



St John Fisher News

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Welcome Back!

Happy new year to you all and I am very pleased to welcome you all back for the start of a new term. It has been great to see the children and hear all about what they did over the Christmas holidays.

Staff News

Mr Andrews, our Building Manager, has made a good recovery and is due to return to work properly on Monday.

Mrs Foley, our French teacher, will be leaving us due to ill health. On behalf of everyone here at St John Fisher, I would like to thank her for all her hard work - she will be missed by us all. French will now be taught by Mrs Drake who is also a linguist.

School Mass

Today Father Paul very kindly celebrated Mass as the community came together to pray for a really happy new year. I would like to thank Father Paul; the family and friends of the children who were able to join us; my colleagues – especially Miss Pendlebury and Mrs Smith who organised the liturgy; and finally the children themselves, who were wonderful.

Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who returned a questionnaire. We will now go through and collate the responses, contacting those who have shared a good idea or a concern. I am really grateful for the feedback which will help us set priorities for future development and improvement.

I would like to remind you that you can also give feedback directly to Ofsted via their 'Parent View' website (www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) any time. If you do not have access to the internet I would be happy to provide you with access in school and a private space to do the questionnaire – which takes seconds to complete once you have registered.

Focus Group

One issue that has arisen from the questionnaire feedback is homework. Another issue has been the pupil report formats which some parents/carers find complicated. I would therefore like to invite you all to a Focus Group meeting on **Wednesday 28th January at 6.00pm** here at school to discuss:

- homework
- pupil report formats
- general questionnaire feedback

It will be a great opportunity to share ideas and help us get it right. If you do have something that you would like to share it would be great if you can attend, but if you cannot make it please send in an email and I will make sure your concerns/ideas are shared. Your opinions matter and it would be great if you can get involved and help us. It would also be really useful to know who is coming, so if you can attend please email us on enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk, marking it 'Focus Group'. Thank you.

Opening up the Library

I would like to thank those who contacted Mr Smith about helping in the library. He will be contacting them about the arrangements at the beginning of next week.

From next week – on **Thursdays** and **Fridays** the library will be open from 8.30am in the morning and after school from 3.30pm until 4.00pm. It is a great opportunity for parents/carers to simply share a book with their children. Please note that books cannot be borrowed during these sessions and children cannot be left unattended. Hopefully it will be prove to be popular.

Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Bitanga Kalyata** (Y4) who was chosen for remembering this week's statement to live by: 'I try to follow our school and classroom rules'. Bitanga has impressed Mr Broadhead and others by the way he has been so responsible. He cares for other children, which really counts here at St John Fisher. We are all so proud of him! Congratulations Bitanga!

Golden Children

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

● FS2	Daniel Hill for using a plan and showing great resilience with his building work. We were very impressed by his dogmatic attitude. Well done Daniel!
● Year 1	Sophie Harwood for coming in with a smile every day this week!
● Year 2	Joseph Kandare for following the rules and for setting the right example to others!
● Year 3	Lily Sanders for excellent contributions in Literacy when writing her kennings!
● Year 4	Imogen Cranston for having a fantastic attitude and working hard!
● Year 5	Kiera Beck for working really hard on division this week!
● Year 6	Evie Flint for making a new member of the class feel welcome and at home!

Reading Awards

The children who have achieved reading award for excellent home reading last term are:

- Mike Masuka
- Jacob Genita
- Isla Atkinson
- Harry Cawthorne
- Mitchell Clayton
- Sam Mappin
- Alex Murray
- Alice Curtis
- Eesaa Din
- Rowan Lodge
- Odette Paige
- Nedas Bagdonas
- Dadiso Bandawa
- Benjamin Forgo
- Calum Hardy
- Ruby Hayward
- Jack Stacey
- Poppy Walton
- Bitanga Kaylata
- Julia Kepinska
- Jack Waldron
- Daphney Adebayo
- Oliver Nelson
- Kiera Swift
- Jacob Croft
- Thomas Wood
- Eleanor Checkley
- Sophie Hemingway
- Vilius Bagdonas
- Emily Cowlshaw
- Maya de Sousa
- Daisy Parkin
- Tamzin Samba
- Reuben Quainoo-Hastings
- Joseph Kandare
- Diana Nicula
- Lola Pardo-Figueroa
- Joel Broadhead
- Ellie Cope
- Saffron Kilbride
- Alex Ludlam
- William Ludlam
- Isabelle Walton-Hall
- Jared Ward
- Olivia King
- William Oadley
- Abigael Collins
- John Genita
- Anca Nicula
- Daryn Tiroi
- Hubert Jaworski
- Ciara Brady
- William Denham
- Lottie Fitzpatrick
- Sophie Ball
- Amelia Denham
- Maksymilian Jasinski
- Archie Saxton-Clayton
- Evan Siner
- Aleksander Jasinski
- Jack Oadley
- Oliver Ost
- Willis Stoeman
- Daniel de Sousa
- Ola Dominiak
- Finley Mappin
- Samuel Orbel
- Kayla Osei-Badu
- Arianne Alfonso
- Benjamin Cartwright
- Lucille Evans
- Jenson Pugh
- Ruben Jackson
- Patrick Lodge
- Dominic Rolfe
- David Crosby-Griffin
- Luke Murphy
- Libby Hurst
- Caitlin Hardy
- Daisy Green
- Bethany Beatson
- Hibah Javid
- Phoebe Kilbride
- Isla Thompson
- Rafal Boratyn
- Amna Javid
- Fraser Owens
- Laurie Paige
- Jack Swain
- James Fitzpatrick
- Matthew Ford
- Owen Pack
- Lily Sanders
- Alfie Saxton-Clayton
- Ellie Cheetham
- Melissa Clayton
- Evie Stamford
- Isaac Thompson
- Nicole Mercado
- Luckie Musngi
- Max Smith
- Emmie Foster
- Reggie Pugh

Well done to all those children!

Homework Club

There is a daily Homework Club at lunchtime from 1.30pm in the Year 6 classroom which is run by Miss Hardman supported by older children. Children have access to her and the older children for support, as well as the library, technology and other resources not necessarily available at home. If your child struggles to fit everything in at home then he/she would be very welcome.

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
Oscar Diaz	Archie Saxton-Clayton	Oliver Ost	Jared Ward	Lucas Diaz	Sara Mura	Alex Thompson

Top Table

Congratulations to the children in the Swan Family who were chosen by Mrs Bower and the lunchtime supervisors to sit on the Top Table today for having good table manners and for helping each other. Congratulations Charlotte C, Abi M, Hannah D, Imogen C, Jared W, Max P and Marisa A, you are all stars!

Attendance

This week the girls and boys of **FS2** were first and will be visited by Bobby Bear! In joint second place with 98.6% attendance were the children of Years 5 and 6 who will be visited by Brenda Bear and Elvis the Owl. Our average attendance this week was **96.9%** which is a slight increase on last week of last term, but is still just below our 97% target. Thank you everyone for your support.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Next week's liturgy will take place on **Thursday 15th January** and will be led by the young people of **Y5**. The family and friends of our **Y5** pupils are invited to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am.

Statement to Live By

When we return in January our 'statement to live by' will be **"I know I belong in a community that includes my school"**

Time to talk: What is a community? Can you find the meaning in a dictionary? Why do we call ourselves here at St John Fisher a community? What sort of community is it? What other communities do you belong to?

Have a fantastic weekend

Mr Barratt