



St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Marisa Avelino** (Y1) who was chosen for remembering this week's statement to live by: **'I try to use words to make the world a better place'**. Marisa has impressed Mrs Darken, Mrs Prentice and all the staff with her impeccable manners. She not only remembers to say 'please' and 'thank you' but she also remembers to use kind words and pay others compliments so that they can feel happy and special as well. In common with the other children who have been chosen for this award, Marisa does what she does because she knows it is the right thing to do. She behaves in the same way whether adults are watching or not. Congratulations Marisa, we are all very proud of you!

Student Council

Here is an update from Mrs Darken, our Student Council coordinator:

It has been a very exciting week for the Student Council. The children in each class have discussed democracy and what would make a good school councillor. The children then wishing to be part of school council gave speeches and before the whole class voted. All the children contributed in a positive manner and coped really well with the highs and lows of the experience.

The four Y6 Councillors then started campaigns to be the chair of the school council. The candidates visited every class to present their manifestos; each giving a very thoughtful and sincere speech about the reasons they should be chosen.

The whole school were then given an opportunity to vote for their preferred candidate and the votes were counted and the chair elected. The four Y6 candidates showed a very mature attitude during the experience and were an absolute credit to themselves and the school.

Our councillors are:

- **Year 6** **Chair:** Stella Avelino; **Vice Chair:** Ciara Brady; **Treasurer:** Oliver Peters; **Secretary:** Harry Siner
- **Year 5** John Genita and Jasmine Green
- **Year 4** Abdulla Al-Ramahi and Olivia King
- **Year 3** Lily Sanders and Jack Stacey
- **Year 2** Evie Ramsden and Reuben Hastings-Qainoo
- **Year 1** Erin Gent and Isla Thompson
- **FS2** Sophie Hemingway and Charlotte Fitzpatrick

I would like to thank all the children for taking part in the experience, they have been fantastic. I am really looking forward to working with them in the future. The council will meet each Friday afternoon.

Mrs Darken

INSET Day

I would like to remind you that we will be **closed** on Friday 13th February as it is an INSET day.

After School Sports

Please do not forget to contact Mrs Broadhead via the school email (enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk) if you have any ideas or opinions to share about after school sports activities. It has been suggested that the cold weather puts children off and so we might not run future activities in Terms 2 and 3 (the terms either side of Christmas). Another suggestion has been to have more activities that parents can join in with their children. Our aim is to have a varied range of both competitive and non-competitive activities that are affordable and accessible to all children. Thank you for your support.

A Letter of Thanks...

Dear Mr Barratt,

I just wanted to write to you now that Daisy has been back at school for a week.

I can't express enough how pleased I am in how everyone at school has treated Daisy since she's been back. It has been inspiring to see how everyone has helped Daisy settle back into school. Thankfully, it's only temporary that Daisy has to be in a wheelchair but it was extremely important to us as a family that she didn't feel different in any way. I have witnessed myself how extremely polite, understanding and caring all the children at SJF have been towards Daisy, as Jasmine said "it's almost like she's a celebrity".

After several conversations with both Mrs Darken and Mrs Prentice it's clear that all the other children in FS2 have been understanding and attentive to Daisy's needs whilst she has been in class, e.g. bringing things to her and sliding things across the table towards her so that she can reach them.

It's not just the children, members of staff are constantly asking how she is and offering a helping hand if needed, for example Miss Kiernan for helping with Daisy's care plan, Mrs Asquith for assisting in the hall this morning and Mrs Holloway for supervising Daisy in the Y5 classroom when FS2 are having their PE lesson, this is only to mention a few. It's the "going above and beyond" and it is doing that little bit extra which has made Daisy's return to school such a positive one. Even other parents are constantly asking how Daisy is!

I am overwhelmed by all the support.

The children in FS2 are a credit to Mrs Darken and Mrs Prentice and I feel proud of them all. Not forgetting all the other children either, who are all a credit to you all at SJF.

Yours sincerely,

Mr and Mrs Green

Golden Children

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

● FS2	Lottie Fitzpatrick for doing brilliant Read Write Inc. work at home and for being really engaged in class!
● Year 1	Erin Gent for being really sensible and a good role-model to her friends and other children!
● Year 2	Christian Adeusi for being cooperative with all members of the class and for setting a great example for super listening!
● Year 3	James Fitzpatrick for having an excellent attitude in school and for working hard to improve his literacy skills!
● Year 4	Jack Green for always doing the right thing when asked and for being helpful to others!
● Year 5	Nicole Mercardo for working continuing to work hard in mathematics!
● Year 6	Thomas Wood for excellent work to improve his reading and writing! You are growing in confidence and it is really wonderful to see!

Writing Champions

The following children have been chosen by their teachers to be Writing Champions this week because they have enjoyed writing and made a big effort.

Foundation 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mia Lovelock	Mitchell Clayton	Finlay Jones	Dadiso Bandawa	Francis Needham	Lilly Cox	Thomas Wood

Links Sports Stars

The following children were chosen by the coaches to be sports stars this week because they have tried hard in PE. Congratulations to Lily Peters, Daisy Green, Lorenzo Dizon, Evie Ramsden, May Woodhouse, Callum Hardy, Asia Robinson, Francis Needham, Joseph Hurst, Lilly Mel, Harry Siner and Abbie Marchant.



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the children of Years 2 and 3 for leading the liturgies this week. On **Thursday 12th February** the liturgy will be led by the young people of **Y1**. The family and friends of our **Y1** pupils are invited to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am.

Achievements Outside of School

- **Benjamin Cartwright** in **Y4** achieved his 200 metre swimming badge! to do this he had to swim eight lengths! What an achievement Benjamin, we are all very proud of you!
- **Brody McConaghy** in **Y5** is a member of the Dronfield and District 6th pack and has been busily. He has earned his outdoor badge, his astronomy badge and his promise badge! Congratulations Brody, what a star you are!

Attendance

This week the girls and boys of **FS2** were first with an excellent **99.5%** attendance! They will receive a visit from Bobby Bear. In second place were the young people of **Y5** with **98.6%** attendance and they will be visited by Brenda. In joint third place were the children of **Y1** and **Y3** who achieved an attendance rate of average **98%** and they will both be visited by Elvis the Owl! Our whole-school average attendance this week was **96.1%** which is unfortunately still below our 97% target.

Parish News

Healing Mass

There will be a special Healing Mass on Wednesday 11th February (the world day for the sick and Solemnity of Our Lady of Lourdes). This will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 7.00pm. You are invited to place your special petitions in basket that will be presented to the Our Lady of Lourdes statue along with a special prayer for the sick.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes will be on Sunday 15th February at 10.30am. Everybody very welcome.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' will be **"I try to appreciate the beauty and wonder in the world around me"**

Time to talk: Sometimes we are so busy in our lives that we do not take the time to appreciate the world and all we have.

You could talk about your favourite places. Is it somewhere by the sea or in the countryside? Somewhere with a spectacular view? Your local park or even your garden? A place you have visited on holiday in this country or abroad perhaps? Why is it special to you? Often places are special because they conjure up happy memories of times spent there with people who are special to us. Is this true for you?

Have a peaceful weekend,

Mr Barratt