



# St John Fisher News

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## Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Caleb McCauley** (Y1) who has made a great start in Year 1. Caleb has shown that he has really understood this week's statement to live by, by recognising the good things about himself and others. Caleb is always thoughtful and kind and such a positive boy. He knows just how he can help others and goes out of his way to do so, using all of his gifts and talents to support his friends. Caleb is an absolute pleasure to have in school and we are all very proud of him.

## Educational Visits

The **Y3** children have been to the Yorkshire Farming Museum. During their time there, children took part in a variety of activities which allowed them to experience what life would have been like. They all dressed as Vikings and took part in a range of exciting activities. The activities involved defending the village from attack, making an oil lamp, hunting and fishing, and daily housework. Fun was had by all, and the children all came back talking about such a great day.

A personal thank you goes out to Mr Hawley, Mrs Mappin and Mrs Scott for making the trip a success.



The children in **Y4** had a fantastic experience of what life would have been like living as a Roman soldier. They were taken by a real-life Roman centurion to a replica Roman Fort where they were inducted into the Roman army.

The children were able to experience first-hand what life as Roman might have been like by dressing up; making a Roman oil lamp; and by practising their fighting skills using swords, shields and spears! One child told Mr Broadhead that the day was 'totally realistic and amazing!'

A fabulous day was had by the children and staff alike. I would like to thank Miss May, Mrs Marsden and Mrs Paige for making the visit so memorable and such a success.

## Coffee Morning



We would like to invite all parents, carers, grandparents, family friends and members of the local community - and anyone else not on this list who likes cake - to a SJF MACMILLAN Coffee Morning on **4th October** from **8.45am to 11.00am** in the Parish Centre.

Why not come along and stay for a cuppa and a delicious slice of cake after dropping your children at school? Bring your friends and family members along too, or pop in and pick up a couple of slices to enjoy later if you are pressed for time!

If you would like to help beforehand or on the day then please contact school via our email ([enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk)) marked for the attention of Miss Kiernan, or write your contact details on a piece of paper and pop it in the post-box in the foyer of the school entrance.

So many members of our community are (or have been) affected by this cruel disease in all its forms, it would be great if we can do something positive to raise money to support the families who are in need. Thank you

### All Saints Open Morning

The members of our Y6 class and their families are invited to attend an Open Morning on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am until noon. All Saints is a very special place with strong links to our school.

Further information is available via this link: <http://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/>



### SJF Open Morning 2016

Our next Opening Morning will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (10.00am-12.00pm). If you know anyone who might be interested in looking around school or finding out more about our community please let them know and encourage them to contact us.

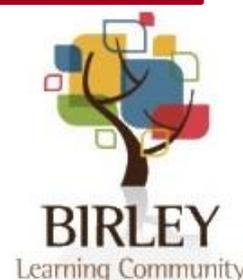
We are especially interested in welcoming the parents/carers of children due to start school next September. It will be a good opportunity to meet the children, staff, Governors and members of the PTFA.



### Birley Community College

Letters will be sent out to all parents in Y6, inviting them to an open evening event at Birley Community College on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016** from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Mr Steve Robinson, Executive Headteacher, would also like to meet parents/carers of all feeder schools and has offered to visit our community on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** at **3.30pm**. If you would like to meet him to ask questions and find out more it is important that you use [enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk) in order to register an interest. Thank you



### PTFA News

#### *Information Evening*

The PTFA would like to invite you all to their information evening on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016** in the School Hall at **6.30pm**.

It will be a great opportunity for you to meet other parents and members and learn more about what the PTFA does. Information will be shared about the ways you can support different events e.g. 'Santa in School Day' and discos and share new ideas too. The PTFA is always looking to attract new members and develop new ideas that will bring our community together whilst raising funds for our children. If you can spare an hour please try to come along, perhaps with a friend or two! Thank you.



#### *Information Evening*

Please do not forget to buy your tickets for the popular PTFA Family Night which takes place on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September!** Please try to come along! It is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and make new friends, especially if you are new to our community!

### Forthcoming Events

Our School Calendar is available on the website or via: [www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/school-dates/](http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/school-dates/) .

26-09-16	• Information Meeting for current Y5 parents/carers about the 2017/18 Y6 Hollowford residential (in Y6 classroom)	(3.30pm)
14-09-16	• Information Meeting for current Y3 and Y4 parents/carers about the 2017/18 Y4 and Y5 Kingswood residentials (in Y4 classroom)	(3.30pm)
30-09-16	• PTFA Family Night (in the School Hall)	
04-10-16	• Welcome Meeting for FS2 Parents and Carers (in FS2 classroom)	(3.30pm)
05-10-16	• PTFA Information Evening and AGM (School Hall)	(6.30pm)

### Achievements Outside of School

- **Erin Gent** in **Y3** has achieved the 'Skate UK Star Gold' standard in ice skating this week. What a fantastic achievement Erin, well done!

We will do our best to publish your child(ren)'s achievements in the newsletter if you pass details to us. It does not matter what the achievement is, if it is important to your child we will share it and celebrate it!

### Term 1 Smiley Scores

<b>St Andrew's House</b>  <b>202</b>	<b>St David's House</b>  <b>175</b>	<b>St Patrick's House</b>  <b>157</b>	<b>St George's House</b>  <b>174</b>
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### SJF Diamond Anniversary

We would really like to hear from former pupils and/or their parents, especially if you were part of the community when school first opened in 1957. If you have any artefacts we could borrow e.g. old uniform, photographs, school letters, newsletters, school books, reports, certificates etc. we would be very grateful. Please contact us via our email address: [enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk) . Thank you.

### School Letter Box

If you have notes and letters that you would like to pass to our administrative staff you might find it quicker to use the post box in the entrance foyer if you do not also need to speak to anyone.

### Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Finn Horsfield</b> for settling in really well to school. He has been helping others to know how to listen well on the carpet and we are really proud of how mature he has been!
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Marika De Caro</b> for making good choices and trying really hard in maths. Keep it up!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Ethan Usher</b> for being so caring about Foundation Stage children. He was aware of keeping everyone safe with the gate and listening brilliantly to adults. Well done!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Archie Saxton-Clayton</b> for setting a good example by always listening and trying his best. Well done Archie!
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Christian Adusei</b> for having a positive attitude to every lesson. Keep it up!
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>All the Y5 children</b> for being fantastic ambassadors of our community at Kingswood!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Ellie Cheetham</b> for working really, really hard and making a fantastic start to the year. Well done!

### Top Table

The lunchtime 'family' chosen to sit on the Top Table today by Mrs Bower and her team of lunchtime supervisors was the **Red Kite** family! Congratulations to Bitanga K, Francis N, Jack G, Nedas B, Finley M, Cole H, Marcus M, Maks J and Vilius B! They were chosen for demonstrating good table manners; for not being messy; and for including one another in great mealtime conversations! Well done!

### Writing Champions

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
–	Emily Murray	Ethan Yan	Molly Peckham	Eesa Din	At Kingswood	Bitanga Kalyata

## Y5 Residential to Kingswood

The young people of Y5 had a fantastic time at Kingswood this week. I had the privilege of joining them for most of yesterday and was so impressed by their manners; team spirit; sense of humour; support of each other; general enthusiasm and willingness to have a go at everything. There will be a report and pictures in next week's newsletter. I am so grateful to the centre staff and especially by wonderful colleagues, Mrs Holloway, Mrs Asquith, and Mr Andrews. I would also like thank Mrs Scott who volunteered to help.

### Harvest festival

Here is a message from Mrs Holloway our Lead for RE & Catholic Life:

*It will soon be time for our Annual Harvest festival. As in previous years, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food for the St Wilfrid's Centre in Sheffield.*

*The kinds of donation which are useful to them are: tins of meat, fish, soup, vegetables and fruit; as well as cereals, snacks like 'Pot Noodles', biscuits, drinking chocolate and instant mashed potato.*

*All donations will be gratefully received. There will be a box outside of the new Y5 classroom from the beginning of October for you to hand in any donations you may like to give.*

### Attendance This Week

FS2		100%	Bobby and Brenda will visit next week!
Year 1		95.9%	
Year 2		100%	Bobby and Brenda will visit next week!
Year 3		96.3%	
Year 4		97.5%	
Year 5		99.4%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week!
Year 6		97.8%	
<b>Weekly Target</b>		<b>97%</b>	<b>This week's Average Attendance</b> <b>98.1%</b>

Thank you for helping us maintain an above-target school average for the third week running. Some classes are doing really well.

Let us see if all the classes can reach/beat our target of 97% next week!

### The Catholic Life of the School

#### *Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

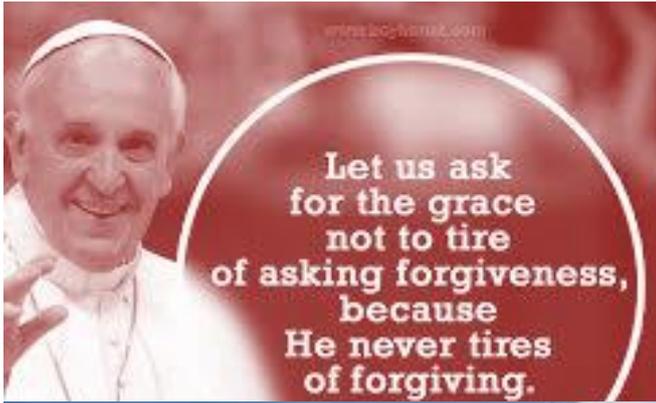
Next week the liturgy will be led by the young people of **Y4** and the family and friends of our Y4 children are very welcome to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am.

#### *Weekly Celebration Assembly*

Next week we invite the family and friends of our **Y4** children to join us in the hall at 2.55pm for our Celebration Assembly.

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I try to forgive others when they hurt me."**

**Time to talk:** Together you could think about what the word *forgiveness* means. Why is it so important? Why is it so hard to do? Why does Jesus challenge us to try to forgive others when they hurt us? Can you remember a time when you showed someone forgiveness and when someone showed you forgiveness? How does it feel after you have offered or received forgiveness? How can offering a gift of forgiveness help make our world a better place?



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IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL, YOU WILL WIN  
SOME FALSE FRIENDS AND SOME TRUE ENEMIES  
**SUCCEED ANYWAY.**  
WHAT YOU SPEND YEARS BUILDING  
SOMEONE CAN DESTROY OVERNIGHT  
**BUILD ANYWAY.**  
IF YOU ARE HONEST,  
PEOPLE MAY CHEAT YOU.  
**BE HONEST ANYWAY.**  
IF YOU FIND HAPPINESS,  
PEOPLE MAY BE JEALOUS.  
**BE HAPPY ANYWAY.**  
THE GOOD YOU DO TODAY MAY  
BE FORGOTTEN TOMORROW.  
**DO GOOD ANYWAY.**  
GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU HAVE  
AND IT MAY NEVER BE ENOUGH.  
**GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY.**  
FOR YOU SEE, IN THE END,  
IT IS BETWEEN YOU AND GOD.  
**IT WAS NEVER BETWEEN  
YOU AND THEM ANYWAY.**  
-MOTHER THERESA

I hope you have a brilliant weekend,

Best wishes,

Mr Barratt