



St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Bethany Beatson** (Y1) who was chosen for remembering this week's statement to live by: **'I try to forgive others when they hurt me'**. Bethany has impressed her teacher and other grown-ups with the way she tries to be forgiving and to seek forgiveness from others when there is a fall out or an issue. She understands that to forgive is to draw a big fat line under the problem and let it go forever. Well done Bethany we are all so proud of you!

Inspections

What a busy week! On Tuesday we had a Diocesan 'Catholic Life of the School' inspection and in the early afternoon of that day we received notification that we would be inspected fully by OFSTED on the following two days.

The Catholic Life inspection went well and we are now awaiting the report. I will share the findings as soon as we have them.

The OFSTED inspection was also a positive process. I am not allowed to share any further information about the provisional judgements as the draft report has to first go through a rigorous quality assurance process (which will take about two weeks). I am allowed to say however, that the inspectors were very impressed with our incredible children – as were we all!

As soon as it is released the report will be made available on the SJF and OFSTED websites. It will also be emailed and sent home in paper form.



Data Dashboard

Please follow the link to see how we did in last year's statutory assessments (SATs). It is very positive!

<http://dashboard.ofsted.gov.uk/dash.php?urn=107151>

Workshops

The Calculation workshop planned for last Wednesday (6th) is being rescheduled and notification will be sent out next week.

Writing Champions

The following children were chosen by their teachers to be this week's 'Writing Champions' because they have been enthusiastic and have worked really hard to improve and enjoy their writing.

FS2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Sophie Hemmingway	Harry Cawthorne	Odette Paige	Ruby Hayward	Imogen Cranston	Luckie Msungi	Harry Siner

This Week's Golden Children

• FS2	Daniel Hill for his continued hard work and creativity in his learning!
• Year 1	Sophie Ball for being a superstar in Mathematics!
• Year 2	Max Peckham for trying really hard in his writing about Peter Pan!
• Year 3	Harry Parkin for working independently on his research for Rocks NCR!
• Year 4	Julia Kapinska for her fantastic effort in her writing!
• Year 5	Lilly Cox for trying very hard in our reading lesson yesterday, giving reasons for her opinions!
• Year 6	Abigail Watters for an excellent attitude in her examination preparation!

Top Table

The children chosen by Mrs Bower and her team of lunchtime supervisors to sit on the 'Top Table' last week were the members of the Goose family. Congratulations to Jack H, Lucas D, Abdullah A-R, Christian A, Lorenzo D, Maya D and Xiomara G. Congratulations we are all very proud of you!

Achievements Outside of School

- **Dominic Rolfe** in **Y5** recently completed the bgrade of 8th kup in the martial art of Taekwondo. He now has a green striped yellow belt! Dominic has trained extremely hard for this grading and deserves our congratulations! Well done Dominic!

Please do not forget to let us know about your child(ren)'s out-of-school achievements so we can publicise and celebrate them. Thank you.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the children and staff of **Y6** for leading the liturgy this week. The OFSTED inspectors were also really impressed!

Please note that there will be NO liturgy next week as the children in Y6 will be doing their end of Key Stage statutory examinations all through the week. Thank you.

Attendance

This week the girls and boys of both **FS2** and **Y2** achieved an incredible **100%** attendance and will receive visits from Bobby and Brenda Bear. In third place were the children of **Y1** who managed an excellent **99.2%** and will be visited by Elvis the Owl.

Our whole-school average attendance this week was **98.08%** which is again above our 97% target, thank you.

Punctuality

Please remember that being even just a few minutes late all adds up to lost learning time.

- 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- 15 minutes late is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.

The PTFA Family Quiz and Disco

Thank you to everyone who supported last week's family night, and to the PTFA for organising the event.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' will be **"I try to accept forgiveness from others"**

Time to talk: When we do something wrong we can end up feeling ashamed and embarrassed by our behaviour. Sometimes we punish ourselves as a way of trying to make up for the thing we did wrong – even after we have been forgiven by the person we have hurt. True forgiveness is a gift borne out of love. God is love. To accept forgiveness is therefore to accept love – to accept God and reject the hurt and the guilt forever.

Can you think of time that you accepted forgiveness? Was it difficult? Why? How was the situation resolved?

Forgiveness is not just a gift to be received, but also a gift to pass on, unconditionally and continuously, every day. That is certainly what we try hard to do here at St John Fisher.

I hope you all have a brilliant weekend. I have been really touched by all the kind messages of support that my colleagues and I have received this week. Thank you. I am privileged to work with a very special group of people and your messages really did mean a lot to us all because we care deeply about your children and you.

Mr Barratt



