



St John Fisher Weekly News



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Dance Competition

Written by Martina Mura Y6

On Wednesday, 2nd April we went to the EIS for a chance to win a dance competition! This was very exciting for us because we'd never done anything like it before. It was also a very nerve-wracking experience because there were a huge amount of people watching you do your dance. I felt nervous showing the judges our performance – I was terrified that they wouldn't like it. We then had to wait to find out the results until all the other great dancers had done their dances beautifully too! We just missed out on the top five places, but I think we were amazing.

Good Shepherd Appeal

Every year during Lent, schools in the Diocese of Hallam raise money to support Bishop John's 'Good Shepherd Appeal'. This year at St John Fisher we have set ourselves a 'carpet of coins' challenge. All the children are collecting small change, and on the last day of term each class will visit the school library in turn to add their money to a 'carpet of coins'. The idea is to see how much of the library floor we can cover with coins which will then all be donated to the Bishop's appeal.

It is an important message for the children, particularly during Lent, to see that every person giving a little can make a big difference. It is also a great time for them to try and make that extra sacrifice – donating their small change for the good of others rather than keeping it for themselves. Please encourage your children as they support this great cause.

Easter Service

The children of Years 3, 4 and 5 have been working hard to put together a simple Community Easter Service to mark Holy Week and the Passion of Our Lord. The service will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on **Tuesday 15th April at 2.45pm** and all are welcome, particularly parents and carers of the Year 3, 4 and 5 children. From what I have seen in rehearsals, this promises to be a very special, prayerful occasion which will really get us all thinking about the important events we remember during Holy Week.

Y4 Kelham Island Trip

On Thursday, Year 4 followed up their learning about Sheffield Steel with a trip to Kelham Island Museum. They spent the morning learning about how steel was made, and some children were picked to demonstrate how the steel was melted. In the afternoon, they looked round the museum and watched puppets tell the story of 'Ironie' and her brothers and sisters. All the children had a fantastic day. Thank you very much to the parents who helped: Mrs Smith, Mrs Devoti and our class governor, Mr Watters.

Ukulele Club

Mr Burt, who teaches different instruments to many children in school, will be running a Ukulele Club in the Easter holidays. This will just be 3 sessions and there is no prior experience needed. If anyone is interested, please email him at peedeeburt@hotmail.com for details.

House Points This Week

St Andrew	St David	St George	St Patrick
Smilies This week			
105	88	108	75
Running Total			
480	361	356	363

St George's running total has been adjusted as we noticed an error – apologies!

Writing Champions

The children who have been named as champions this week for being enthusiastic and for making (or sustaining) improvements in their writing are:

Foundation 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Hibah Javid	Rafal Boratyn	William Ludlam	Vinnie Ambrose	Olivia Dean	Charlotte Cope	Finlay Morris



Links Partnership Sports Stars of the Week

The children who were identified as Sports Stars this week were Jack Green, Vinny Ambrose, Oliver Nelson, Olivia Dean, Charlotte Cope and Sophie Tyree. Congratulations all of you!

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our liturgy next week will be on Thursday 10th April 2014 and will be led by the young people of Year 2. It will be in the school as usual and will start shortly after 9.00am. The family and friends of our Y2 children are very welcome to join us. Thank you.

Golden Children

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

• F 2	Sophie Harwood for trying really hard with all her learning!
• Year 1	Jack Oadley for always working hard listening carefully at carpet time.
• Year 2	Theo Butler for trying hard to concentrate on his learning!
• Year 3	Francis Needham for trying hard in his writing and over-coming his 'getting started' fear!
• Year 4	Daphney Adebayo for working really hard at home to learn and practise her reading for the Easter Service!
• Year 5	David Crosby-Griffin for fantastic progress in his reading!
• Year 6	Olivia Worrall for always giving her best effort in everything she does, and always with a smile and good humour!

Achievements Outside School

Don't forget to continue to let us know about children's achievements outside of school so that we can share them in the newsletter.

Parish News

Our Children's Group "Immaculata" (children from St John Fisher and All Saints schools) invites you to come to their concert on 27 April 2014, organised in honour of the two new Saints - Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII who will be canonised on this day and also to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. **The concert will be preceded by Divine Mercy Service starting at 14.30.** More details on www.mi-sheffield.com

April competition for children. The theme is "St John XXIII" and "St John Paul II." You can choose either and prepare something about the newly canonised Pope, e.g. draw a picture, write a letter or prayer to the new Saint, describe him in your own words. The most beautiful pieces of work will be published on our website: www.mi-sheffield.com Please leave your entry in OLOL church, in school office (*in a separate, clearly marked envelope*) or email to: crusade.sheffield@gmail.com Please include your name and age. Prizes are to be won. **Deadline: 04/05.**

Statement to Live By

Next week our statement to live by is: "**I understand what trust means.**"

Time to talk: You could talk about what the word trust means and how we know when we can trust someone. How does it feel when we are with people we trust? How can we make sure that other people can trust us? You could reflect on the way that God is always there for us and how we can feel safe and comforted if we put our trust in Him.

Weekly Attendance Winners

For the week ending 4-04-14 the girls and boys of **FS2** were in first place with **99.3%** attendance! They will be visited by Bobby Bear. In second place were the children of **Y5** with **98.6%** attendance and they will be visited by Brenda Bear. In third place were the young people of **Y2** who managed **98.3%** attendance and will be visited by Elvis the Owl. Congratulations all of you! The average overall attendance for the week was just at our **96%** target. Thank you for all your support.

Thank you

A big thank you to all those parents who attended the PTFA AGM last week. It was great to hear more about all they have achieved and the fantastic way they have supported school over the last year. They are always on the lookout for more helpers and supporters for various events and activities, so watch this space!

Best wishes,
Mrs Evans, on behalf of Mr Barratt