

Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Tiarnan McKweown** in **Y2** for understanding that he can learn from his mistakes in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. Tiarnan is developing into a really positive learner; more willing to have go at anything. He understands why this is important. If something does not work for him straightaway, instead of worrying he now says things like, "It doesn't matter I'll just have another go!" – and then he promptly does! What a great example to others you are, Tiarnan, congratulations young man!

Online Safety

KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE Online



Age Restrictions On Social Media					
13	14	16	17	18	18
Twitter Facebook Instagram Pinterest Google+ Tumblr Reddit Snapchat	LinkedIn	WhatsApp	Vine Tinder	Path	(13 with parents consent) YouTube Keek Foursquare WeChat Kik Flickr

We had a positive response from a number of parents/carers to last week's online safety article.

- ✓ some mentioned that they had not been aware of the age-limits;
- ✓ some mentioned that the website links had been a really helpful source of information and advice;
- ✓ some shared their own experiences of feeling pressured to allow their own children to sign up to sites
- ✓ many felt that the article was a timely reminder of the very real risks posed to children who have unregulated access to the internet, especially via apps and other platforms they are too young to use

Here are the links to the websites:

- **St John Fisher website:** <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/esafety/>
- **The National Crime Agency:** <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>
- **NSPCC:** <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>
- **Get Safe Online:** <https://www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children/>
- **Safety Net Kids:** <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>
- **Kidsmart:** <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>
- **Cbeebies:** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/article-internet-use-and-safety>
- **Childnet:** <http://www.childnet.com/>

Term 4 Smiley Scores So Far...

St Andrew's House

204

St David's House

217

St Patrick's House

211

St George's House

198



Lent 2017

On Thursday lunchtimes Mrs Asquith will be exploring the meaning of Lent through reflection and song with the KS1 and KS2 children who wish to join her in 'The Ark'.

Prayer & Reflection for Parents, Carers and Friends

During Lent parents/carers are invited to join Mrs Asquith in our library each Friday from 9.00am-9.30am to reflect prayerfully on their own journeys through Lent. Please come along and join us.

Lent & Easter in Our Parish

Please hit the web link below to find out what is going on in our parish during Lent and Easter: www.ourladyoflourdesheffield.org.uk.

Parent Advice and Support – Drop-in Sessions

Please remember that all parents and carers can access advice and support from the MAST Parent Support Team. There are weekly drop in sessions in the school library from **8.30am on Thursday mornings** which are open to everyone. Advice is offered on a range of issues. If you would like an appointment please speak to Mrs Asquith. Thank you.



Our Catholic Life

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the children of **FS2** on **Thursday 30th March 2017**. The family and friends of our **FS2** children are invited to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am on the day.

Celebration Assembly

We invite the family and friends of our **Y5** children to join us for our Celebration Assembly next **Friday 31st March 2017** in the School Hall at 2.55pm.

Parish News

Useful information about services and events at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hackenthorpe and St Anthony's, Gleadless is available via this link to the parish website: www.ourladyoflourdesheffield.org.uk.

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Alexia Houghton	Kiya Griffiths	Jacob Nelson	Scarlet Cook	Zuzanna Jasicka	Bertie Pickering	Asia Robinson

Golden Children

FS2	Bella Walton for being super helpful in class and for always doing the right thing!
Year 1	Lacey Lou Lockey for making really sensible and thoughtful contributions in our RE discussions this week!
Year 2	Oscar Diaz for making valuable contributions to our discussions around Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday!
Year 3	Hibah Javid for being an all-around superstar and for using her brilliant imagination!
Year 4	Aleks Jasinski for helping others, including Mrs Raynes, when designing Excel charts in Computing this week!
Year 5	Alex Ludlam for writing some great sentences using various synonyms! Keep up the hard work!
Year 6	Bitanga Kalayata for supporting others when undertaking difficult tasks and getting his head around difficult concepts in Mathematics!

Achievements Outside of School

- **Marisa Avelino** in **Y2** passed 'Badge 6' and 'Badge 7' in gymnastics recently even though she not been doing gymnastics for very long! Well done Marisa! Everyone is very proud of you!

Attendance This Week			
FS2		97.7%	
Year 1		88.6%	
Year 2		98.5%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
Year 3		95.3%	
Year 4		98.1%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week
Year 5		95.9%	
Year 6		99.1%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance	96.2%

Congratulations to the classes who managed to exceed our 97% school target this week.

Though our overall school average has improved by almost a whole percentage point since last week, it is still below our weekly target, unfortunately.

Parent/Carer Review & Target Setting Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended the review and target setting meetings earlier in the week. Many of those I spoke to were very clear about where their children were in terms of both progress and achievement up to this point in the academic year – and what their children's onward targets are. All received the latest interim update report which also included attendance/punctuality data and a comment from the teacher.



Diamond Jubilee Project

If you are (or know) a former pupil or member of staff, or you (or someone you know) have been connected to our school in some other way - and you would be willing to be interviewed by the children as part of our Diamond Jubilee project – please get in touch. Please also get in touch if you would be prepared to show us old photographs and other school memorabilia. Please speak to Mrs Pickering if you can help – or if you can put us in touch with someone else who can help. Thank you.

School Charities & Comic Relief

Today is 'Comic Relief Day', a fantastic event which raises millions of pounds for important causes across the UK and in Africa. At St John Fisher we all recognise the fantastic and important work of both the Comic Relief and Sport Relief charities to support some of the most vulnerable in the UK and Africa. I sometimes get asked why we do not make more of Comic Relief or Sport Relief at St John Fisher School.

The main reason is that as a Catholic community we are already committed to supporting our four House charities plus Children in Need. The House charities are made up of three permanent charities and a nominated UK-based charity each year. This year our nominated charity is 'Macmillan Cancer Support'.

Two of the charities we support have a global focus and two have a UK/South Yorkshire/Sheffield focus. The three permanent charities are:

- ✓ CAFOD (Catholic Association for Overseas Development)
- ✓ Mission Together (Catholic charity for supporting children overseas)
- ✓ The Bishop of Hallam's Good Shepherd Appeal (Catholic charity based in South Yorkshire)



For your information the Good Shepherd Appeal raises much need funds for Hallam Caring Services which provide a wide range of services to local adults and children. This is our prime focus now and throughout Lent. You can access information about its services via this link, especially if you would like some support:

<http://hallam-diocese.com/hallam-caring-services/>

Their services include:

- ✓ support for those working in schools in different capacities
- ✓ support and advice for vulnerable families and any family struggling in any way
- ✓ specialist counselling for women
- ✓ counselling and support for those suffering with anxiety or depression
- ✓ support for deaf people
- ✓ support for those experiencing loss
- ✓ support for children and young people coping with traumatic loss
- ✓ support for the homeless and those vulnerable to homelessness
- ✓ adoption support services,
- ✓ marriage counselling
- ✓ general counselling and support

Brilliant charities like Comic Relief are guaranteed to generate tens of millions of pounds from events up and down the UK and from tonight's televised appeal. Obviously the charities we support (in line with the Bishop's wishes) are much smaller by comparison and so rely very heavily on the modest income generated by things Hallam schools e.g. '50p Friday', in order to be able to do what they do. We do not - therefore - want to spread our charity work too thinly.

Message from the 'God's Unique Angels Chaplaincy Team'

Name the Bear

We invite you to take part in a 'Name the Bear' competition we are running to raise money for the St David's House charity, 'The Good Shepherd Appeal'. The unnamed bear has been generously donated by our local John Lewis store in Sheffield. The competition will run during Holy Week. So be sure to bring 50p on Monday 10th April to have a chance to win the bear! Each class will have a chance throughout the week to name the bear.



Non-Uniform Day

Also, on Thursday 13th April (the last day of Term 4) we are having a special non-uniform day for £1 to again raise money for the Good Shepherd Appeal.

50p Friday

Next week is '50p Friday'! If you would like to support our charities, please send your children in with a minimum of 50p each next Friday. Thank you.



Zumba for Mums, Grandmas & Kids

Having had some sporty fun with dads and grandads, children are now invited to come along with their mums and grandmas to take part in some Zumba/ Fitness sessions which will take place on Mondays 8th, 15th and 22nd May, from 3.30 – 4.30pm.

A letter will be sent out before Easter so that you can sign up for the sessions you want to attend.

Y3 Parent/Carer Review & Target Setting Meetings

A reminder that the rescheduled meetings with Mrs Drake take place next Tuesday 28th March 2017.

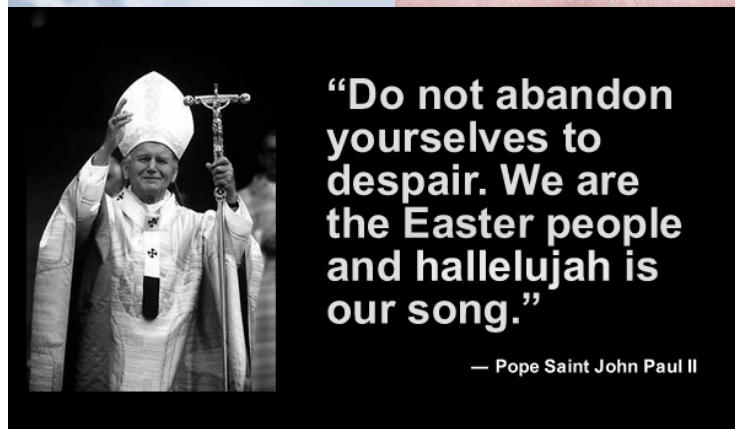
Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **'I try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up'**

Time to talk: Recently we have been thinking about why making mistakes (and then learning from them) is an important part of learning. Next week we will reflect on why it is important to be resilient, especially when we are learning something new or making an important change in our lives. At St John Fisher we teach our children to remain positive and never ever give up. Can you think of time when you refused to give up? How did you feel when things were not going as you wanted? What made you keep going? Did you achieve your goal in the end? How did it feel when you did?

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt



— Pope Saint John Paul II