



St John Fisher News



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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Ellie Scott** (Y6) who was chosen for remembering this week's statement to live by: '**I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings**'. Ellie is a caring member of the community who always does all she can to look after others. She puts others first and is always willing to offer help and support where it is needed. Congratulations Ellie for being a super role-model and friend to others!

Parking

I know that many of you are concerned about the way some people choose to park around school, particularly at the beginning and end of the school day. I know that there are limited spaces to park close to school and understand that this can be frustrating when you are in a hurry, but I appeal to you to take notice of the road markings and restrictions - and abide by them please.

Sheffield City Council chose to extend the road markings and restrictions around our school because they felt it was necessary for reducing the risk of accidents and to ensure the safety of our children and families.

When drivers make the choice to ignore the road markings by parking on double yellow lines or even on the pavement they are – in fact – also making a choice to increase the risk of an accident occurring.

The police and local authority parking enforcement team have received a number of complaints and so are monitoring the situation. It is therefore possible that drivers not parked legally will be spoken to or fined.

Clearly all this can be avoided if everyone just parks safely and takes notice of the restrictions which are there to protect our children. In the end no one wants to be responsible for causing a serious accident simply because they made a bad choice about where to park. **Please support us.**

The Year 2 Medieval Banquet

Year 2 invited their parents to join their Medieval banquet. Throughout the week the children had planned the menu, gone shopping for ingredients and made the food to be served. During literacy the children wrote the recipes and created the menus for the day.

'It was great fun, I especially liked writing the menu in French and then translating it to English!' Alice told us.

During the week the children went out in small groups to make the food. Most enjoyed the 'stinky soup' because they could peel, chop, boil and blend the ingredients. All the children worked really hard to make the experience special for the parents/carers/visitors.

Mrs Broadhead would like to thank Miss Golland and Miss May for their hard work and all the volunteers that came to help on the day, 'I couldn't have done it without you!'

Our Banquet (by Laurie Paige)

On Friday I, along with my class did a banquet for our parents, friends and family. First we bought and made the food - it was a medieval recipe. We decorated the hall with placemats and shields that we had painted ourselves. After that Diana, Joseph, Millie and Lorenzo went to the office to welcome the parents.

First we served our parents some leak and potato soup and my mum said she liked it. Next we sang some medieval songs and the parents liked it. After that we served our parents some cheese scones which I thought smelt very cheesy. Then we did our dance. After that we gave our parents some gingerbread. My mum let me have a bit of it. I thought it was terrible, I hated it. I and my sister Odette went home. My favourite part was doing the dance because I like to perform in front of other people.

I would like to thank Laurie for this super recount. I would also like to thank my colleagues in the Year 2 Teaching and Learning Team for inspiring the children and all their hard work in organising and delivering the banquet.

The parents and family members who attended were full of praise and even sent a card to Mrs Broadhead to show their appreciation. Here are some quotes from it:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to come in and share the medieval banquet with our children. It was a fabulous experience and the children were amazing. It was evident that a lot of hard work and effort had gone into making it a special occasion for us and we really appreciate it. THANK YOU!

Thank you so much, we had a fab time!

Thank you so much, you all did so well!

Thanks for organising it – had a great time!



Student Council

Here is a message from our Student council:

The Student Council would like to thank everyone who brought in and bought cakes for the 'Wear a Hat Day' cake sale last week.

We raised a magnificent £81.03 which our student council treasurer (Harry Siner) counted coin by coin!

We were very happy with the success of our first event and thoroughly enjoyed organising the 'hat walk' and cake sale. Watch this space for further Student Council organised events.

The student council are very keen to take on new projects. We are looking to develop the school's understanding of democracy and are keen to run a mock general election. If there are any parents who would be willing to help with this process we would be very grateful. We are hoping to get a visit from a local councillor or MP to talk to about their job or from a member of the local authority explain to the children how the ballot takes place and why it is so important.

Please contact Mrs Darken if you feel you can help with this.

e-Safety

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

Exhibition

Yesterday everyone came together for our exhibition celebrating all the exciting learning during this theme. The hall was full of interesting displays and examples of the children's work and the pupils took turns at being curators on each stall talking to visitors about their learning. The PTFA were also on hand to serve refreshments from our new kitchen. I would like to thank all the parents, family members and friends who joined us for the exhibition and showed such interest in the children's learning. It was a really happy and positive occasion made all the more special because of our enthusiastic pupils and the hard work of staff.



Community Easter Service

I would like to thank the staff and children of Years 3, 4 and 5 for leading this year's Community Easter Service so beautifully. The children's singing was incredible as an ensemble, but they also impressed because many sang solos and in small groups for the first time. This was an enormous achievement and took lots of courage and trust. Our singers rose to the challenge in a way that we expect from pupils at St John Fisher – and they did themselves proud. The readers were also excellent and I was so proud of every single pupil for the part that they played. I would also like to thank Fr Paul for all his support as well the parents, carers, family and friends who were able to join us and support us.

This Week's Golden Children

● FS2	Daisy Green for her resilience this term! Daisy has not let her broken leg or chicken pox get in the way of being a positive and achieving pupil!
● Year 1	Isla Atkinson for being a superstar in PE and listening well to instructions!
● Year 2	Millie Taylor for trying so hard when writing her recount of the y2 medieval banquet. Keep it up Millie!
● Year 3	Sam Orbell for his fantastic writing and excellent attitude to school and learning!
● Year 4	Fran Needham for hi improved attitude to working more quickly and efficiently. Keep it up!
● Year 5	James Williamson for having a very mature attitude towards his writing. He has tried really hard and concentrated really well in order to write a long (9 pages) and exciting adventure story!
● Year 6	Stella Avelino for coping well with the pressures of Y6 and preparation for SATs!

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.

FS2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Summer Marsden	Maya De'Sousa	Jack Swain	Sam Orbell Matthew Forde	Asia Robinson	James Williamson	Natasha Sanders

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 Eagle family. Congratulations to Luke Mu, Abigael C, Kimi H, Ola D, Eesaa D, Finlay J, Eleanor C and Charlotte F. Well done for showing good table manners and for helping one another so brilliantly!

Term 4 Reading Awards

Below are the names of the children who achieved their reading award for excellent home reading during Term 4. We would like to congratulate all the children on the list who will receive certificates after Easter.

FS2	Alhamzah Al-Rammahi Oscar Diaz Caitlin Hardy Chloe Musngi	Frederick Antwi Charlotte Fitzpatrick Sophie Hemingway Jacob Nelson	Eleanor Checkley Jacob Genita Mia Lovelock Emilia Rodgers	William Denham Daisy Green Summer Marsden
Year 1	Vilius Bagdonas Mitchell Clayton Amelia Denham Freya Jones Tamzin Samba	Sophie Ball Scarlet Cook Maksymilian Jasinski Phoebe Kilbride Archie Saxton-Clayton	Bethany Beatson Emily Cowlshaw Hibah Javid Sam Mappin Evan Siner	Harry Cawthorne Maya de Sousa Ava Jones Alex Murray Isla Thompson
Year 2	Rafal Boratyn Amna Javid Oliver Ost Lola Pardo-Figueroa	Alice Curtis Joseph Kandare Fraser Owens Evie Ramsden	Filip Dominiak Rowan Lodge Laurie Paige Willis Stoeman	Reuben Hastings-Quainoo Jack Oadley Odette Paige Jack Swain
Year 3	Nedas Bagdonas Ola Dominiak Calum Hardy Alexander Ludlam Owen Pack Poppy Walton	Dadiso Bandawa James Fitzpatrick Ruby Hayward William Ludlam Lily Sanders Isabelle Walton-Hall	Ellie Cope Matthew Ford Nadia Kamolli Finley Mappin Alfie Saxton-Clayton Jared Ward	Daniel de Sousa Benjamin Forgo Saffron Kilbride Samuel Orbell Jack Stacey May Woodhouse
Year 4	Arienne Alfonso Ellie Cheetham Bitanga Kalyata William Oadley Asia Robinson	Abdullah Al-Ramahi Melissa Clayton Julia Kepinska Lucille Owens Evie Stamford	Vinny Ambrose Hannah Downes Olivia King Jenson Pugh Isaac Thompson	Benjamin Cartwright Jack Green Francis Needham Isabella Ramsden Jack Waldron
Year 5	Faye Curtis Patrick Lodge Luckie Musngi Kiera Swift	John Genita Lily Mell Anca Nicula Daryn Tirol	Jasmine Green Nicole Mercado Dominic Rolfe	Ruben Jackson Noora Moshtael Max Smith
Year 6	Evie Flint Sam Jephson Franky Diaz	Ciara Brady Annabelle Langley David Crosby-Griffin	Leighton Gough Alhasan Al-Rammahi Cerys Pope	Hubert Jaworski Emmie Foster

Achievements Outside of School

- **Jack Swain** in **Y2** achieved his 'Super Swimmers' Level 2 Award last Saturday after just six lessons! What an extraordinary achievement by a special young man! Congratulations!
- **Jack Green** in **Y2** has passed his 'Third Section Blue Belt' grading in Wu Sa Wing Chun Kung Fu! We are all very proud of you Jack, well done superstar!

Cid & Mo Book Signing

More than 120 children met authors Cid and Mo to get their new books signed on Wednesday and everyone had a great time!

Good Shepherd Appeal

As soon as all the money has been counted after the holiday we will let you know what the final figure is. There is still to send in spare coins in to support Bishop Ralph's Good Shepherd appeal. Thank you.

Wear a Hat Day!

As we are still waiting for some more money to come in we will announce the final figure after the holiday.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the young people and staff of Year 2 for leading the Maundy Thursday liturgy this week. It was really special and was appreciated by everyone. Please note that the first liturgy of Term 5, which is being led by the children of Y1 will take place on **Wednesday 22nd April** which is different to the date advertised in the calendar. As usual the family and friends of our Y1 children are invited to join us in the hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

Attendance

		Last Week	Term 4	Since September
Please note the SJF target is 97%.	FS2	100%	94.8%	96.8%
	Year 1	94.2%	96.1	96.8%
	Year 2	99.3%	93.1%	94.3%
	Year 3	99.2%	98.1%	96.9%
	Year 4	94.2%	98.1%	96.9%
	Year 5	92.7%	96.9%	96.8%
	Year 6	95.7%	96.5%	95.7%
SJF Average		95.8%	96.3%	96.3%

The children who have maintained a 100% attendance record so far this year are: Caitlin Hardy, Sophie Hemingway and Tiarnan McKeown (in FS2); Sophie Ball, Sami Hardy, Emily Cowlinshaw, Erin Gent and Evan Siner (in Y1); Filip Dominiak and Fraser Owens (in Y2); Calum Hardy, William Ludlam, Alfie Saxton-Clayton and Poppy Walton (in Y3); Abdullah Al-Rammahi, Kimi Hardy, Julia Kepinska and Isabella Ramsden (in Y4); and Jasmine Green, Jack Harwood, Hannah Moomba, Oliver Nelson, Dominic Rolfe and Kiera Swift (in Y5).

Smiley House Points


The Term 4 scores are as follows:

St Andrew



352 Smileys

St David



342 Smileys

St Patrick



332 Smileys

St George



326 Smileys

The Term 4 winners are the children of St Andrew's House! From next term there will be a weekly update of smileys to encourage the children to hand them in straightaway. Please continue to look out for our missing smileys. Thank you.



The PTFA Egg Competition

I would like to thank the PTFA Committee for organising the egg competition. All the entries were excellent and some were very witty indeed. The entrants were judged by Mrs Asquith who did not know who could not see the names of the designer of each egg. The winners were:

- **FS2** William Denham
- **Y1** Sophie Ball
- **Y2** Lola Pardo-Figueroa
- **Y3** Ellie Cope
- **Y4** Isaac Woolhouse
- **Y5** Jasmine Green
- **Y6** Leighton Gough

I would like to congratulate the winners, thank the PTFA and say a huge well done to all the entrants!

Year 1

From next term until the end of the academic year the children of Year 1 will now line up on the playground before school rather than be brought up straight into the classroom. This will help them to start getting ready for the move to Y2. The arrangements for FS2 will remain unchanged. Thank you for your support.

St George's Day

On Thursday 23rd April (the first Thursday of the new term) we will celebrate the feast of St George, the Patron Saint of England. As it is a special day the members of St George's House will not have to wear school uniform and can, instead, dress down and come to school wearing something red if they have it. The children in the other Houses will be expected to come to school wearing full school uniform.



A Message from the School Office

Please note that any money that arrives in the School Office after 10.00am will not be dealt with until the following day.

Special Awards

After the holiday the following children will be awarded certificates for having taken part in special 'group work' sessions: Sam Orbell, Jared Ward, Isaac Pattison, Jack Stacey and Harry Parkin.

The following children will also be awarded certificates after taking part in the 'Friendly Stars Group' sessions: Max Peckham, Cole Hague, Keira Ambrose and George Marsden.

Statement to Live By

When we return our 'statement to live by' will be **"I know when to ask for help and who to ask for help from"**

Time to talk: We all have three rights: to feel happy, safe and loved at school and at home every single day of our lives. If we do not feel one or more of these things who can we turn to for help? What would we say? What could we do if we feel too frightened or embarrassed to talk to someone who can help us? Who is the person at home or at school that we feel comfortable talking to about anything? What if we know someone else who needs help, what can we do for them if they are too frightened or embarrassed to ask? What might happen if a child who needs help never gets it? Can you talk about a time when you asked for help?

Prayers Please

We recently received some very sad news about a former pupil who is very poorly. Stephen Christian, 15, has incurable bone cancer. When he was very young he also beat leukaemia. In his short life he has had so much to contend with but is remembered fondly here by those who knew him as a very happy and positive young man who loved and appreciated life. Staff have made private donations to a special fund set up in his name and our thoughts and prayers are with Stephen and his family at this incredibly challenging time in their lives. I know Stephen's family would also very much appreciate your prayers. It certainly does put everything into perspective.

Finally

I would like to thank my colleagues, the Governors and PTFA Committee for all their hard work this term. I would like to thank you, the parents/carers, for your support too. Finally I would also like to thank our incredible young people for another brilliant term. I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter.

Mr Barratt