



St John Fisher Weekly News



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Sheffield Indoor Athletics Festival

Following their selection by our sports coaches, Jacob Croft (Y5), Darcy Tirol (Y6) and Grace Woolhouse (Y6) participated in an indoor athletics competition at the English Institute of Sport (EIS) this week. They joined a team made up of children from other primary schools who along with SJF, make up either the All Saints or Notre Dame Families of Schools'. They faced teams of children representing families of schools from across the city. I would like to thank our partners at Links for arranging the event; Mrs Croft for all her support on the day and the children themselves – who were an absolute credit to our school. Here is Grace's account of the day:

On Tuesday 28th January 2014 me (Grace), Darcy and Jacob were in an athletics competition at the EIS. We had Sheffield's fastest runner in our age group on our team! We enjoyed doing different athletic activities. We were against different clusters like Bradfield, Springs, Valley park and we were the Catholic cluster. We came first and we had so much fun. We hope that other children will experience this day as it was amazing!

By Grace Woolhouse Y6

School Shoes

I would like to remind you that children should wear black shoes in school. It is absolutely fine for them to travel to and from school in wellingtons or other boots, but children must change into shoes once in school. Please note that children should not wear shoes with raised heels. Thank you for your support.

Reading Wonderland Volunteers

We would like to open our new library for about half an hour before and after school on certain days to give parents or grandparents an opportunity to enjoy a book with their children. To make this possible we are looking to recruit a team of volunteers. If we get enough, it is possible that volunteers would not have to do it that often. At the moment, we are not planning on actually lending books at these times, just to simply provide an inspiring space for parents and children to take a little time 'out' of a busy day in order to enjoy books together. If you are interested please let me know. Thank you.

PE Kit

We ask that children have a tracksuit in school so that they can participate comfortably in PE when it is outside. We ask that children always have appropriate trainers to wear for PE in school. Thank you.

'Reading Allowed'

It is all systems go with our exciting new peer reading initiative. If your child is involved in any way then please let us know what you think. Your feedback is always important to us. Thank you.

Writing Champions

The following children are our Writing Champions this week because they have really tried hard and made a personal leap forward as a result. Their fantastic writing can be viewed in our hall over the next week.

| FS2 | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Ava Jones | Keira Ambrose | Nedas Bagdonas | William Oadley | James Williamson | Luke McKernan | Holly Longden |

Homework Club

All children are invited to attending the homework club run by Miss Hardman each lunchtime from 12.15pm to 12.45pm. The club gives children an opportunity to get ahead by doing the homework in school time with a member of staff (or older mentors available) to support them if they find anything difficult. They also have access to school's resources – including IT – which I know is not always readily available at home and the school library.

Supporting Parents and Carers

We are running a 6-week support course for parents and carers beginning on Thursday 6th March, from 9.15am to 11.15am. If you would be interested in taking part please let Mrs Asquith know as soon as possible. Thank you.



Links Partnership Sports Stars of the Week

The children identified as Sports Stars by our coaches last week were: Daniel Kandare, Cerys Pope, Max Smith, Joshua Mercer, William Oadley and Kayleigh Collins

Maths Workshops for Parents and Carers

There will be workshops in each year group on **Wednesday 5th February 2014** to explain how mathematical skills are taught to the children. Children will be supervised so that you can attend. If you require specific support yourself with mathematics then please let us know in confidence. Thank you.

Golden Children

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

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| • F 2 | Freya Jones for listening actively and trying really hard in class! Well done! |
| • Year 1 | Amna Javid for being kind to others and for having such a super attitude to learning! |
| • Year 2 | Isabelle Walton-Hall for making such a wonderful effort to improve her writing! Keep it up! |
| • Year 3 | Jack Green for always working hard and thinking about the presentation of all his work! |
| • Year 4 | Max Smith for some great contributions in maths. His attitude and good thinking is really helping him improve! |
| • Year 5 | Stella Avelino for having more confidence in herself. Her numeracy is really progressing well as a result. |
| • Year 6 | Darcy Tirol for being a SUPERB role model who always and instinctively knows how to behave and conduct herself in school. Without seeking the limelight, she just gets on with doing the right thing with a minimum of fuss! What a star! |

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Thank you to Miss Rybka and the young people of Year 3 for leading yesterday's liturgy. Next week's liturgy will be on **Thursday 6th February 2014** will be led by the children of **Year 2** and will start just after 9.00am in the school hall. The friends/family of our Year 2 pupils are very welcome to join us. Thank you.

House Points This Week

| St Andrew | St David | St George | St Patrick |
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| Smilies This week | | | |
| 197 | 140 | 167 | 198 |

Weekly Attendance Winners

For the week ending 31-01-14 in first place were the girls and boys of **Y3** who achieved a **98.1%** attendance and will be visited by Bobby. In joint second place were the children of **FS2** and **Y2** with **98%**. They will be visited by Brenda and Elvis. Congratulations all of you! The average attendance was **96.7%** which is a dip on last week's total, but still above our target of 96%, thank you.

Achievements Outside School

- Lola Pardo- Figueroa has achieved her 10m backstroke in swimming, so a 'BIG' Well Done to her!

Statement to Live By

Next week our statement to live by is: "**I try to appreciate the beauty and the wonder in the world around me!**"

Time to talk: Why don't you go for a walk together in the garden, or a local park or woods or the countryside and really think about what you see, hear, smell and feel. Even at this time of year there is plenty going on if you look hard enough. How does it compare to other times of the year? What is the same? What is different? Who in your life makes it wonderful or special? Perhaps you could say your own simple prayer of thanks for everything in your world that makes it special for you.

Enjoy the weekend,
Mr Barratt