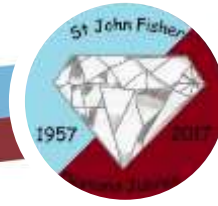




St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

Our recipient this week is **Lily Reaney** in **FS2** for understanding that we are sometimes the same and sometimes different in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Lily is a very considerate young lady who appreciates others. She treats everyone the same but also appreciates and respects the differences between them. For someone so young, Lily demonstrates a mature and positive attitude to others which is rooted in kindness and respect, and this has impressed us all. Well done Lily! We are all very proud of you!

Moving Up Day

On Wednesday the children had a taster day in their new classes with their new teachers. A number of our Y6 pupils spent the day at All Saints Catholic High School, and I would like to thank Mrs Scott, Mrs Shaw and their fantastic team for again ensuring that the experience was so positive for our young people. A lot of thought, care and attention goes into ensuring that our children feel reassured, especially those experiencing a difficult time for one reason or another and those with special educational needs and disabilities.



Staff News

Mrs Drake leaves us at the end of the school year. She is moving on to an exciting new position next term. I know colleagues, children and parents/carers all recognise and very much appreciate the great job she had done since joining us in January - and she will leave with our sincere thanks and best wishes.

Mrs Barrett will join us in September as our new Deputy Headteacher and Y3 teacher. She will be supported in class by Mr Hawley, an experienced HLTA. I know that both had a wonderful time on Wednesday meeting the children who will be in Y3 next year and are really excited about the year ahead.

Mrs Asquith has tendered her resignation to the Chair of Governors and will leave us at the end of this academic year. Sadly, Mrs Asquith's mother is now terminally ill and she would like the space and time to be with her more than she is able to currently - so that she can care for her parents at this difficult time. I will share more later about Mrs Asquith and the hugely important and positive contribution she has made to our school in recent years as Learning Mentor, Teaching Assistant and Governor. In the meantime I ask that you please hold Mrs Asquith and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you.

Mrs Bishop has also tendered her resignation and will not return when her current period of maternity leave comes to an end. We thank her for all she has contributed to our community and wish her and her family every happiness for the future.

Sports Day

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the rescheduled Sports Day competitions which took place on Tuesday. I know that they had a fantastic time, as did their many supporters. Thank you for supporting this event so enthusiastically and for making it such a great occasion! My thanks go to my colleagues for all their hard work in organising and running the event, especially Mrs Broadhead, our lead for PE, who shared the following on Tuesday evening: *"Today has been amazing! The children were super at participating in the annual sports day. Each and every child shared determination, passion, respect, self-belief, teamwork and honesty. I would like to thank the parent volunteers and the parental support that we have received today. Without you, events like this could not happen."*

Parent Advice and Support – Drop-in Sessions

We continue to work with our partners from the Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST) to provide help, advice and support to all our parents and carers. There is a weekly drop-in session here at St John Fisher to support parents/carers on a wide range of different issues. The drop-in sessions are in our school library from **8.30am** on **Thursday** mornings, and they are open to all. If you would like an appointment please to Mrs Asquith.

Thank you.

Y4 Visit to the Mosque

Here is a message from Mr Broadhead:

"What an amazing visit we all enjoyed to the Madina Mosque on Monday 3rd July! We started the day with an interesting journey using public transport during which our children displayed model behaviour even though we had to use both a tram and a bus.

*Our guide told us about **Wudhu** and gave us a demonstration. Wudhu is the ritual washing performed by Muslims before prayer. Muslims must be clean and wear good clothes before they present themselves before God.*

We had a tour and a chance to see the main prayer area. We were able to watch Amna and Eesaa pray in Arabic. Everyone was very impressed and thought they were amazing (and our guide was very impressed with them too).

I would like to give a big 'thank you' to the staff at the Sheffield Islamic Centre and all the volunteers who were able to accompany us and make the visit possible. We really appreciate the continued support of all the parents, carers and friends of the school."



Jubilee Souvenir Mugs

There have been a couple of issues with the production of our mugs therefore the deadline for returns/payment will be extended to Monday 10th July – which gives the suppliers a week to turn around the order and send them back. Please note if you would like them, cash payments are preferable. Please send the money/order in a sealed envelope marked 'JUBILEE MUGS' and for the attention of Mrs Darken. Thank you.



Term 6 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
 226	 238	 259	 249

The Diamond Jubilee 60 for 60 Competition

Mrs Raynes would like to thank everyone who entered the competition to win a box of chocolates. The winners were Dylan Steenson (Y1) in the FS2/KS1 competition and Evie Stamford (Y6) in the KS2 competition. As there were a number with correct answers the winners' names were drawn out of a hat.



Our Catholic Life

Weekly Liturgy of the Word & FS2 Graduation

Our next Liturgy of the Word will be the final one for this academic year. It will be on **Thursday 13th July 2017** and it will be a little different. The Y5 pupils will introduce the liturgy and share the Gospel and some prayers, but the focus will be on our FS2 pupils as they 'graduate' from their first year as members of the St John Fisher family.

We would therefore like to invite the family and friends of our **Y5 and FS2** children to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

Today we caught up with three weeks' worth of Celebration Assemblies! Next Friday (14th July) we would like to invite the friends and family of our Y3 pupils to join us in the hall for Celebration Assembly at 2.55pm.

Parish News

A reminder that information about parish life is available via this link: www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk.

Achievements Outside of School

- **Ethan Usher** in **Y2** received the 'Angelfish 1' certificate for fantastic achievements with swimming and water safety! What an incredible achievement Ethan! Congratulations!
- **Rowan Lodge** in **Y4** took part in the annual 'Razzmataz Show' at the Octagon last weekend! After an exhausting seven hour rehearsal on Saturday he took part in both the afternoon and evening performances on Sunday! He was absolutely brilliant and his family were all really proud of all he achieved – and so are we! Congratulations Rowan!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Emily Wood	Two next week	Ethan Yan	Emily Cowlshaw	Filip Dominiak	Isabelle Walton-Hall	Ben Cartwright

Golden Children

FS2	Oscar Nelson for being a really sensible and helpful boy! Well done and thank you Oscar!
Year 1	Maya Ptcha for listening really well in lessons and for trying her very best in lessons!
Year 2	Mike Masuka for always doing the right thing and for understanding that ' <i>sharing is caring</i> ' and ' <i>teamwork makes the dreams work</i> '!
Year 3	Archie Saxton-Clayton for not giving up and for persevering even when he finds a task really tricky!
Year 4	Rafal Boratyn for having a tremendous 'give-it-a-go' attitude in all subjects! Keep it up superstar!
Year 5	James Fitzpatrick for working very hard to do well in the Mathematics quizzes this week! Keep it up James!
Year 6	Olivia King for always being a wonderful role-model for <u>all</u> children in school! Congratulations!

Attendance this Week	
FS2	89.3%
Year 1	95.2%
Year 2	91.2% Bobby Bear will visit next week
Year 3	94.0%
Year 4	97.5% Brenda Bear will visit next week
Year 5	95.3%
Year 6	93.1% Elvis the Owl will visit next week
Target	97%
This week's average attendance:	93.7%

This week's attendance is very disappointing with only one class above the target.

Hopefully this will improve next week.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'Statement to Live By' will be **"I try to be accepting of others"**

Time to talk: Why is it very important to be accepting of others? Why is it important for others to be accepting of us? How would you feel if people did not accept you or judged you all the time? Why does Jesus call us to be accepting, kind and welcoming rather than judgemental and critical? If everyone is respectful and accepting of everyone else what kind of community will we have? What kind of world would we have? What would be different? What would be the same?



Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt