



# St John Fisher News

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## ★ Citizen of the Week

★ This week's award goes to **Lily Mell** (Y6) for understanding the importance of listening actively in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Lily is a very responsible and reliable member of the community who likes to help others. She listens and shows that she is listening by the way she responds. She is also very kind and respectful and is a super role-model to others. Congratulations Lily, everyone is very proud of you!

## Discovery Night!

This exciting and FREE event is open to all and is ideal for families with children aged 5 years and over. Further information is available on the event website: [www.sheffield.ac.uk/discoverynight](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/discoverynight).

**Friday 11 March  
2016, 4pm-8pm**

The University  
of Sheffield

Firth Court, Western  
Bank, Sheffield S10 2TN

## Term 4 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
 <b>341</b>	 <b>335</b>	 <b>352</b>	 <b>363</b>

## Year of Mercy

We are planning a special day on the Year of Mercy on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – the last day of Term 4. It will be a creative and reflective day of different activities for the children to enjoy. This will also be a non-uniform day as we are trying to boost funds for the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal. For a minimum contribution of £1 children will be able to dress down. If you would like to help us, for all or part of the day, please speak to Mrs Holloway – our lead for RE. Thank you.



### St David's Day Celebration

I would like to thank the children of St David's House who came together last Monday for Yellow Day in order to celebrate the feast of their patron. They had a great afternoon creating the beautiful display that is in our school hall currently.

The collage of the Welsh flag will be kept and mounted on the hall wall and the daffodils will be taken home. The decorated candles with a symbol from each child will be used during our Lenten celebrations and the bunting will also be used for friendship club. The 'biscuit bingo' was also very popular!



I would like to give huge thanks to Mrs Steenson, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Denham and Mrs Ambrose, our parents who entered into the fun of it and supported the children so brilliantly. I would also like to thank Mrs Asquith, the Head of House for her commitment and all her hard work in coordinating the activities.

### Requests for Help

#### *Collective Worship*

Mrs Holloway would like to know if anybody could spare her a couple of hours to prepare ten packs of cards for each class which will be used to help them prepare for their class liturgies. It would involve laminating and cutting up the cards and then organising them into sets. If you can help, please see her.

#### *School Mural*

As you know we are constantly working to improve the school buildings and environment and as part of this I would like to have a mural painted on the wall that faces the street near the pedestrian gate (at the end of the admin block) when/if funds allow. Ideally the mural will be something really smart and eye-catching that reflects our core values and what we stand for as a proud Christian learning community. As a first step to achieving this we will need to get the wall rendered. So if this is your line of work (and you are interested) or you have contacts who might be interested in giving us a quote, please let us know. Thank you.

### World Book Day – PJ & Onesie Day!

Yesterday we came together in order to celebrate World Book Day here at St John Fisher by having a pyjama and onesie day! Each class teacher planned a day which dedicated to the imagination of the wonderful Roald Dahl and his books because this year we celebrate 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl.

The day started with parents coming in to read with their children, this really kick-started a day in which the children could appreciate and enjoy the genius of Roald Dahl with each class focusing on a different Roald Dahl book. The day finished with the children from all classes coming together with their buddies to read a story before they all went home. It was a wonderful day which really helped raise the profile of reading across the school.

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As a school community we all want to express our thanks to all the parents/carers who were able to join us at the start of the day. **We would also like to thank our fantastic PTFA** for all they did to help make yesterday so special for the children (and staff). There is still time to donate if you would like to, and as soon as we have a figure for the amount raised we will let you know.

If you would like to get involved with the PTFA please either speak to one of the members directly or leave your contact details with us so that we can pass them on. They are always looking for new members and fresh ideas so please get involved if you can. You can do as much or as little as you choose – whatever you can manage will really be appreciated! Thank you.





### FS2 Mrs Darken

As part of our World Book day celebrations FS2 welcomed parents and siblings in to our classroom to make fruit and vegetable super heroes. The children have been reading the book "Supertato" in which a potato saves the rest of the veggies from an evil pea! Children used their own super heroes as a stimulus to write their own stories.

As well as wearing their pyjamas the children brought their teddies to school. The teddies then had a sleepover and had some adventures overnight in school. The children are now writing their own stories about the teddy sleepover.

Thank you to all the parents that joined us for World Book Day. You helped to make the day very special.







### Y1 Mrs Broadhead

For World Book Day, Year 2 looked at 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. We have already completed the book for our Book Study so we were experts on Mr and Mrs Twit. First, we watched a clip about wormy spaghetti (one of Mrs Twit's tricks) and talked about what we saw. Then we collected some adjectives and similes to describe Mr Twit's beard. In class, we wrote about Mr Twit, either as ourselves witnessing the beard or actually as Mr Twit. Then as a table we had to create a model version of the infamous beard. We have had great fun.







### Y5 Mrs Holloway

As part of our World Book day celebrations, Y5 created their own story called 'The Dream Giver'. They were inspired by Roald Dahl's BFG and a short animation they watched. They described an adventure their characters went on during a nightmare. Well done Y5, it was VERY difficult to decide who was writing champion this week!

Thank you to all the parents that joined us for World Book Day. You helped to make the day very special.

### Curriculum Exhibition

Our next exhibition takes place Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016. As usual it will be in the school hall from 9.00am until 10.00am and refreshments will be provided by the PTFA.

It would be wonderful if you could come and join us for this great celebration of our children's learning. You will have the opportunity to talk to our pupil curators and staff about the exhibits and look through the work that has been produced by the children since January.

Everyone is of course very welcome and it means so much to the children and staff to see you all. Thank you for your continued support.

### Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tyler Hague	Daisy Green	Harry Cawthorne	Laurie Paige	William Ludlam &	Bitanga Kalyata	Kiera Swift & Nicole Mercardo

Please look out for their fantastic work in the school hall

### Happy Mothers' Day

We would like to wish all mothers a very special and happy Mothers' Day. We hope that you are all spoilt thoroughly! I would like to thank the PTFA for arranging special gifts for the children to bring home.

### Assemblies

#### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

The next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the children and staff of **Y1** on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016**. All parents, carers and friends of our Y1 children are invited to join us in the hall just after 9.00am on that day. Thank you to the staff and children of Y2 for leading this week's amazing liturgy based around the Parable of the prodigal son. You were all fantastic!

#### Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to everyone mentioned in today's assembly. The next assembly is on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March** and the parents, carers, family and friends of the young people in **Y4** are invited at 2.55pm. Thank you.



### Extreme Reading

Here are this week's extreme readers: Abigail Watters (former pupil), Emma Watters, Isabella and Evie Ramsden. If you want your extreme photo published email it to us at: [enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk). Thank you.

### Attendance This Week

FS2		90.8%	
Year 1		98.1%	Brenda Bear will visit next week!
Year 2		98.7%	Bobby Bear will visit next week!
Year 3		95.9%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week!
Year 4		95.6%	
Year 5		95.6%	
Year 6		88.3%	
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance	97.5%



### Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

FS2	<b>Alan Cudowski</b> for being a delight to teach! He always has something wonderful to say or show us. A true pleasure to teach!
Year 1	<b>Mike Masuka</b> for writing a fantastic recipe related to George's Marvellous Medicine. Mike's writing is always neat and well written!
Year 2	<b>Emily Cowlshaw</b> for showing fantastic learning behaviours in class! You are doing a brilliant job at the moment, well done!
Year 3	<b>Fraser Owens</b> for being a great role-model to the whole class because of his great behaviour and fantastic work ethic! Well done Fraser, keep it up!
Year 4	<b>Isaac Pattison</b> for making outstanding efforts in Maths, and in particular for working extremely hard on line graphs!
Year 5	<b>Bitanga Kalyata</b> for trying hard in class. He is also very kind and helpful! Keep it up please!
Year 6	<b>Anca Nicula</b> for demonstrating an outstanding attitude in her Science work and for using evidence gathered from experiments to arrive at an in-depth and meticulous conclusion!

### Achievements Outside of School

Please let us have details of any out of school achievements so that we can share them in the newsletter.



### Chicken Pox

We currently have several cases of both Chicken Pox and Shingles in school. If your child develops a rash, particularly one with blisters, please contact your G.P. The advice for schools regarding these illnesses is for pupils to remain off school until all the spots have dried over and until the child stops feeling unwell.

For Shingles, children need to remain off school whilst the rash is weeping and they appear unwell. If you have any questions you can speak to Mrs Pickering or refer to NHS guidance available via this link:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Chickenpox/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

### Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I try to appreciate the beauty and wonder in the world around me."**

**Time to talk:** Together you could go on a little 'sensory walk' anywhere special to you. It might be the park, local woods, somewhere in the Peak District or even your garden.

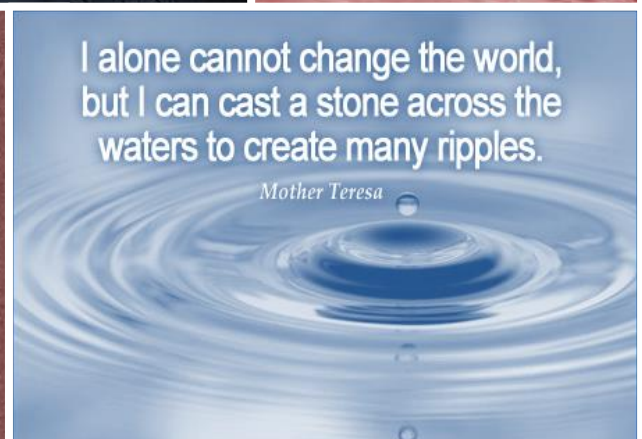
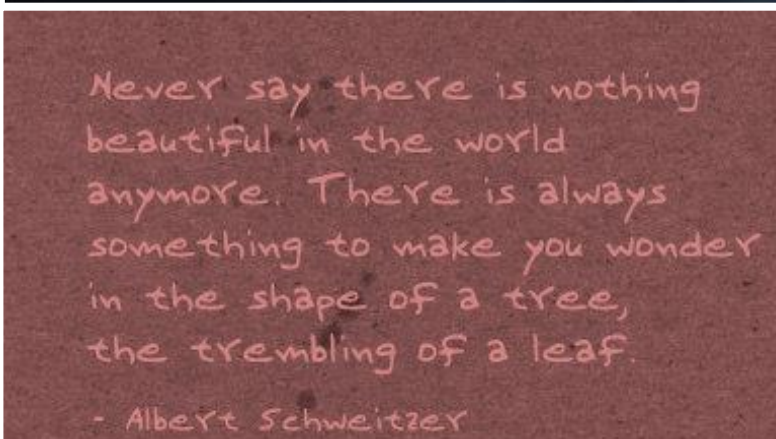
Really try hard to use all your senses as you walk. Be very still and focus on listening and appreciating all the sounds you normally just hear and pay no attention to.

What can you see? What can you *really* see? What shapes are the clouds making? Focus on something small; a leaf, an insect or a web perhaps? Concentrate, watch and appreciate. What do you see?

Close your eyes and breathe in deeply through your nose. Really focus on what you can smell.

Pick up a leaf, pebble or something safe and suitable from the ground and *carefully* describe how it feels.

Reflect on how your senses have helped you to appreciate the beauty all around you. Have you noticed anything you normally ignore? Have you both experienced the same things of different things?



I hope you have a great weekend.  
Best wishes and thanks,  
Mr Barratt