



St John Fisher News

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School Council

This week the children have been given information about the “re-forming” of school council. Next week each class will be electing two school council representatives that will be part of the whole school council. Then the week after the whole school will be voting for a school council chair person.

This is a fantastic opportunity to talk to your children about the right for democracy and the importance choosing a leader based on their views. If your child is interested in being part of school council please support them in writing a campaign speech that they can share with their class!

We look forward to sharing the news of the school council representatives and encouraging our pupils to take a more active role in the decision making within our school.

I would also like to thank Mrs Darken for coordinating this important work.

Building Work Update

All around school old doors are being replaced with new doors that meet current fire regulations. Work continues in the Y1 classroom and the children and staff in Y2 have moved out – ready for next week’s start in the meeting room of Parish Centre. Again we are incredibly grateful to Fr Paul for enabling this to happen. Next week work commences in the Y2 classroom. Alarms and detectors are also being fitted around school and preparations for the knock-through into school from the new kitchen extension to the school hall are being made. The programme has been altered because of the weather conditions, but everything remains on schedule. Next week Mrs Broadhead would like the Y2 children to line up in their usual place. Thank you.

Questionnaires

A breakdown of feedback will be emailed out with this newsletter.

Citizen of the Week

This week’s recipient is **Cole Hague** (Y3) who was chosen for remembering this week’s statement to live by: ‘**I listen to what you say, and I show that I am listening to you**’. Cole has been trying really hard to listen actively and has impressed everybody with what he has recalled throughout the week and particularly when his class was visited by Cornelius Targaryen as part of their topic. Mr Targaryen is the Grand master of the British Dragon Society, and Cole was particularly transfixed and able to recall everything that was shared. We are all really proud of you Cole, well done!

Golden Children

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

• FS2	Faith Tough for settling in so well into her new school and working hard in class!
• Year 1	Scarlett Cook for trying really hard all week with her writing and for being a good role-model to her friends!
• Year 2	Alice Curtis for trying really hard in science and for being supportive of her group; encouraging good listening and cooperation. Lovely to see!
• Year 3	Saffron Kilbride for persevering with Mathematics even though she found it very difficult. Well done!
• Year 4	Jensen Gough for trying really hard in all subjects. Well done! keep the hard work up!
• Year 5	Patrick Lodge for working hard on the probability tasks this week. Well done!
• Year 6	Abu Marchant for using amazing problem-solving strategies in her Mathematics this week!

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

The children of **Y4** will lead the liturgy (postponed from this week) on **Wednesday 28th January**. The family and friends of our **Y4** pupils are invited to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am.

On **Thursday 29th January** the liturgy will be led by the young people of **Y3**. The family and friends of our **Y3** pupils are invited to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am.

Focus Group

I would like to remind you that you are all invited to join us for a Focus Group meeting on **Wednesday 28th January** at **6.00pm** here at school to discuss homework, pupil report formats and general questionnaire feedback. It will be a great opportunity to get involved and have your say. If you can attend please email us on enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk, marking it 'Focus Group'. Thank you.

Writing Champions

The following children have been chosen by their teachers to be Writing Champions this week because they have enjoyed writing and made a big effort.

Foundation 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Eleanor Checkley	Lily Peters	Rowan Lodge	Ruby Hayward	Benjamin Cartwright	Daryn Tirol & Joshua Mercer	Luke McKernan

Achievements Outside of School

If you would like to share something that your child has achieved please email us their achievement and we will gladly publish it in the newsletter. It can be something big or small - anything that is special to him or her. Thank you.

Attendance

This week the girls and boys of **FS2** were first with an attendance rate of **98%**, and they will receive a visit from Bobby Bear. In second place were the young people of **Y4** with **96.3%** and they will be visited by Brenda. In third place were the pupils of **Y6** who achieved 94.5% attendance and will be visited by Elvis the Owl. The poor weather had a huge impact on attendance this week sadly, bringing the average across school down to just **94.3%** which is below our 97% target.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' will be **"I cooperate with others in work and play"**

Time to talk: What does it mean to cooperate? Where can you find the meaning? Why is it important to cooperate in work and play? How does it help us?

I hope you all have a very happy and relaxing weekend,

Mr Barratt