

SJF NEWS



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Friday 20th January 2023




Citizen of the Week (Week commencing 09-01-22)

The Citizen of the Week award for last week was presented to Enzo in **Y2** for understanding the importance of loving others as he loves himself, in line with that week's Statement of Belief. Enzo could not receive his award last week because we were all at Mass, and there was no Celebration Assembly. Enzo is very kind and his friends and classmates love being with him because of it. He shares, he listens and he is always so pleased for others when they do well. He has such a wonderful generosity of spirit. We are all very proud of you, Enzo!

Citizen of the Week (Week commencing 16-01-22)

This week's citizenship award was presented to Scarlet in **Y4** for understanding why it is important to follow school and classroom rules in line with this week's Statement of Belief! Scarlet understands that rules exist to help people feel happy, safe and loved, and that without them things can quickly go wrong. She tries hard to be good, is always kind, and her manners are impeccable. What a great example you, Scarlet, well done!

Term 3 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
277	280	274	292
2001	2023	2010	1995

Attendance this Week

1 st	Y3	97.2%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y5	96.8%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y2	96.5%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y4	94.6%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	FS2	94.3%	
6 th	Y6	93.8%	
7 th	Y1	92.4%	

Target = 98.0%

Average Attendance = 95.1%



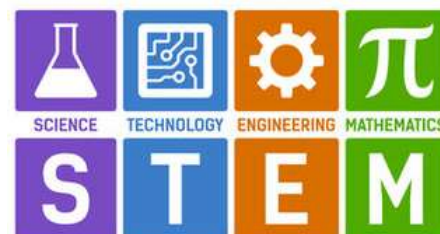
Get Set, GO!

1 st	FS2	80%
2 nd	Y1	78%
2 nd	Y4	78%
2 nd	Y5	78%
5 th	Y3	75%
6 th	Y2	72%
7 th	Y6	70%

Average = 76%

SJF STEM Fortnight

Over the past fortnight the curriculum has been focused on the STEM subjects. The children have had enormous fun exploring, investigating, experimenting, constructing and testing across the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics family of subjects. They have practised and refined skills and deepened their understanding and knowledge. It has been a hugely successful unit thanks to the hard work of so many people. Firstly, I would like to thank Mr Broadhead for his overall coordination of the short unit; my colleagues for their tremendous hard work in bringing the teaching and learning alive in so many exciting ways; our amazing friends from the PTFA for supporting us with the visits of both the local children's author, Darren John Charlton who shared his fantastic book, 'Lucy and the Secret Room' (click [here](#)) and Beasties (click [here](#)) who brought with them a range of exotic and unusual animals for the children to experience; and finally our children for pushing themselves and engaging with their learning so enthusiastically!



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PTFA News

As well as supporting our STEM Fortnight our amazing PTFA is organising a neon disco on **Friday 27th January 2023**. Bag2School also returns on **Friday 3rd February 2023** so please sort out any old clothing that you no longer need.

If you would like to get more involved in support of our PTFA, please email the committee (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). All ideas and offers of help are appreciated, hugely. Please check out the class pages ([here](#)) to see what the children in the different classes got up to. Thank you.



The BYB Weekly Challenge

Here is a message from Miss Barrett:

Thank you and well done to everyone for your hard work in completing this week's BYB hockey-based challenge! There were some fantastic skills on show and it was fantastic to see everyone taking part, especially those who had not tried it before.

This week's challenge is a throwing and catching challenge brought to you by Priscilla, another of our Sports Majors. The aim of her challenge is to throw the ball into the air as high as you can and turn around before the ball hits the floor. How many times you can do it before the ball drops? Have a go at home or come and find Priscilla or me at playtime and show us your skills and tell us your scores! Please click [here](#). Thank you

The National Holocaust Centre



A reminder that the children of **Y6** will have their annual visit to Beth Shalom, near Ollerton, Nottinghamshire, on **Thursday 26th January 2023** as stated on the calendar and not the day after as mentioned in last week's newsletter. Apologies for any confusion called.

Yorkshire Farming Museum

A reminder that the children of **Y3** and **Y4** will travel up to the Yorkshire Farming Museum, near York, on **Friday 27th January 2023** for an exciting and interactive day that will enable them to explore and learn about the lives of ordinary Roman and Viking settlers in Britain. **This year we ask that the children wear their PE uniforms and wear/bring with them, wellington or walking boots.** Thank you.



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Golden Children! (13-01-23)

FS2	Eliana-Joyce for not only being so very kind and gentle but for also trying her very best in all activities. What a great role-model you are!
Y1	George for producing such fantastic work independently and for trying so hard to use his sound card to help him work out the spellings of words first, rather than just asking immediately for help! well done!
Y2	Shelby for making a great start to the year and for trying her very best to listen and work hard. We are all very impressed!
Y3	Renae for really embracing any challenge this week, so positively, with a smile and a determined outlook! Keep it up!
Y4	Jacob H for trying hard in class with his maths and overall presentation of his work. You have made a fantastically positive start to 2023!
Y5	Noah for showing such a good level of maturity in his work, friendships and outlook this week. Keep up the good work and maintain that positive attitude. Well done!
Y6	Charlie for really hitting the ground running at the beginning of this term and for making every lesson count!

Writing Champions! (13-01-23)

FS2	Ceci for being such an enthusiastic writer who is always practising her pencil grip and letter formation as part of learning! Well done, Ceci, we are very proud of you!
Y1	Macoley for trying so hard with all his writing! He really wants to do well and impress the adults and because of this, he never gives up! Macoley is showing great resilience and we are all proud of him!
Y2	Ava L for pushing herself with her writing this week. She is really trying to apply her developing handwriting skills and learning in all of her written work! Well done!
Y3	Jack M for making some really great sentence choices for his 'Q and A' paragraph! Well done!
Y4	Scarlett for trying really hard when writing the paragraphs for her explanation text about the digestion process. What a great effort! We are all very proud of you, Scarlett!
Y5	Katie for producing some really good work in RE, about charities. She has thought carefully about her chosen charity, Children in Need, and wrote some really great information about its work and impact!
Y6	Lily-Mae for working so hard with her grammar, punctuation and spellings this week, especially with her use of commas and identifying pronouns! Keep up the great working, Lily-Mae!

Maths Champions! (13-01-23)

FS2	Bobby for trying really hard with his counting and problem solving! What a superstar!
Y1	Imogen for doing so well using the 'part-part-whole' approach to support her addition work! She is really growing in confidence in our maths lessons!
Y2	Joshua for working extremely hard with his maths this week! Josh is pushing himself more and more, to achieve his goals!
Y3	Peter for trying calculate the perimeter of shapes more and more independently! Well done!
Y4	Florence for trying hard to understand multiplication and then using this understanding to support her with her work!
Y5	Emily for being more proactive in our maths lessons. She has been trying to apply her knowledge when working on tasks independently, and she seeks help from others when she needs to. Keep it up!
Y6	Aleks for the incredible passion he shows for maths and his desire to learn about maths, even outside of school! Wonderful!



Golden Children! (20-01-23)

FS2	Wilma for working so hard in all of her activities! She has done some really wonderful collage work this week! Keep it up!
Y1	Abigail for really trying so hard in all her work and for developing greater independence in all subjects. Well done, Abigail!
Y2	Scarlett for being kind and caring to everyone in class. Scarlett sets such a great example to the children in Y2 around how to be kind to others!
Y3	Anjie for making a wonderful start to Y3 at SJF, after joining our school! Welcome Anjie!
Y4	Lincoln for having such a positive attitude to his work! He has been asking great questions and has been prepared to have a good go, even when he has found aspects of work difficult. Well done!
Y5	Eliana is an <i>always</i> child, in that she gets on with her work; helps others; always has a smile on her face and puts a smile on the faces of others too. Well done, Eliana!
Y6	Priscilla for the calm and hardworking attitude she displays every day - and for the positive effect it has on all those around her! Well done!

Writing Champions! (20-01-23)

FS2	Hattie for trying so hard to develop and practise her writing skills both independently and with 'Funky Fingers' and 'Dough Disco'! keep up the great work!
Y1	Kali for making super progress as a result of using her 'Fred Fingers' to spell words! She is making us all so proud!
Y2	Gabriella for trying really hard within our English lessons to use the comparative language that we have been learning about and practising. Well done!
Y3	Jan Z for writing a wonderful introduction to his non-chronological report! He is remembering lots of the key features that we have been learning about!
Y4	Luke for trying hard with the English work we have been doing around use similies and metaphors. Well done!
Y5	Amelie for writing a fabulous non-chronological report about her chosen charity, the RSPCA. She has thought carefully about the language she has used in her well-structured piece of writing. Well done!
Y6	Alexia for the hard work she has displayed when learning the Y6 grammar, punctuation and spelling objectives over the past week! Well done!

Maths Champions! (20-01-23)

FS2	Lexi for doing so well with counting and her number work! She is wonderful at accessing the resources in our Maths area!
Y1	Pedro for being able to recall super maths facts from previous lessons to current learning! He listens so well and always focuses and works hard in our lessons!
Y2	Lilah for trying her best to link together her previous knowledge with our learning about arrays! She is trying her best in every lesson!
Y3	Charlotte for embracing every challenge in maths so positively, and for smashing perimeter calculations with pure determination!
Y4	Jacob W for making a huge improvement in his Times Tables Rock-Stars (TT) score! Well done!
Y5	D'Mari has been listening well and applying the knowledge gained in our lesson well, when faced with problem solving questions linked to area and perimeter. Well done!
Y6	Finn for more than doubling his arithmetic score since November! He is showing increased confidence, resilience and determination, and we are all very proud of him!



Our Catholic Life

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Citizenship Statement of Belief Assembly (Headteacher) Chaplains' Liturgies (Years 1, 5 and 6)	'Virtues to Live By' Class Assembly (Teachers & Chaplains)	Themed Assembly (Teacher-Led)	Weekly Liturgy of the Word (Class-Led)	Celebration Assembly (Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher) Chaplains' Liturgies (Years 2, 3 and 4) Story Liturgy (FS2)

Parish News

Information about parish and Diocesan life including the times of Masses and services, confession and details about sacramental preparation is available via this [link](#) to the parish website.

Our Term 2 Virtues to Live By

Our SJF virtues are **faith** and **simplicity**.



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Thank you to the children and staff of **Y1** for leading this week's beautiful liturgy. Our next Liturgy, which takes place on **Thursday 26th January 2023**, will be led by our youngest **FS2** children and we invite their family/friends to join us in the school hall from 9.00am. Thank you.

Our January Prayer

A reminder that our January prayer is called the Agnus Dei or 'The Lamb of God'. The prayer is said during Mass, and recalls The Last Supper of Jesus and His apostles during which the bread and wine were transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the first time. It is therefore a very special prayer.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

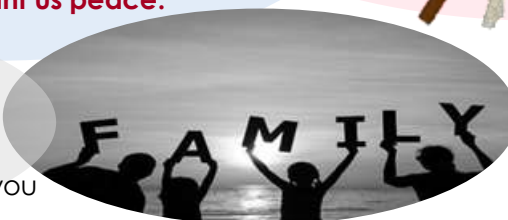
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.



January Gathering Song

Children of God, in one family
 Loved by God, in one family –
 And no matter what you do...
 God loves me, and God loves you



SJF School Council Update

This week our School Councillors welcomed Karen Vickers, Senior Road Safety Officer, Sheffield City Council, to discuss road safety and parking issues. Here's a word from Alexia, this year's Council Chairperson:

On Tuesday, the school council spoke with the Senior Road Safety Officer from the Sheffield City Council to ask for help to make the roads around school safer.

Our main focus was on the dangers of unsafe and unfair parking around our school. We asked lots of questions, and we were given some great ideas and feedback. With the help of parents and carers, we are hoping to bring in some important changes that will benefit everyone.

Please click [here](#) for more pictures. Thank you.



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Achievements outside of School

Please email us details of your children's achievements outside of school via our main email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) so that they can be shared in the newsletter, and celebrated.

- **Isaac** in **Y5** achieved the perseverance badge at martial arts this week. His perseverance has meant that he is now progressing through the stripes and belts at a quicker pace than expected. Congratulations, Isaac!
- **Luca** in **Y5** has completed the Shark Series 2 in swimming and has now moved up to the next class, 'Swim Stars 7'! well done, Luca!

Our Feature Books of the Week!



Our full 2022-2023 **SJF Book List** and links can be accessed [here](#).

Our latest feature books are:

An Alien in the Jam Factory by Chrissie Sains

Wigglesbottom Primary: Break-Time Bunnies by Becca Moore

Click [here](#) for information links about this week's feature books!

Road Closure

We have been advised that Occupation Lane will be closed to traffic between 9.00am and 4.00pm for fifteen working days (Monday to Friday only) or three weeks, from Monday 23rd January. Please prepare for some short-term disruption to your journey if you usually use this road.

Statement of Belief

Next week our 'statement of Belief' is:

'I know I belong to a community that includes my school'

Time to talk: Together think about what the word 'community' means. What makes a community strong and special?

What makes our school a community? What sort of community is our school?

Who is in your community in the area where you live?



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