



# St John Fisher News

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## St John Fisher Feast Day Mass

Today the school and parish communities came together to celebrate the feast of our patron, St John Fisher. I would like to thank Father Paul for leading the wonderful celebration; Miss McCann for planning the liturgy; Miss Pendlebury for organising the music; all the readers and children involved in the offertory and the Gospel processions; all the parents, carers, family members and parishioners who were able to join us; and the children themselves – who were simply fantastic.

## A Huge 'Thank You'

On Tuesday the PTFA handed school a cheque for a whopping £1000 for books after making a successful bid! The money was presented to Miss Kipling and me on Tuesday, and was a complete surprise – but a very welcomed surprise! I am extremely grateful to the PTFA for securing this important funding. The PTFA are also working in partnership with school to improve the library environment. If you are interested in supporting the PTFA with the library project specifically or everything they do please let us know as new members are always welcome. Thank you.

## Tennis News

On Wednesday the group of Year 4 children who had managed to qualify took part in the next round of the inter-schools' tennis tournament. They did really well against tough opposition from other schools in Sheffield; securing a very creditable fourth place out of eight. The children were a great credit to our school and supported each other tremendously. Our players were: Hubert Jaworski, Jacob Croft, Ciara Brady, Sophie Robinson-Oates – well done to you all! My thanks to Miss Hardman for organising the children.

## Football News

On Wednesday the group of players from Years 5 and 6 took part in the 2013 Catholic Cup at All Saints Catholic High School. Many of you will recall that in years gone by this well regarded competition was held here at St John Fisher. Some players were experienced and others less so, but each one of them did their very best to work together and pull off some impressive performances. In the group stage we won three and drew one and lost two meaning that we came third in the group stage, narrowly missing out on a semi-final place. Our victory against Emmaus in the first match appears to have spurred them on as they played brilliantly to win all subsequent matches and secure this year's Catholic Cup in style. As in all the tournaments we have participated in recently, our children were a credit to themselves and our school. Our players were Corey Goodinson who was exceptional in goal, Finn Lodge, Sam Wilson, Finlay Morris, Sonny Wilson, Callum Foster, Jake Lazenby, Travis Beresford and Gabriel Pinto. I would like to thank them, Miss McCann and all the parents and carers who supported and encouraged our players.

## Golden Children

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

• F 2	<b>Lola Pardo-Figueroa</b> for super reading this week, well done!
• Year 1	<b>Finlay Mappin</b> for always showing good manners and for being such a pleasant member of Y1!
• Year 2	<b>Vincent Ambrose</b> for always working hard and trying his best at all times!
• Year 3	<b>Luckie Musngi</b> for listening to instructions better, which means that he now completes tasks better! Well done!
• Year 4	<b>Ciara Brady</b> for always trying her best to achieve her goals in all aspects of school life!
• Year 5	<b>Lewis Mappin</b> for really improving his attitude towards writing and making great progress as a result!
• Year 6	<b>Humayl Yunis</b> for always giving 100% to every aspect of school life. Keep up this fantastic work ethic, you are a superb role-model to others!

## Sports Day

A reminder that Sports Day is on Friday 5 July 2013. Further details will be in next week's newsletter.

### **New Starter Meeting**

A reminder that on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm in the school hall there is an important meeting for the parents and carers of all children starting in our Foundation 2 unit in September 2013.

### **Weekly Attendance Winners**

The classes achieving the highest attendance were:

- in first place was Y5 with 100% attendance over the week;
- in second place was Y3 with 99.4% attendance over the week
- In third place was F2 with 98.7% attendance over the week

Over the week our average pupil attendance was 96.4% which is above our target of 96%. This means that Bobby will visit Y5, Bertie will be visiting Y3 and Elvis will be visiting F2 next week.

### **Focus Group**

Thank you to those who have already responded, I will be contacting you next week to arrange a first meeting.

### **After-School Football**

After school football coaching for Years 4 - 6 is now being provided by Sheffield United FC's Community programme. The cost of each session is now £3, but if your child(ren) would like to participate and they have free school meals please contact school. The £3 should be placed in an envelope labelled 'SUFU Football Coaching' with your child(ren)'s name and class and handed into school by Thursday morning each week. Sessions are open to girls and boys of all abilities.

I apologise for any confusion resulting from last week's newsletter in which I did not specify that the coaching was for children in Years 4 to 6.

### **Year 3 Reports: Visit to Old Moor Wetland Centre**

Below are recounts from two intrepid members of Year 3 who wanted to tell you all about their recent and special educational visit.

*Last Thursday Year 3 went to the Old Moor Wetland Centre. It was awesome! We met in the morning and there was wetland, grassland and woodland. In the woodland we saw a brown snail. In the grassland we saw a green caterpillar. We did some exciting insect catching. In the afternoon we went pond-dipping. We were watching and there were lots of weeds. At the end of pond-dipping we did a food chain.*

**Reporter: Joseph Holmshaw**

*Last week our class went on a school trip to the Old Moor Wetland centre and it was awesome! First we got to know a bit about the place and what we would do. Our first activity was bug hunting in the wetland, grassland and woodland. We caught lots of different bugs. I even caught a soldier beetle!*

*After that we had our lunch and then carried on with the activities. The next one was pond-dipping which I found most interesting. We caught loads of creatures. I caught some damsel fly larvae.*

*The final activity was bird watching and I found lots of birds.*

**Reporter: Patrick Lodge**

### **Achievements Outside School**

Congratulations to Zarnetta Moomba in Year 2 who received a certificate for completing the 2013 'Walk for Freedom' recently, which was in support of 'City Hearts' and the fight against human trafficking.

### **Statement to Live By**

Our statement to live by when we return will be: **"I know what human dignity means and I show that I respect others."**

**Time to talk:** Together you could look up the word 'dignity' and talk about what it means. Is it important? Does it matter? Why is it important to respect each other? In what ways is respect shown to us? In what ways can we show respect for others?

I hope the sun shines this weekend, best wishes,

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