



St John Fisher Weekly News



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New Curriculum Theme

Following the huge success of the first whole school theme of our new curriculum, this term the school will all be learning through the theme 'Goal!' This has been planned to fit in with the various national and international sporting events that are taking place over the next few months and will also focus on 'goals' in the wider sense, in terms of our learning and our everyday lives. There is already a sense of excitement about the theme throughout school, for example Y3 have been talking about their learning all about Brazil and Y4 have really enjoyed a mini Commonwealth Games and team-building day. We look forward to sharing all the children's work and achievements at our Exhibition at the end of the year.

Progress and Achievement

Next week the children in Y6 will be sitting their national statutory assessment tests (SATS) in Reading, Mathematics and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. The children have worked incredibly hard all year and are currently on track to achieve the best results we have ever had. Whatever the outcomes on the day, they have been an absolute credit to the school so far this year and we wish them the very best of luck.

New Kitchen

We are delighted that we have been successful with our bid to secure funding for a new kitchen area in school. The current position of our kitchen means that children have to carry hot dinners round a corner in the corridor, so a brand new kitchen/dining area next to the hall will not only improve the children's surroundings but will also improve safety and be much more convenient for the children. This work is due to be completed in time for the start of school in September 2014.

Parish News

Children from "Immaculata" Group at OLOL Church performed in a concert on 27 April, Divine Mercy Sunday, to commemorate the canonisation of the two new saints John XXIII and John Paul II. A very big thank you to: **Ipanda Kalyata, Stella Avelino, Sophie Robinson-Oates, Rafal Boratyn, Norbert Boratyn** and the other children from outside the school for their beautiful singing. The Group recorded their own first CD entitled "Lord it's me" with their own songs in Red Tape Studio in Sheffield. Well done to everyone! There will be soon a sample of our work on: <http://www.mi-sheffield.com/childrens-section.html>



The next Children's Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes will take place on the 18th of May. All children and parents are very welcome. Prizes will be given to the children who took part in the competition about John Paul II and John XXIII.

School Calendar 2014-15

This will be produced and sent home soon after half-term to give you plenty of notice of events in school in the next academic year.

Achievements Outside of School

On Sunday, **Miss Hardman** will be doing a triathlon in order to raise money for a charity which is very close to her heart, The Natalie Kate Moss Trust. To find out more about this charity or even to make a donation to her, have a look at the Just Giving web page, <http://www.justgiving.com/Lucyhardman> Miss Hardman has been training really hard and we wish her the best of luck!

Resurrection Mass

Thank you to the young people of Y4 who led our Resurrection Mass this afternoon. Parents and carers are always welcome to join us at whole school Masses in the church.



Links Partnership Sports Stars of the Week

The children who were identified as Sports Stars this week were Laurie Paige, Finlay Jones, Kai Taylor, Ashleigh Sigauke, Jack Stacey, Charlotte Cope and Sophie Tyree. Congratulations!

Writing Champions

The children who have been named as champions this week for being enthusiastic and for making (or sustaining) improvements in their writing are:

Foundation 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mitchell Clayton & James Hopkinson	Reuben Hastings-Quainoo	Nedas Bagdonas	Jenson Pugh & Lucille Owens	Anca Nicula	Hubert Jaworski	Bethany Croft

Golden Children

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

• F 2	Hibah Javid for doing really well in her Read, Write Inc lessons. Well done Hibah!
• Year 1	Willis Stoeman for doing some wonderful writing!
• Year 2	Ashleigh Sigauke for working hard and improving in her reading!
• Year 3	Isaac Thompson for trying hard with good learning behaviours and being really helpful!
• Year 4	Hannah Moomba for always working hard and being sensible!
• Year 5	Ellie Scott for great learning in maths!
• Year 6	Sam Wilson for excellent attitude and an improved work ethic. Well done Sam!

Weekly Attendance Winners

For the week ending 09-05-14 the girls and boys of **Y3** were in first place with **99.6%** attendance and will be visited by Bobby Bear. In second place were the children of **FS2** with **99.2%** attendance and they will be visited by our Brenda Bear. In joint third place were the young people of **Y2 and Y5** who were just behind with **99.1%** attendance and who will be visited by Elvis the Owl. Congratulations all of you! The average overall attendance for the week was **98.7%** which is well above our target. Thank you for your continued support.

From September our weekly attendance target will rise to 97% to meet increased government expectations.

Statement to Live By

Next week our statement to live by is: "**I understand the importance of peace.**"

Time to talk: It is important for us all to make time in order to be quiet and alone with our own thoughts. We can do this if we manage to find time to just do nothing and relax. Life can be very busy. Sometimes it can feel like it is too busy. When we are peaceful and quiet we are more open to the word of God, which can give us a chance to make sense of everything that is going on in our lives. It is important to find moments of peace whether we are young or not so young.

Together you could talk about the quiet times you have in your busy lives and think about why they are special. What do you like to do with your time? What helps you to relax and be peaceful? Is it possible to find a time in our busy lives to be quiet? Is it necessary to keep busy and fill every single moment?

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Evans on behalf of Mr Barratt