

SJF NEWS

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Friday 30th April 2021



★ Citizen of the Week (Thursday 1st April 2021)

★ Our Citizen of the Week on Thursday 1st April 2021 was **Luca** in **Y3**. Luca understands the importance of knowing when to ask for help – and who to ask – in line with the 'Statement to Live By' that week. Luca is an incredibly polite and well-behaved young man who sets a good example because he always gives everything a good go and is never afraid to make mistakes. He understands that this is just part of learning. This is brilliant! When he has tried his best first, he knows that he can and should ask for help – and that it will be given, whatever he needs. Congratulations Luca, we are all extremely proud of you!

★ Citizen of the Week (Friday 23rd April 2021)

★ Our Citizen of the Week on Friday 23rd April 2021 was **Zack** in **Y4**. Zack is a really caring member of our community who really understands how to help others when they are in need, in line with the 'Statement to Live By' that week. Zack knows that he can help by being a good listener if someone wants to share something with him. He also understands that if he notices someone in need of help, he should tell a grown-up straight away, because it is always very important to be safe, even when helping others. Sometimes getting involved directly is not the safest thing to do. Congratulations Zack, you are a great example to everyone!

★ Citizen of the Week (Friday 30th April 2021)

★ This week's Citizen of the Week is **Lacey-Lou** in **Y5**, who understands what humility is in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. She knows that it is not about thinking less of herself, but more about others. It is about *lifting* friends and classmates with the kind things she says and does. To show humility is to follow the example of Jesus himself, as well as all the saints inspired by His example. When children and adults show humility and put others first it enables everyone to feel happy, safe and loved. In our school, these are the things that we want everyone to feel every day. Congratulations Lacey-Lou and thank you for your great example!

Term 5 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House



174

St David's House



189

St Patrick's House



197

St George's House



205

SJF Calendar/Forthcoming Events

Click [here](#) to view our online calendar. Thank you.

Attendance this Week			
1 st	Y1	A virtual visit from Bobby Bear	99.7%
2 nd	Y4	A virtual visit from Brenda Bear	99.4%
3 rd	Y2	A virtual visit from Elvis the Owl	98.6%
4 th	Y3		96.9%
5 th	Y6		95.7%
6 th	FS2		95.4%
7 th	Y5		86.9%
Average Attendance = 96.0% (Target = 98%)			



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y6	95%
2 nd	Y2	93%
3 rd	FS2	89%
4 th	Y1	87%
5 th	Y4	86%
6 th	Y5	79%
7 th	Y3	78%
Average = 87%		

A reminder that the Get, Set Go figure represents the percentage of children who are in class straight away each morning and ready to undertake the daily 'Get, Set GO!' challenge before registration.



Golden Children (01-04-21)

- FS2** **Joshua** for working really hard at home and at school in order to improve his reading and writing! What a star!
- Y1** **Jan M** for trying so hard in all his work, and for sitting (and helping others to sit) quietly on the carpet! A great example!
- Y2** **Eddie** for trying really hard to demonstrate great learning behaviours! Well done!
- Y3** **Connie** for helping those around her in lessons when they are stuck and for being a shining example of what a Y3 team-player should be!
- Y4** **Freddie** for having a positive mindset and for showing a more mature attitude to his learning. Well done!
- Y5** **Lexi** for always demonstrating excellent manners and for working hard within Mathematics on multiplication and division! Keep it up!
- Y6** **Mike** for always working so hard and never being afraid to try new things, and for the support that he gives to others in class!

Writing Champions (01-04-21)

- FS2** **Ava L** for trying really hard to show good care with letter formation and handwriting skills
- Y1** **Jack S** for creating a fantastic story about Good Friday!
- Y2** **Luke** for his amazing writing on Good Friday, well done!
- Y3** **Dominique** for a fantastic newspaper report about Mount Vesuvius. It was beautifully rich in detail and included other brilliant features!
- Y4** **Katy** for using a variety of fantastic vocabulary when working in a small group with Mrs Raynes, which continued into her whole-class writing as well!
- Y5** **Courtney** for trying very hard to use correct grammar consistently in her writing and for producing a great piece of writing about the trial of Jesus!
- Y6** **Mia** for working so hard to improve in Grammar spelling and punctuation- well done Mia!

Golden Children (30-04-21)

- FS2** **Adriana** for great resilience and perseverance. Adriana always tries her best and works hard to improve everything she does
- Y1** **Kyrel** for trying in all his learning and making lots of progress, we are so proud.
- Y2** **Jacob H** for trying really hard this week, his partner hasn't been here but he has attempted everything to the best of his ability and has been adaptable, well done.
- Y3** **William** for working hard all week and just getting on brilliantly in lesson trying his best to remain focussed on the task.
- Y4** **Finn** for always having a positive attitude to all the learning. He perseveres in all lessons and does it with a smile!
- Y5** **Alfie** for always having a smile on his face, whether he's in the playground or in a lesson.
- Y6** **Phil** for his positive attitude to learning, his support for others in his class and for his amazing sense of humour. Thank you for making us laugh!



Writing Champions (30-04-21)

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| FS2 | Scarlet for showing excellent understanding of the range of different sounds and for using those sounds in her writing. Brilliant! |
| Y1 | Pelan for completing some fantastic work on Jack and the Beanstalk, using fabulous language which made his story really exciting to read! |
| Y2 | Charley W for writing a lovely description of his dragon machine! |
| Y3 | Alana for writing great factual comparisons about Hackenthorpe now and back in 1914, using lots of key language and great sentence structures to really explain the similarities and differences! |
| Y4 | Alexia for always working hard to make sure that the lessons' learning is applied to her own independent writing! Well done! |
| Y5 | Riley for a fantastic effort in English this week, where we have been identifying the key features of diary writing! |
| Y6 | Ethan U for working really hard to improve his understanding and application of grammar, punctuation, spelling and vocabulary in his writing! |

SJF School Council News



School Council Update: 29-04-21

The School council met this week as we considered various plans and priorities for the summer term. Here's a word from our Vice-Chair on what was discussed.

"This week at school council we discussed how we can help the children of St John Fisher stay safe when walking home alone. After Easter, we are going to think of a plan of how we can spread awareness of safety on the streets to the children."

Sophie (School Council Vice-Chair)



Our Weekly SJF Sixty Second Challenge

We hope everyone had fun completing our last 'Cone to Cone' challenge! It was amazing to see everyone having a go and just trying their best!

This week's challenge is called 'Football Dribbling'! How many times can you dribble from one cone to the other in 60 seconds?

Please click [here](#) to watch the video demonstration by one of our fantastic Sports Major and have a go!

Don't forget to let your teacher know how many you can do in sixty seconds! AS always, have fun everyone!



Our Catholic Life

Parish News

Information about parish life including the times and arrangements for Masses, Confession and arrangements for Easter 2021 is available via this link to the parish website: <http://www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk/>.

Our Eastertide Prayer II: 'The Angelus'

**The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit...**

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen



**Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it done unto me according to thy word...**

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

**And the Word was made Flesh.
And dwelt among us...**

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY

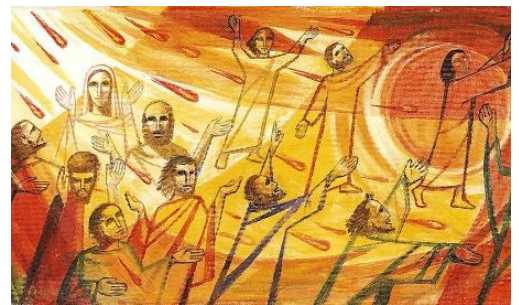
Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Our Eastertide II Song



As we prepare now for Pentecost
and the coming of the Holy Spirit
the verse of the song that we will
say (as we are not allowed to sing)
before and after assembly is:

*Come Holy Spirit,
Descend on us
Descend on us
We Gather now in Jesus' (name)*



Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word will be led next week by the young people of **Y5**. It will be filmed on Wednesday 28th April 2021 and uploaded to the SJF website so that it can be viewed by the rest of the school, as well as by the children's families and friends on Thursday 29th April 2021.

Being Part of Our Catholic During the Pandemic

Recordings of liturgies and Masses are available to view on our website and can be viewed by clicking [here](#). Thank you.



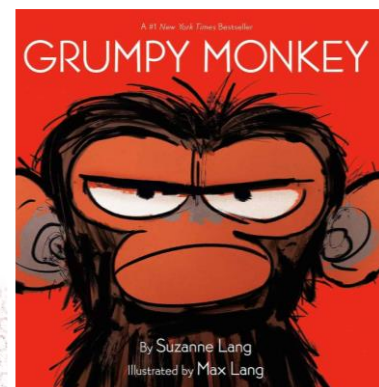
Our Books of the Week!

For Our Younger Children

This week's recommendation for our younger children is '**Grumpy Monkey**' by Suzanne Lang.

Jim the chimpanzee is in such a terrible mood for no particular reason. He just is.

His friends do not understand why because it is such a beautiful day. They try and encourage him to smile and be happy by doing things that are fun, but Jim cannot help the way he feels. Could it be that he just needs a day to feel grumpy?



Suzanne Lang has written a book for younger children that explores what can happen if we bottle up our feelings and try to put on a happy face when really, we feel sad or even cross inside. It reassures young readers that they are allowed to feel their feelings whilst being careful not to hurt others in the process!

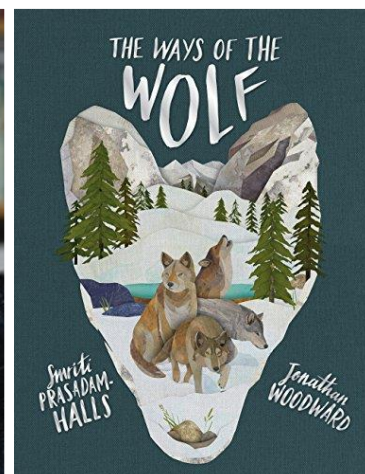
Here is the link: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Grumpy-Monkey-Suzanne-Lang/dp/0553537865>

For our older children

This week Mr MacInnes has shared a fantastic recommendation for all our older children. The book is called '**The Ways of the Wolf**' and its author is Smriti Prasadam-Halls.

Mr MacInnes writes:

"Since I was really young, I've enjoyed watching tv programs about different animals, especially big, strong, scary animals! This non-fiction book, all about wolves and how they live, is full of interesting information about a very impressive animal. The illustrations are amazing and the author uses beautiful, descriptive language to describe the life of a wolf."



Here is the link: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Ways-Wolf-Smriti-Prasadam-Halls/dp/1526360306>

Achievements outside of School

Please send details of any of your children's achievements out of school to us via our main email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) and they will be included in the newsletter. It does not matter what the achievement is, nor does it matter whether it is big or small. If it is important to your child I will share the good news and celebrate it! This week's achievements are:

- **Lydia** in **Y4** achieved the standard required in order to be awarded a white/black stripe belt Castle Martial Arts! Congratulations on this fantastic achievement Lydia! Well done!

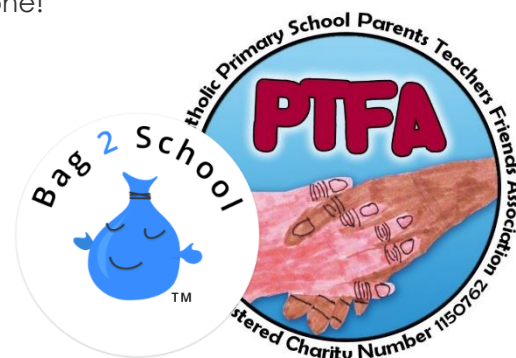
PTFA News

The next PTFA Bags2School collection will be on Friday 14th May 2021. Items such as men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories can be left.

Please do not leave workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric.

The more our items weigh, the more Bags2School will pay the PTFA!

Thank you.



Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings."**

Time to talk: At St John Fisher we know that we each have the right to feel happy, safe and loved, in and out of school, **every** single day.

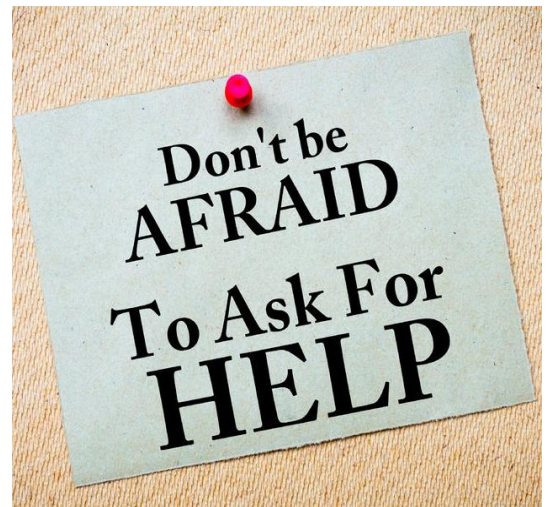
We know the things in our lives that make us feel safe and comfortable and we also know when something (or someone) does not make us feel safe or comfortable.

If anything (or anyone) ever makes us feel uncomfortable or unsafe then we must tell, tell, tell!

If you are brave enough to take this step, and share a worry, then you will **always** be listened to carefully; your worry will **always** be taken seriously; and whichever grown-up in school you choose to tell will **always** work hard to make sure that you receive the help and support that you need.



**BE STRONG ENOUGH
TO STAND ALONE,
SMART ENOUGH TO
KNOW WHEN YOU
NEED HELP, AND
BRAVE ENOUGH TO
ASK FOR IT.**



Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

