



St John Fisher News

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★ Citizen of the Week

★ This week's award goes to **Christian Adusei** (Y3) for understanding what humility means in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Christian is a very thoughtful and kind young man who considers the feelings and needs of others before his own - and we are all very proud of him for it! What a super example to others!

Year of Mercy Day

Our special day focusing on the Year of Mercy takes place on **Wednesday 23rd March** – the last day of Term 4. As it is a special day the children do not have to wear school uniform. Instead, for a voluntary contribution of **£1+** they can all dress down instead. The contributions will all go to the Bishop's Lenten Good Shepherd Appeal to support the vital work of our Diocesan charities in helping the most vulnerable children and adults in Sheffield and across the Diocese of Hallam. If you would like to help, for all or part of the day, please speak to Mrs Holloway. Thank you.



Red Day

The feast of St George is on Saturday 23rd April each year so we will celebrate Red day on Friday 22nd April - as indicated in the school calendar. This means that on that day all the members of St George's House are invited to dress down rather than wear school uniform. They can wear something red if they have it but do not worry. **Everyone else must wear school uniform as usual.**

In the afternoon Mr Hawley, the Head of House, is organising some activities for the members of St George's House to enjoy.

As St George is the Patron Saint of England the whole school will have an opportunity participate in themed activities during the morning sessions in order to celebrate and mark the national day of England.



Term 4 Smiley Scores

The final scores for Term 4 will be revealed at the beginning of next week. Please make sure your children bring any smileys they have at home in to school so that they can be counted. It is close and so every last smiley will count!



50p Friday

Today was 50p Friday (because it is the last Friday of the month before the holiday. Thank you to everyone who sent in 50p. If you forgot and would like to support the House charities you can send in 50p per child on Monday instead. Thank you.



Staff News

I am delighted to announce that Mr Smith's wife gave birth to a beautiful baby girl earlier this evening. Hadley Pearl Smith was born at 7.55pm and weighed 6lb 6.5oz. Both Mrs Smith and baby Hadley are doing really well. I know that Isla, Hadley's big sister, is also very excited too and we send them all our sincere congratulations!

Curriculum Exhibition

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our exhibition. It was packed! Thank you for finding the time to come in and view the displays and some of the children's work. I would like to thank the children for all their beautiful work and especially those who acted as curators. I would also like to thank my colleagues for all their hard work in preparing the exhibition as well our PTFA for providing refreshments. If you would like to email comments and feedback please do so via our school email address: enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk.



PTFA News

World Book Day

The PTFA would like to announce that they raised a fantastic £317 on World Book Day! Thank you everybody!

PTFA Email Address

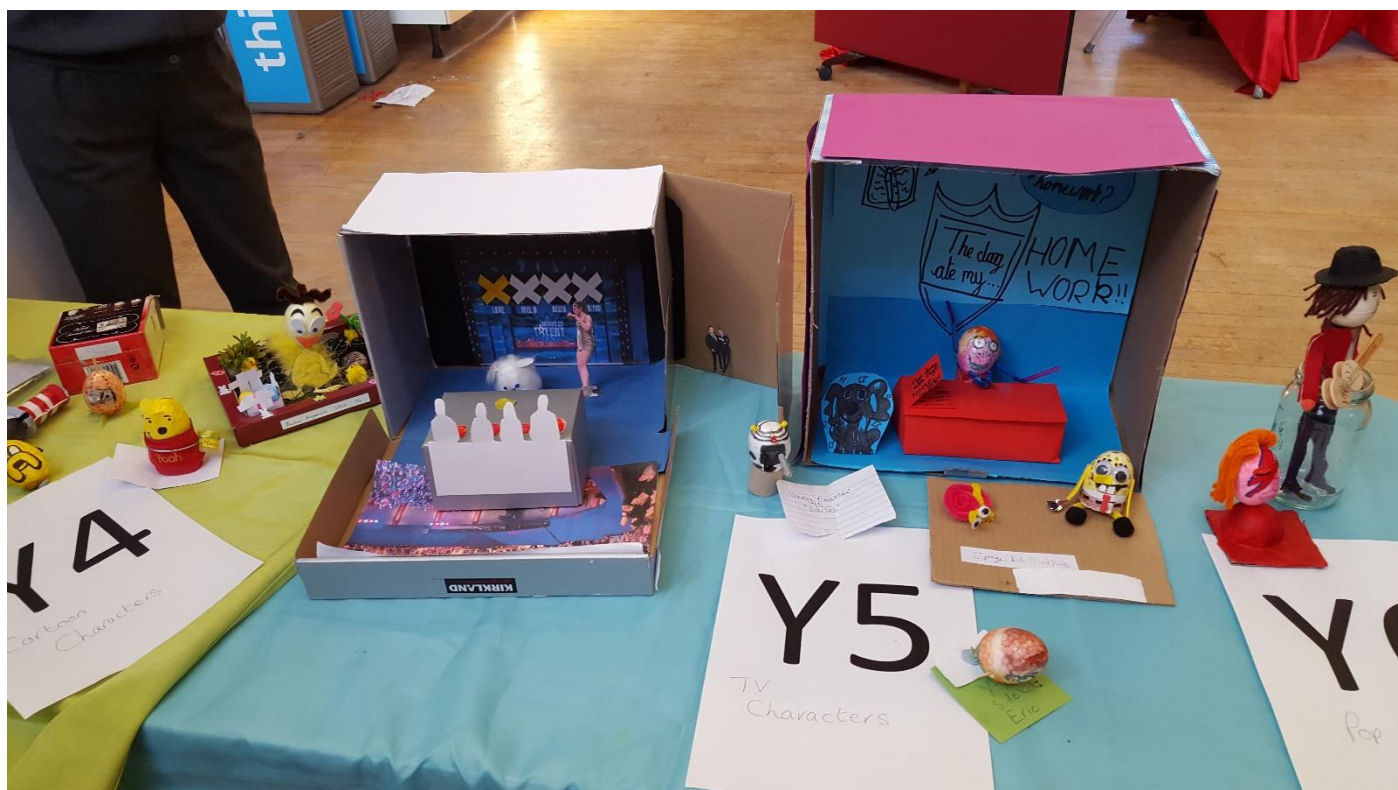
The new PTFA direct email address is: ptfa@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk.

The Decorated Egg Competition

I would like to thank everyone who entered this year's competition organised by the PTFA. Each year group had a different theme and standard was incredible, as you can see...



I was given the impossible task of trying to choose winners and did so without sight of the children's names.



The ideas were fantastic and there were some really imaginative and hilarious entries. Everyone who entered did really well and should be very proud of themselves. All the entries could be viewed at today's exhibition.



Well done to all the children who entered and congratulations to the class winners who each received a chocolate Easter egg from the PTFA: **FS2** - Riley Wood, **Y1** - Daisy Green, **Y2** - Ava Jones, **Y3** - Rowan Lodge, **Y4** - Joel Broadhead, **Y5** - Isabella Ramsden, **Y6** Dominic Rolfe and Jasmine Green.



2016/17 Joint Schools' INSET Date Confirmed

Please note that the joint schools' in-service training (INSET) day will be on Monday 27th February 2017 (the first Monday after the February holiday next year). A revised copy of the calendar confirming this is being emailed out along with this newsletter and will be added to the website in due course.



Diocese of Hallam

Family Workshop on Easter Candles

Here is a message from our friends at St Marie's Cathedral:

Following the success of our last Half-Term Family activity, we are delighted to you to join our next free family workshop on Easter Candles on Wednesday 30 March from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

The session will consist of a short activity to explore the heritage of the Cathedral followed by a craft workshop where families will be able to make their own Easter Candles.

The activity is suitable for children aged 3 years+ (children must be accompanied by an adult) and must be pre-booked by sending us an email to whatson@stmariecathedral.org stating the number of children/ages.

For further information please visit: www.stmariecathedral.org/visit-us-home/families.

School Office Reminders

ParentPay

A reminder that as we now use the 'ParentPay' system for all school payments (except tram fares and school ties) we now no longer accept cheques for payments.



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School Lunches

It is **very** important to remember to order lunches by midnight on **Thursday** for the following week. You can also order several weeks in advance if this is easier for you. To help you remember a reminder is sent out each Thursday, however, unfortunately there are a few parents/carers who still do not manage to order lunches in time. If you need any help just phone or pop in and speak to Mrs Birch or Mrs Battams in the School Office, but it is very important that orders are made before the deadline. Thank you for your support.

Please remember to order school lunches for the first back after the Easter holiday (week commencing 4th April 2016) BEFORE Monday 21st March so that Taylor Shaw can be advised of numbers for after the holidays.

School Milk

- If your child is under 5 years of age or is entitled to *free* school milk please return the slip to the School Office
- If your child is over 5 years of age and is *not* entitled to *free* school milk please remember to make the appropriate payment using the ParentPay system. Thank you.

Term 5 After-School Activities

Please register your child(ren) using ParentPay for any activities they are doing after school next term.

- Golf (Years 3-6)
- Cricket (Years 3-6)
- Tennis (Years 1-2)

Pantomime 2016

Next December we will again be going to watch the pantomime at the Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield. This year it is Snow White. Please use ParentPay to make your payment before 22nd April 2016. Thank you.

After-School Sports Sessions for Dads & Grandads

These sessions, each Friday, are proving to be really popular. I would like to thank Mrs Asquith for arranging them; our partners from LINKS for running them; and all the children, dads and grandads who are joining in and making the sessions such fun!

Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

FS2	Alfie Marsden for trying really hard this week; listening in class and walking sensibly around school! Well done Archie!
Year 1	Summer Marsden for some fantastic pieces of artwork and for trying really hard to speed up when writing! Well done!
Year 2	Maksymillian Jasinski for trying 100% in everything and for making to EIS (for 'Movefest' this week) so enjoyable!
Year 3	Charlie Ogden for returning to school with a fantastic attitude; for catching up really quickly and most importantly for always have a fantastic smile!
Year 4	Ashleigh Sigauke for working really hard in all her subjects and for always smiling!
Year 5	Isaac Woolhouse for excellent work in RE this week! Well done Isaac!
Year 6	Lilly Cox for really applying herself and showing us what she is capable of. She has done brilliantly in some recent assessments! Well done!

Reflective Snap Bands

Councillor Bryan Lodge has very kindly donated reflective snap bands to school for every child. These will be given out next week. The bands are a fun and useful way of ensuring that children can be seen and so we are very grateful to him for donating them to us.

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Olivia Whitely	Oscar Diaz	Phoebe Kilbride	Rafal Boratyn	Sam Orbell	William Oadley	Luckie Msungi

Please look out for their fantastic work in the school hall!

Achievements Outside of School

- **Tamzin Samba** in **Y2** was recently awarded the STA 'Angelfish 3' certificate for swimming! Well done Tamzin! Next week she is taking part in Susan's Dance Studios production: "Kaleidoscope" in which she will be doing dances in tap, ballet and disco! We wish her and all the dancers taking part lots of luck!
- **Rowan Lodge** in **Y3** has worked really hard in order to achieve Stage 3 in swimming! Congratulations Rowan, what an impressive achievement!
- **Ola Dominiak** in **Y4** was last week awarded a brown-black belt in Freestyle Karate. She also passed her Stage 5 in swimming and everyone is thrilled for her and proud of the effort and commitment shown!
- **Hannah Downes** in **Y5** recently competed in the Irish Open Kickboxing Championships in Dublin. Hannah faced fighters from around the world and tried really hard and gained lots of important experience! She also competed at a major championships in Birmingham where she managed to come third! Well done!

Term 4 Sports Awards

The PE/sports value this term was PASSION and the following children were chosen for showing passion in PE and through their commitment to after-school and inter-school sports and activities. Congratulations to them all!

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Polly Flude	Ethan Usher-Ashton	Lily Peters	Laurie Paige	Poppy Walton	Melissa Walton	Sam Devoti

The class trophy was awarded to the very talented young people of **Y2**! Congratulations to you all!

Assemblies

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

The next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the children and staff of **Y6** on **Thursday 7th April 2016**. Thank you to the children and staff of FS2 for leading this week's liturgy, it was amazing!

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to everyone mentioned in today's assembly. The next assembly is on **Friday 8th April** and the parents, carers, family and friends of the young people in **Y2** are invited from 2.55pm. Thank you.

Attendance This Week

FS2		89.2%	
Year 1		95.2%	
Year 2		74.0%	
Year 3		89.4%	Brenda Bear will visit next week!
Year 4		95.3%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week!
Year 5		95.0%	Bobby Bear will visit next week!
Year 6		96.7%	
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance	94.4%

We have been hit very badly by several viruses over the last 2-3 weeks. Our weekly attendance figures have therefore been hit hard. Whilst good attendance is vital for pupil wellbeing, progress and achievement, it is also important that sick children are clear of sickness and diarrhoea symptoms for 48 hours before returning to school.

KS2 Community Passion Service

Next Tuesday 22nd March 2016 the young people of Years 3-5 present our annual Community Passion Service in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church starting at 2.00pm. You are all invited. We are all very grateful to Fr Paul for enabling us to use the church both for rehearsals and the final performance on Tuesday.

MOVEFEST!

Yesterday the young people of Y2 went to the English Institute of Sport (EIS) in order to participate in Movefest 2016! Movefest is a festival for schools of all types across Sheffield; from primary schools to special schools to sixth-forms. It is a chance for us, as a city, to come together in order to celebrate movement.

The theme this year related to Rio and the Olympics. Y2 tried to use Brazilian-style music and perform movements that represented different Olympic sports. It was a fantastic day and all the children enjoyed themselves thoroughly. In fact our children were singled-out as one of the best performing groups – which was very special because we were one of the youngest groups participating.

I would like to say a huge well done to all the children and I would like to thank Mrs Broadhead especially for preparing the children as well as everyone who helped to support the children on the day.

Sadly we have no photos because it was so dark and they did not come out. A fantastic video was taken and shared at our exhibition but it is too big for the Y2 blog. We are looking into how to make it available.

Spring for Singing!

Here is a great message from Mr Broadhead:

*Last Monday, twenty children from **Y3** travelled to The Montgomery Theatre, Sheffield, in order to perform in the 'Spring for Singing' show' organised in partnership with our friends from the other schools in the Birley Family of Schools.*

All the children perform fantastically well and our children absolutely sang their hearts out!

I could tell from the reaction of the parents who were able to watch the performance how immensely proud of the children they were - for all they had achieved in just six short weeks.

The children were a great credit to our school setting a fabulous example in how to behave out of school.

From the staff and parents of Year 3, I would like to say a huge 'Well done!' to all the children. You made us all beam with pride!



Y5 Music Concert

For the past five weeks the children of Y5 have been working with Mr Heritage from the Sheffield Music Hub for just forty minutes per week learning songs using xylophones and glockenspiels.

The children then performed to friends and family last Wednesday afternoon in school.

They were all amazing, keeping in time and concentrating so well! Congratulations Y5!

The next stage in this process is for our children to go to City Hall in order to watch the well renowned Halle Orchestra perform the actual songs they have been learning in school! What a fantastic opportunity!

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I know it is ok for me to make mistake."**

Time to talk: Together you could explore how you feel about making mistakes. Is making mistakes a negative thing? Something to be feared or avoided at all costs? How can mistakes help us - to learn and grow? Why is having a healthy attitude to making mistakes important? Making mistakes as we learn is a crucial part of the learning process and is therefore unavoidable. It is certainly nothing to be feared.

Lent is an important season in the Church's year when we are especially encouraged think about our lives and the mistakes we make or have made. We are encouraged to face up to our sins; to say sorry to God; to accept forgiveness; make amends and learn important lessons. This process is called repentance. When we do this at St John Fisher we say we are drawing a big fat line under whatever the problem or mistake was so we can all move on and start again.

When
someone does
something
wrong, don't
forget all
the things they
did right.

I MAKE MISTAKES, I KNOW I'M
NOT PERFECT. THAT'S WHY I'M
THANKFUL FOR THE TRUE FRIENDS
WHO STICK BY ME KNOWING HOW I
AM.

IT'S NOT HOW
WE MAKE
MISTAKES, BUT
HOW WE
CORRECT THEM
THAT
DEFINES US.

RACHEL WOLCHIN
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EVERY
MISTAKE
YOU MAKE
IS PROGRESS

IF YOU ARE NOT MAKING
MISTAKES,
IT MEANS YOU ARE NOT
TRYING
HARD ENOUGH.

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If we really want to
love
we must learn
how to
forgive.

~ Mother Theresa

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The Lord never tires
of forgiving, it is we
who tire of asking for
forgiveness.

Pope Francis



Enjoy your weekend,
Mr Barratt