



St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **David Crosby-Griffin** (Y6) who was chosen for remembering this week's statement to live by: **'I know what trust means'**. David has had a fantastic year in Y6, really focusing on what he needs to do to show all that he is capable of, and in particular feeling brave enough to trust in himself, his teachers, and in God and believe that he can achieve. This amazing self-belief has really paid off this week with an excellent score in his mock Reading SAT. Congratulations David, you are a great example to others and we are all very proud of you!

Lost Property

Just before the Easter break, Mrs Asquith and Miss Golland sorted through piles of lost property, returning and redistributing items, and managed to empty our box. Two weeks into term, the lost property box is nearly full up again! Please ensure that all items of clothing (and other property) that children might remove in school; coats, PE kits, jumpers, shirts, ties etc. are clearly labelled with their name. We will be emptying the lost property box every fortnight, returning any named items to the correct children and redistributing other items in or out of school. If your child loses something in school, please come and ask to check the box ASAP! Thank you.

Resurrection Mass

Thank you to the young people of Y3 who led our Resurrection Mass this afternoon. They read and carried out their duties beautifully. I would also like to thank Fr Paul for saying Mass as well as Mrs Drake and my colleagues for preparing the children. Thank you also to our altar servers; Bitanga and David and everyone who was able to join us.



Staff News

Miss Speed is expecting a baby and her baby is due at the beginning of October. She will begin her maternity leave on 1st September. Miss Speed shared her happy news with the Year 1 children today and they were really excited and pleased for her. Miss Speed and her fiancé get married on 16th May so we are doubly delighted for them both and are praying for their intentions.

Heroes Exhibition

I would like to thank everyone who was able to pop in to see the children's work in the hall on our special St George Art Day. I would like to commend our talented artists as well as my colleagues who worked so hard to support the children.

Workshops

I would like to thank everyone who managed to attend this week's workshops on homework and writing. I would like to also thank Miss Kiernan and Mr Smith for leading them.

Next Wednesday (6th May) we have our fifth workshop which focuses on the addition and subtraction methods taught in school as part of Mathematics. There will be a brief explanation in the main hall starting at 3.30pm followed by a 25 minute sessions for methods by children in different age-groups. The sessions will then be repeated so that parents/carers with children in different year groups will be able to attend more than one presentation.

All the workshops have been arranged following requests and feedback from parents/carers and so we are hoping that they will be well attended. We will gladly supervise children (and their pre-school siblings) in a separate classroom during the presentations if you are happy for us to do so. Thank you.

Writing Champions

The following children were chosen by their teachers to be this week's 'Writing Champions' because they have been enthusiastic and have worked really hard to improve and enjoy their writing.

FS2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Oscar Diaz	Evan Siner	Evie Ramsden	Poppy Walton	Julia Kepinska	Noora Moshtael	Ciara Brady
		Cole Hague				

This Week's Golden Children

• FS2	Mike Masuka for coping so well with his injured hand, even though he has really wanted to do PE!
• Year 1	Daisy Parkin for trying really hard with her writing and keeping us all smiling with her enthusiasm! Keep it up, Daisy!
• Year 2	Odette Paige for always persevering in all areas of her work and growing in confidence every day!
• Year 3	Finley Mappin for working hard to produce a beautifully neat piece of writing!
• Year 4	Isaac Thompson for a brilliant, positive attitude to every lesson and some super maths work. Keep it up!
• Year 5	Faye Curtis for working very hard in maths lessons and showing her working out well. Keep it up, Faye!
• Year 6	David Crosby-Griffin for amazing progress in his reading comprehension. Well done, David!

Top Table

The children chosen by Mrs Bower and her team of lunchtime supervisors to sit on the 'Top Table' last week were the members of the Hawk family. Congratulations Sam J, Oliver N, Emma W, Isabelle W-H, Fraser O, Rowan L, Daisy G and Sophie H. Well done for showing good table manners and for helping one another so brilliantly!

The 'family' chosen this week was the Swallow family. Congratulations to Emmie F, Cerys P, Kiera B, Kiera S, Olivia K, Finley M, Callum H and Jack S. Congratulations we are all very proud of you!

Achievements Outside of School

- **William Oadley** and **Lucy Owens** in **Y4** have both achieved their ASA swimming challenge Gold Awards. This involved swimming 32 lengths of the pool within 25 minutes! William and Lucy have been training together and have supported each other in this fantastic achievement. Well done both of you, we are all very proud!

Please do not forget to let us know about any of your child(ren)'s out-of-school achievements so we can publicise and celebrate them. Thank you.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the children and staff of **FS2** for leading the liturgy this week. They were helped by their Y4 buddies and it was very special. Thank you to all the parents, carers and friends who joined us. The next liturgy will be led by the children of **Y6** and will take place on **Thursday, 7th May**. As usual the family and friends of our Y6 children are invited to join us in the hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

Attendance

This week the girls and boys of **Y5** were first with an excellent rate of attendance of **99.7%**! They will receive a visit from Bobby. In joint second place were the children of **Y2** and **Y3** who managed an excellent **99.3%** attendance and will share visits from Brenda and Elvis.

Our whole-school average attendance this week was **98.84%** which is above our 97% target. This week every class beat the % target which is excellent, thank you.

Punctuality

Please remember that being even just a few minutes late all adds up to lost learning time.

- 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- 15 minutes late is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.

The PTFA Family Quiz and Disco

Don't forget that this popular PTFA event takes place in the school hall this evening. It should be a wonderful evening and an opportunity to all get together and have some fun. Everyone is welcome!



Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' will be **"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) family 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 wonderful weekend,

Mr Barratt