



# St John Fisher News

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015 (Issue 26 ~ 2014/15)



[www.st-johnfisher.org](http://www.st-johnfisher.org)

## **Citizen of the Week**

This week's recipient is **Libby Hurst** (Y6) who was chosen for remembering this week's statement to live by: '**I know what humility means**'. Libby is always reliable and does not seek to push herself forward to the detriment of others. She is a considerate and kind young lady who is growing in confidence and is developing a really positive attitude to learning. She is justifiably proud when she achieves but is also not too proud to seek the help and support of staff and other pupils when she needs it. As a result she is now overcoming the things that used to hold her back – and it is great to see. Well done Libby we are all extremely proud of you!

## **Eclipse**

This morning the children who wanted to and staff trooped off to the playground armed with an array of colanders, sieves, pin-hole creations of different designs for one purpose: to experience the eclipse in all its glory – but safely.

Those who wanted to watched a live streaming of the event with staff inside a classroom or created their own exciting eclipse pictures.

Everyone was really excited and full of anticipation. Older children teamed up with their buddies and others as they prepared to experience the event in small groups supervised closely by members of staff.

Unfortunately the sky was a bit too cloudy and overcast, but everyone stayed positive and did not let it spoil the experience.

## **Forthcoming Events**

Key Dates	Events	Details
• Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	• Assessment Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.30pm - Main Hall</li> <li>• Explanation of new report format</li> <li>• Pupils/younger siblings will be supervised in a classroom</li> </ul>
• Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	• Wear A Hat Day!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole School</li> <li>• supporting brain tumour research</li> <li>• £1 donation</li> <li>• A non-uniform day - wear any hat</li> </ul>
• Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2015	• Community Easter Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Years 3, 4 and 5</li> <li>• 2.30pm - Our Lady of Lourdes church</li> </ul>
• Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2015	• End of Theme Exhibition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole School</li> <li>• 9.00am to 10.10am - Main Hall</li> </ul>
• Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2015	• Cid & Mo Book Signing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole School</li> <li>• Letters already sent home giving pupils another chance to buy the latest book and get it signed</li> <li>• 10.00am - Library</li> </ul>
• Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maundy Thursday</li> <li>• Last day of Term 4 – break up for Easter holiday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole School</li> <li>• Main Hall</li> <li>• 9.00am – 10.10am</li> </ul>



### Assessment Workshop

Following constructive feedback we have been working hard to redesign the pupil reports at the same time as develop a system to replace the familiar 'Levels' that have just been scrapped by the government.

There will be a presentation on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** at **3.30pm** in the main hall to explain the changes. During the workshop we will offer to supervise your children in another area.

Whilst it will not be a long presentation it would be good if parents/carers could try and attend in order to find out about what the new SJF system for measuring and reporting pupil progress/achievement will be.

I would like to thank the members of the Focus Group for helping us design the new report format: Mrs Avelino, Mrs Din, Mrs Gent, Mr Javid, Mrs Paige, Mrs Walton and Mrs Watters.

### Level 4 Mathematics Challenge at Notre Dame High School

On Thursday this week some children from Y6 (Libby Hurst, Ciara Brady, Fanky Diaz and Thomas Wood) were chosen to represent the St John Fisher at a special 'Level 4 Mathematics Challenge' hosted at Notre Dame.

They were joined by children from other Catholic primary schools and undertook a series mathematics questions in a quiz format. Libby Hurst said, "It was hard but really fun! I really enjoyed the afternoon and thought we did really well."

I would like to thank Miss D'Roza and Mr Hawley for taking and supporting the children and the children themselves who represented SJF so brilliantly!

### 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.

Foundation 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Faith Tough	Vilius Bagdonas	Amna Javid	Ashleigh Sigauke	Jensen Gough	Joshua Mercer	Harry Siner

### This Week's Golden Children

● FS2	<b>Eleanor Checkley</b> for always showing a caring attitude to others and for always working well as part of a team (reciprocity)!
● Year 1	<b>Hibah Javid</b> for always doing the right thing and for trying really hard with her story writing!
● Year 2	<b>Marcus McKernan</b> for always trying his best with his writing - for trying to improve with each piece of work!
● Year 3	<b>Matthew Ford</b> for trying hard and for being an independent learner! What a star!
● Year 4	<b>Benjamin Cartwright</b> for always doing what is required and for never complaining! Well done!
● Year 5	<b>Hannah Moomba</b> for developing her 'working out' really well in mathematics lessons. Her work is organised and clear. Keep it up because it is important!
● Year 6	<b>Sophie Robinson-Oates</b> for her wonderful dedication to her project on space! A superstar!

### Top Table

The 'family' chosen by Mrs Bower and her team of lunchtime supervisors to sit on the 'Top Table' this week are the members of the Goose family. Congratulations to Mia P-F, Jack H, Lucas D, Abdullah R, Christian A, Lorenzo D, Maya D and Xiomara G. Well done for showing good table manners and for helping one another so brilliantly!

### Achievements Outside of School

- **Jack Stacey** in **Y3** helped at the Royal Mail's Call Centre where he volunteered with his mother in support of Comic Relief. He spent all night going around the volunteers selling raffle tickets and keeping the volunteers smiling. He worked really hard and was rewarded with a free family swimming pass for his efforts. What a star you are Jack, well done!



### Y6 Leavers' Production

At the end of the academic year the young people of Y6 will perform their version of the popular musical "We Will Rock You!" under the direction of Miss Kiernan and Mr Smith. Details to follow...

### Cid & Mo Book Signing

Following lots of requests from pupils Mr Smith has re-sent the letter in order to give pupils a second chance to buy the latest Cid & Mo book. There will also be another chance for them to meet the authors and get their new book signed on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

### Phonics Workshop

Thank you to the parents who came to this week's workshop on phonics. I would like to thank Mrs Darken, Miss D'Roza and Mr Smith for organising the workshop and Mr Broadhead for supervising the children.

### Library

I would like to remind you that the library is open in the **morning** from 8.30am – 9.00am on **Wednesday, Thursday** and **Friday** and **after school** from 3.30pm until 4.00pm on **Thursday**. Thank you to our volunteers.

### e-Safety

Useful advice is available on our website via this address/link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/esafety/> .

### Good Shepherd Appeal

Please give generously in support of Bishop Ralph's annual Lenten Good Shepherd appeal. Every penny goes to Hallam Caring Services to support local people in need of support. Our aim is to collect enough coins and notes from each class' box to cover the whole library floor with a 'carpet' of money. Thank you.

### Wear a Hat Day

Next Friday is 'Wear a Hat Day' to support brain tumour research. The children can dress down and wear their favourite hat. The £1 donations will be collected by the PTFA and donated. Further information is available via this link: [www.braintumourresearch.org/wearahatday](http://www.braintumourresearch.org/wearahatday).

### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the young people and staff of Years 4 and 5 who led liturgies this week. On **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** the weekly Liturgy of the Word will be led by the young people of **Y3**. As usual the family and friends of our Y3 children are invited to join us in the hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

### Green Day

On **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015** we celebrated the feast of St Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland. As it was a special day the children in St Patrick's House dressed down, with many wearing something green. After lunch they enjoyed different activities organised by the Mrs Dewsnap, Mrs Golland and Miss May.

### Attendance

This week the girls and boys of **Y2** were first with an excellent **100%** attendance! This is such an impressive achievement and the first time they have been first this year! Bobby Bear is really excited to be paying a visit. In second place were the young people of **Y4** with an excellent **99.3%** attendance and they will receive a visit from Brenda. In third place were the children of **Y3** who managed an impressive attendance rate of **99%**. They will be visited by Elvis the Owl!

Our whole-school average attendance this week jumped to a much improved **97.8%** which is above our 97% target. Thank you for your support.

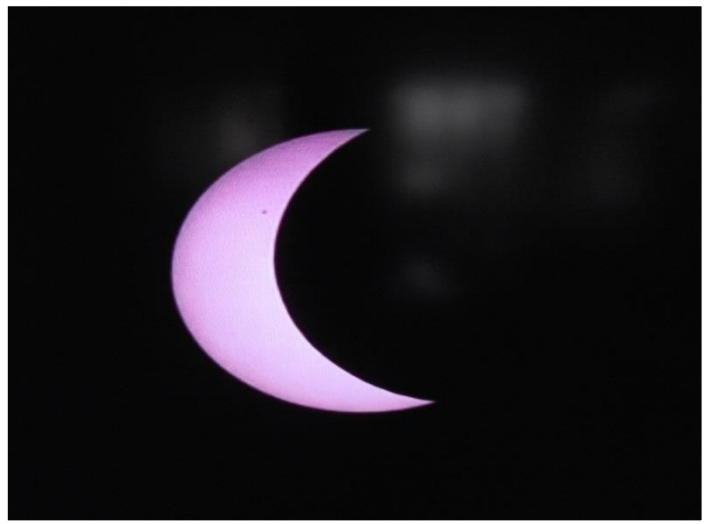
### Statement to Live By

Next week's 'statement to live by' is "**I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings**"

**Time to talk:** It is important to know when something feels right and when it feels wrong. If we see something or hear something that makes us feel uncomfortable who can we tell so that it can be sorted so we don't have to feel uncomfortable anymore? What should we do if we see someone being unkind to another person? How can we each help make everyone at SJF really feel happy, safe and loved every day?

Below are some more photographs taken this morning. Have a great weekend.

Mr Barratt



Solar Eclipse at St John Fisher on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015

