

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week (Friday 22nd September 2022)

As we celebrated our Resurrection Mass last Friday, we were not able to have Celebration Assembly, and so transferred all the awards to this week. I am therefore delighted to announce that the citizenship award for last week goes to **Finn** in **Y5**, who understands what humility is in line with last week's Statement of Belief. Finn is such a kind and thoughtful member of our community, who approaches everything quietly and with a minimum of fuss. This includes his work and his relationships with others. He instinctively puts others first. His friends and peers appreciate this and so enjoy working with him or joining in with the games and activities that Finn is also involved with. What a fantastic example you are, Finn, congratulations superstar!

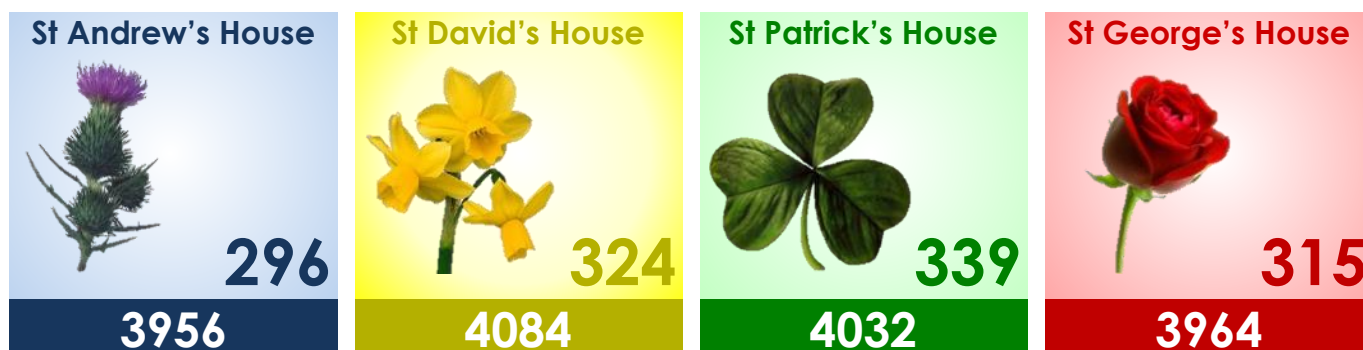
Citizen of the Week (Friday 29th September 2022)

Our latest citizenship award goes to Isabelle in **Y3** who understands the importance of helping others in line with this week's Statement of Belief. Isabelle is a very special young lady who is always so smiley and positive. She cares about her friends and classmates very much, and does lots of things, every day, to help them to feel happy, safe and loved. Her generosity of spirit is as beautiful as it is evident - and so appreciated by everybody. Congratulations Isabelle, and thank you! What a wonderful example you are!

Staff News

A reminder that Mrs Birch, our Administration Officer, is retiring, and her last day with us will be Friday 6th May 2022. We welcome Mrs Grayson, who is taking over as the new Administration Officer.

Term 5 Smiley Scores



100 Smilies!

Congratulations to the following children who have managed to earn 100 smilies so far, this academic year! In **FS2** we have Sofia; in **Y2** we have Caleb, Chenai and Esma and in **Y5** we have Edie, Hannah, Alexia, Evan, Aleksander, Mateusz

Attendance: Final Week			
1 st	Y2	97.9%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y5	97.8%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y1	96.7%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
3 rd	Y4	96.7%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	Y3	96.3%	
6 th	Y6	94.7%	
7 th	FS2	94.2%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 96.4%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y1	78%
2 nd	FS2	75%
3 rd	Y5	72%
4 th	Y6	69%
5 th	Y4	61%
6 th	Y2	60%
6 th	Y3	60%
Average = 68%		



Golden Children (22-04-22)

FS2	Lucy for always being such a fantastic role-model and for working so hard in class with everything she does!
Y1	Dylan for having such a good attitude towards learning! Dylan always tries hard, listens and responds positively to feedback, and work well on his own and with others! This shows in the work he produces!
Y2	Julia for being a fantastic friend to everyone and for showing teamwork in class!
Y3	Jack for trying really hard to be resilient when learning something new and for not giving up, even when things might get a little tricky!
Y4	Ava for making a fantastic start to the new term. She is becoming more active in class discussions; sharing her ideas and being more confident – displaying more self-belief!
Y5	Isabelle for having a positive attitude towards school life. She is working so hard in class, just getting on quietly, and helping others so generously. Well done!
Y6	Max for being such a good friend to everyone in Y6 and for also demonstrating resilience in his attitude to work!

Writing Champions (22-04-22)

FS2	Marianna for trying really hard in her writing and in her Read Write Inc. phonics lessons!
Y1	Ivy for having really fantastic ideas for her Paddington story, they were very funny and totally original!
Y2	Caleb for writing a fabulous description of his dragon machine! It was excellent!
Y3	Florence for making a great effort in our English lessons all through the week! She made sure that she tried her best in each and every task that she was given!
Y4	Luca for beginning to think more carefully about his word choices and how he structures sentences. He is also thinking about the presentation of his work by trying hard to write more neatly!
Y5	Elizabeth for making a fantastic start to her writing about 'The Great Flood of Sheffield!' Amazing!
Y6	Courtney for working hard to edit and improve her writing, so that it can be her best work! Well done!

Golden Children (29-04-22)

FS2	Harley for being such a wonderful member of our class - for being kind and caring and for always doing her best!
Y1	Enzo for working so hard and for never giving up! He is a superstar and Mrs Hadfield, Mrs Golland and Mrs Sambrook are all so very proud of him!
Y2	William for working hard within teams and for being so helpful in class! What a star!
Y3	Amelia for pushing herself in every lesson to get started straightaway! Everyone has noticed that Amelia's attitude to learning has been excellent and she really has been trying her best in all things!
Y4	Diion has returned for the new term with a more mature attitude! He is working faster in lessons and so is therefore managing to produce more work. He is also working well with his partner! What a star!
Y5	James for working really hard and for trying his best to improve his resilience and perseverance. Fantastic efforts and work James!
Y6	Azaan for the greater independence and initiative he demonstrates when revising for the forthcoming Y6 statutory assessment (SATs)! Well done!



Writing Champions (29-04-22)

FS2	Abigail for trying really hard with her 'Super-Veggie' comic strip! Well done!
Y1	Izabela for making huge efforts in holding a sentence and checking that full-stops and capital letters are used correctly. She has listened and so is taking her time with writing. It is really starting to pay off!
Y2	Charlotte for writing a lovely story about George's special dragon machine. It was excellent!
Y3	Jacob for writing some amazing, and highly technical, past-progressive tense sentences and pushing himself to include some lovely detail in his work, making sure that it was also grammatically correct!
Y4	D'Mari for returning with a great attitude! He really wants to improve both the quantity and quality of his writing. He is now asking for help and advice without needing to be prompted! Well done!
Y5	Evan for making great improvements with his handwriting and with the overall presentation of his work! His writing is always exciting and full of great descriptions too!
Y6	Raheel for making a really great start to the writing of a formal letter! Well done Raheel!

Our Catholic Life

Collective Worship Overview

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Statement of Belief Citizen Assembly (Headteacher)	SJF Virtues Assembly (Class-Based)	Themed Assembly (Staff-Led)	Weekly Liturgy of the Word (Class-Led)	Celebration Assembly (All Staff)

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish News

Information about parish life, including the times of Masses and information about sacramental preparation and diocesan events, is available via this [link](#).

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the **Y2** children and team for preparing and leading this week's wonderful Liturgy of the Word. A reminder that during these weekly liturgies, the readings and psalms are shared from the following Sunday Mass. Thank you, also, to all those who were able to join us in order to support our wonderful children. Our next Liturgy of the Word is on **Thursday 5th May 2022** and will be led by the young people of **Y5**. We would like to invite their family and friends to join us in the school hall. Please follow public health guidance by not attending if you are unwell or have COVID symptoms. Recordings of liturgies can be found [here](#). Thank you.

World Vision UK Prayer for Ukraine

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Lord, we ask for peace for those who need peace, reconciliation for those who need reconciliation and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring. Lord may your Kingdom come, and Your will be done.

World Vision®



Our April Prayer: 'The Sanctus'

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory -
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He -
Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

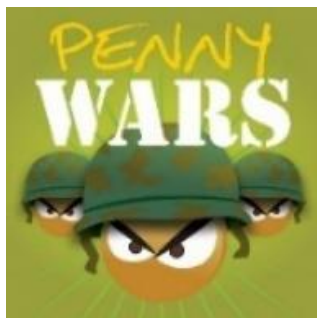


Our Virtues to Live By

This is the last week that we will be focusing on the special virtues of **perseverance** and **resilience**. Next week until the end of Term 5 we will think about **kindness**. In Term 6 we will focus on **honesty** and **service**.

Hosanna





Do not forget our 2022 Penny War in support of the bishop's 'Good Shepherd Appeal'! The children are invited to collect pennies and two-pence pieces in the individual class collecting jars.

A **penny** is worth **one point** and a **two-pence piece** is worth **two points**. Silver coins can be used to sabotage another class's total because they reduce the total number of points in that jar.



For example, a **5p** piece will reduce the total number of points accumulated by **5 points**, **10p** will reduce the total by **10 points**, **20p** by **20 points** and **50p** by **50 points**.



At the end of the competition the coins will be counted and once all deductions have been made and the totals have been calculated, the victorious class will be announced and rewarded with 'Golden Time'.

All the money raised will be passed on to support the continuing and vital work of our Diocesan caring services.

Important Parent/Carer Information

Please click this [LINK](#) to access the latest 'What's On' guide produced by the Sheffield Parenting Hub. It is packed full of useful information and links. The document is also available on our website, under the 'Information for Parents/Carers' tab on the homepage (www.st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.



SJF School Council Update



This week the St John Fisher School Council attended a special joint meeting with our SJF Healthy Minds Champions to discuss a special project we are working on. Here's a word from Charlotte, a **Y3** councillor about what was discussed...

This week we have been talking to the children in Healthy Minds about having a buddy bench competition, where whoever wins gets their design painted on a special bench for the playground. We're really excited about starting competition!



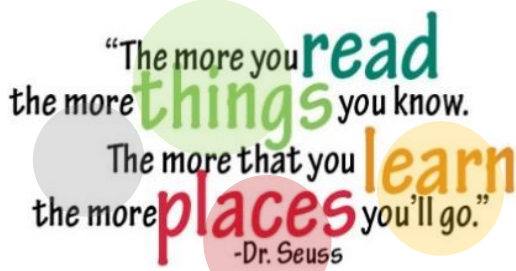
Achievements outside of School

Please share details of your children's achievements out of school, via our school email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) and we will celebrate them in our weekly newsletter. Thank you.

- **Nadia** in **FS2** completed the 'Stage 1' course in swimming recently and has already progressed to Stage 2! What a fantastic achievement Nadia, congratulations!
- **Alfie** in **Y4** has played for the 'New Bohemians' football team for the past three years, and this season they have worked hard, developed and played so brilliantly that they managed to win the league! Congratulations to you and your teammates, Alfie!
- **Eva** in **Y4** dances at the Constance Grant Dance Centre and passed an IDTA tap dance exam recently with the highest grade! An incredible achievement Eva, congratulations!
- **William** in **Y4** completed the 'Stage 4' 'Learn to Swim' course recently, and is now working on stage 5! A fantastic achievement William, well done!



Our Feature Books of the Week!



Our full 2021-22 SJF book list can be accessed via this [link](#).

Our latest feature books are:

'Free Range Freddie' by Rachel Bright
(click [here](#) for more information)

'Henry's Freedom Box' by Elen Levine
(click [here](#) for more information)

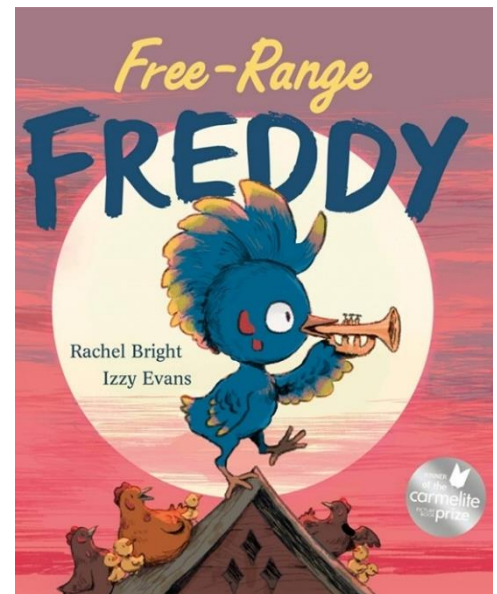
Free Range Freddy by Rachel Bright: The Waterstones Review

A colourful new arrival turns the chicken coop upside-down in this delightfully funny rhyming picture book from Rachel Bright, award-winning author of *The Lion Inside*.

A new egg is ready to hatch, and the chickens all think they know what to expect. But when Freddy bursts from his shell with a multi-coloured explosion, it's clear he's not like ANY other chick they know!

Join Free-Range Freddy as he turns the farmyard upside-down and shows the other hens just how egg-citing life can be if you only look at it a little differently...

A delightfully funny rhyming picture book about the importance of being true to yourself and embracing difference. Award-winning wordsmith Rachel Bright, creator of *The Lion Inside* and *The Koala Who Could*, pairs with wonderfully talented debut illustrator Isobel Evans.



Henry's Freedom Box by Elen Levine: The Amazon Review

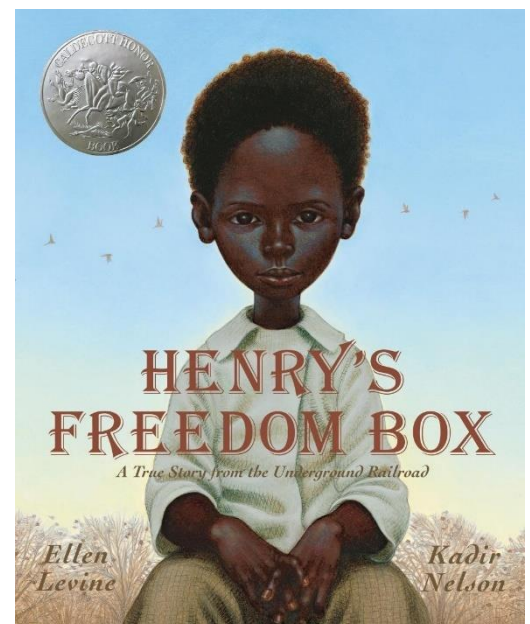
A stirring, dramatic story of a slave who mails himself to freedom by a Jane Addams Peace Award-winning author and a Coretta Scott King Award-winning artist.

Henry Brown does not know how old he is. Nobody keeps a record of slaves' birthdays.

All the time he dreams about freedom, but that dream seems farther away than ever, when he is torn from his family and put to work in a warehouse.

Henry grows up and marries, but he is again devastated when his family is sold at the slave market. Then one day, as he lifts a crate at the warehouse, he knows exactly what he must do: he will post himself to the north.

After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally has a birthday, and his first day of freedom.





Our BYB Challenge (Week 28)

Please click [here](#) for a demonstration of our latest 'Beat Your Best' challenge, demonstrated by Tyler, one of our Sports Leaders.

The challenge, set by Tyler, will test your batting skills. Please watch his demonstration and have a go. What score do you get first! Can you beat this first score? What is the best score that you manage to achieve? Why not challenge your family members to have a go. Who will manage to get the best score in your family?

Why not find Tyler or Mr Johnson at breaktime and have a go? Can you beat your best? Their best?

The Marie Kerley Library

A reminder that we are desperately looking for volunteers to help theme our new library. Please help us if you can. Here is a message from Mrs Catherine Cooper, our PTFA Chairperson, ...

Calling all sewing enthusiasts!

The PTFA is supporting the school to refurbish the school library and transform it into a woodland wonderland! The school has a number of pods and seats that need to be re-covered so that they will fit in with the theme. We have the fabric and are looking for sewing enthusiasts to help us sew new covers. If you think you can help! You can email us on ptfa@st-johnfisher.org or call me, Catherine, on **07948613413**. Thank you.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen's reign, we will have a special Platinum Jubilee Day on **Thursday 26th May 2022**, just before the next school holiday.

The children will be invited to come to school wearing something red, white and blue if they want to. We will have a great big picnic at lunchtime, so on the day the children are invited to bring a packed lunch or choose a sandwich option which will be included in a special 'grab bag' prepared by Taylor Shaw.

Statement of Belief

Our latest 'Statement of Belief' is **"I recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings."**

Time to talk: At St John Fisher we know that we all 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) makes us feel less safe and uncomfortable. If anything (or anyone) ever makes us feel like this then we know that we can find any grown-up in school and **tell, tell, tell!**

If you share a worry, then you will **always** be listened to and your worry will **always** be taken seriously. We will then make sure that you receive the love, care, encouragement, help and support that you need, so that you can let go of your worry ball.

