



St John Fisher News

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Community Service of Remembrance

Today we came together to mark, in our own special way, Remembrance Day which takes place on 11th November. This year has added significance as it is the centenary of the start of the First World War. It is so important that our children understand and appreciate important events in the life of our nation. This week the children have had special lessons so they can learn about the origins of Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies as a symbol of remembrance. Today's simple service was an opportunity for us all to come together in order to remember all the service personnel who have lost their lives through the years; their families; as well as all the civilian victims of war. I am very grateful to the young people of Year 6 for leading today's service and I would also like to thank everyone who was able to join us for it.

Open Morning

Please remember that our Open Morning takes place on **Saturday 22nd November 2014**. Doors will open at 10.00am and school will be open until 12.00pm. Please spread the word!

Telling Tales Project

The children looked fantastic in their costumes for the launch of the Telling Tales project on Wednesday. The project is all about inspiring children to write and involves our Birley family of schools. Our pupils will submit writing alongside peers from Charnock Hall, Birley Spa, Birley and Rainbow Forge. The author Malcolm Rosen is also involved. It is an exciting opportunity to get our children fired up and excited about expressing themselves through their writing.

The Sheffield Star will publish an article with photographs of some of the children dressed up for the launch of the project in Monday's edition.

Collective Worship: November

This month we are reciting the following psalm and prayer as part of our collective worship:

Psalm 65

Praise awaits you - our God - in Zion;
We will keep our promises to you.
You who answer our prayers,
All people will come to you.
When we are overwhelmed by sins,
You forgive us
Blessed is everyone you choose to be with you!

Eternal Rest

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace.
Amen

Citizen of the Week

At the end of last term **Odette Paige** (Y2) was chosen by staff to be the 'Citizen of the Week' for being a fantastic role-model to others. This week **Cerys Pope** (Y6) was chosen by staff for the way she has selflessly given up her time in order to affirm and support another child. Congratulations both of you!

Reminder

A reminder that parent/carer consultations take place next week in the school hall on:

- Tuesday 11th November 2014 (5.00pm – 7.30pm)
- Wednesday 12th November 2014 (2.30pm – 5.00pm)

Top Table

Congratulations the Finch Family who were chosen by Mrs Bower and the midday supervisors to sit on the Top Table. The children in the family are: Ciara B, James W, Ellie C, Alfie S-C, Rafal B, Filip D, Calista O-A and Isla T.

Golden Children

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

• FS2	William Denham for working hard at home to develop his phonics. We are very proud of you!
• Year 1	Harry Cawthorne for being a superstar all week!
• Year 2	Filip Dominiak for having such a wonderful idea about what could be in the treasure chest – a portal to take you to a fierce pirate battle!
• Year 3	Harry Parkin for making an amazing improvement in his handwriting! Congratulations Harry!
• Year 4	Melissa Clayton for having a good go at difficult tasks, even if she finds some hard!
• Year 5	Joseph Holmshaw for demonstrating his excellent editing skills on the recount he wrote!
• Year 6	Sophie Robinson-Oates for increasing the amount of descriptive detail in her writing! Well done!

Children in Need

Next Friday (14th) the children are invited to come to school wearing something spotty; wearing something 'Children in Need'-branded clothing; or dressed as a superhero – which is the theme this year. If you have not got anything for your child to wear please don't worry. Your child can wear his/her own clothes and we will provide something spotty so that they feel included.

The PTFA will collect a £1 donation at the school gate first thing in the morning as you arrive at school. If you wish to send your money directly to the School Office please make sure that it is in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'For the attention of the PTFA – Children in Need'.

The PTFA will be selling buns to the children at afternoon break for 50p with any leftover buns being sold off in the playground after school. They would welcome any donations of buns to sell, and these can be brought into school first thing in the morning.

If you would like to help then please speak to a member of the committee or write on their Facebook page. If you have a valid DBS/CRB certificate then you will be able to help the PTFA sell buns during the afternoon break. All offers of help are welcomed.



All money raised will be sent to Children in Need

Writing Champions

These are our champions this week:

Foundation 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Summer Marsden	Tamzin Samba	Odette Paige	Isabelle Walton-hall	Kimi Hardy	Daryn Tirol	Charlotte Cope & Caitlin Grayson

Links Partnership Sports Stars of the Week

This week's the stars chosen by the coaches were Odette Paige, Rowan Lodge, Laurie Paige, Ruby Heyward, Jack Stacey, Kimi Hardy, Isabella Ramsden, Sara Mura, Matthew Bond, Sophie Robinson-Oates and Harry Siner.



Children's Mass

The next children's mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church will be on 16th November at 10.30am. There will be a rehearsal for any children who would like to take part on 14th November at 6.00pm. Everyone is invited to attend this special Mass with music and readings led by the children. Thank you.

Blue Day

To mark the feast of St Andrew on Sunday 30th November the children in St Andrew's House can come to school wearing something blue on Monday 1st December 2014. Blue Day is only for children in St Andrew's House. All the other children will be expected to wear full school uniform, as they will have their opportunity later in the school year. Please refer to your calendar for information on forthcoming events. You can also access it via our website: www.st-johnfisher.org. Thank you.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

The next liturgy will therefore take place on **Thursday 13th November** and will be led by the young people of **Y5**. We invite the family and friends of our **Y5** pupils to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am.

Achievements Outside School

- **Tamzin Samba** in Y1 achieved 50 metre swimming awards for both front crawl and backstroke during the recent holiday. What fantastic achievements Tamzin, we are all very proud of you!
- **Isabelle Walton-hall** in Y3 achieved a special award for swimming 800 metres! That is absolutely brilliant!

Term 1 House Point Winners

- 1st St George (Red) - 314 Smileys
- 2nd St Andrew (Blue) - 294 Smileys
- 3rd St Patrick's (Green) - 288 Smileys
- 4th St David (Yellow) – 252 Smileys

Congratulations the members of **St George's House** who will receive extra play time next week!

Christmas Cards

The children wishing to give Christmas cards to friends can start bringing them in no earlier than **Monday 1st December**. Please ensure that you or your child writes the full name of the intended recipient on each envelope. Please do not give out cards in the playground before school as they are posted in the special post box in school. The posted cards are then sorted by our Y6 children and delivered at the end of the day. This system makes it special for the children and also avoids cards being lost. It also cuts down on the potential for litter around the playground as the paper envelopes can be collected for recycling.

Attendance Winners

Yesterday the children of **Y5** had Golden Time for achieving the highest rate of attendance in Term 1. Well done children!

This week the girls and boys of **Y4** were in first place with **100%** attendance and will be visited by Bobby Bear! In second place were the children of **Y1** with **98%** who will be visited by Brenda Bear. In third place were the children of **Y3** with **97.3%** who will receive a visit from Elvis the Owl.

Unfortunately the average overall attendance for the week was down to **96.4%** which is back below our 97% target.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is "**I can tell you how I look after myself**"

Time to talk: Together you could think about all the ways we can look after ourselves. You could try hard to eat healthily and exercise regularly. You could try hard to play in the fresh air rather than inside all the time. You could go for walks in the woods or play in the park with your parents or grandparents. You could also think about what you should do if anyone or anything makes you feel uneasy or unhappy. Who can you tell?

Have a great weekend,

Mr Barratt