7%

It would be great if more than just two classes could achieve the 97% target by the end of the year. Every day counts, so if your child is well enough to attend school please ensure that s/he comes in and try to avoid unauthorised absences, including holidays during the school term. Thank you.

Punctuality

Did you know?

- 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days lost each year
- 10 minutes adds up to 6 days lost each year
- 15 minutes adds up to 10 days lost each year
- 20 minutes adds up to 13 days lost each year
- 30 minutes adds up to 19 days lost each year

Golden Children

This week's Golden Children will be included in the next newsletter:



Birthdays

Happy birthday to Millie Taylor and Marika De Caro!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kessy Higiro	Daisy Green	Alex Murray	Fraser Owen	Owen Pack	Fran Needham	Josh Mercer

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I notice that we are the same and we are different."**

Time to talk: Sometimes we can actually feel comfortable or uncomfortable physically. Sometimes the feeling is inside us and we just sense that something feels right or wrong. It is **VERY** important to speak up if something feels uncomfortable, because we have a right to be and feel safe – every day. Who can you tell if you feel uncomfortable or unsafe? What should you do if you think someone else is feeling uncomfortable or unsafe? Who in your life makes you feel comfortable and safe? Why?



Thank you for all your support this term. I hope you have a brilliant holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 13th June**.

Best wishes,

Mr Barratt

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Amelia

Freya

Erin

Mia

Sophie

Dara

Max*

Charlie*

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Year 6 had a brilliant time at Cannon Hall Farm as a reward for all their hard work this year. Almost all the children had earned 300 smileys over the year, so we decided to give them all a 'Gold Award' day out. We watched (and joined in with!) racing sheep and ferrets, had great fun on the various play equipment and met lots and lots of piglets.

Thank you very much to Mrs Green and Ms Ratcliffe who came with us to help.



Catholic Cup



The Catholic Cup is a football tournament for Year 6 children. Due to a Year 6 children going on a trip, our Year 5 children took part and did the school proud. This year we came up against St Wilfrids, St Patricks, St Catherine's, St Maries, St Ann's and Sacred Heart. The Catholic Cup is 6 a side competition and games last 6 minutes 1 way. Our team came 4th in our group. In our team there was the keeper Joseph Hurst, our defenders were Abdullah Al-Rammahi, Jack Green and Lucy Owens, our midfielders were William Oadley and Jack Waldron, and our strikers were Melissa Clayton and Mo Aloba.

This year's sports day was a great one. Every child participated and fun was had by all. The day commenced with children representing countries and participating in a variety of Olympic and Paralympic games. Each team had to score as many points as possible and bonus points were given for children demonstrating the 6 school games values: determination, teamwork, passion, honesty, self belief and respect. There was lots of laughter and good sportsmanship. The winning team was China this year with a whopping 562 points.

France and The Falklands came in a close second and third place. Noora represented the China team and collected the trophy on behalf of the team. A well deserved win. Throughout the morning staff were on the lookout for specific children who demonstrated the 6 values. It was a tough decision. The finalists were

determination - Archie Saxton Clayton and Alex Murray

Honesty - Joshua Mercer and Keira Ambrose

Passion - Lily Sanders and Ethan Yan

Self belief - Lexi Gasgoine and Finlay Paige

respect - Daryn Tirol and Joseph Hurst

Teamwork - Marcus McKernan and Summer Marsden

Well done to everyone.

In the afternoon St John Fisher held their sports races with great support from the parents. We were blessed with the weather and staff were blown away with the attendance of family and friends. Thank you so much for the love and support you gave all of our children. As we like to say at St John Fisher 'Teamwork makes the dream work'