



St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

This week's award goes to **Amna Javid** (Y3) for understanding the importance of cooperating with others in work and play in line with our 'Statement to Live By'. Amna is a very thoughtful and kind young lady who considers the feelings of others and always tries to include them in activities and games. These qualities have been very apparent this week in particular. Congratulations Amna, we are all very proud of you!



Community Lenten Service

This Ash Wednesday was during the holiday so this week we came together for a beautiful Community Lenten Service to mark the start of the important season of Lent in school.

I would like to thank Mr Smith and the children of Y4 who organised and led the Service; Fr Paul for all his ideas and support on the day and in designing the liturgy beforehand; Miss Pendlebury and Mrs Evans for leading the music and everyone who was able to join and support us. Your presence and support was really appreciated. Thank you.

Term 4 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
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Parish News

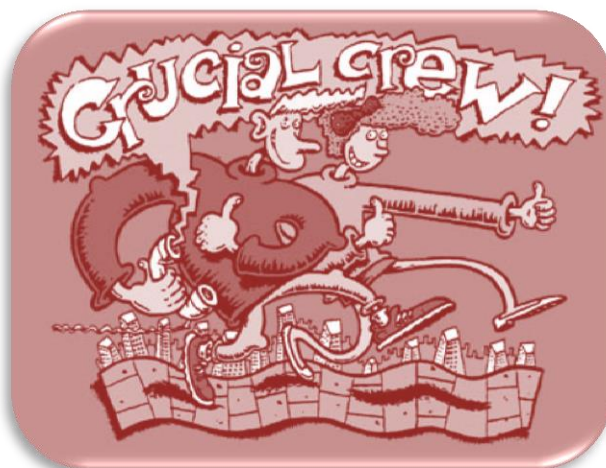
The next children's Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes will be on **Sunday 21st February** at **10.30am**. The Mass will be celebrated in honour of the three Martyrs of Peru and will be led by the Immaculata Children's Group. You are all invited. Thank you.

Term 4 Curriculum Overviews

These will be dispatched soon. Please check out what we are learning in school leading up to Easter and the different things that you can do to support your child(ren) at home or colleagues in school. The overviews will also be available to view on the website shortly, along with all our newsletters.

Crucial Crew

Our Y6 pupils have spent an interesting day participating in a Crucial Crew event today. My thanks go to my colleagues and all the volunteers who have supported them. We will have a full report in next week's newsletter.



2016 Parents & Carers Questionnaire

I would like to thank everyone who was able to complete and return the questionnaire. The report was emailed to you yesterday evening and will be available on the website shortly. We will start contacting some of the respondents shortly regarding their feedback, concerns and ideas.

Please note that you do not have to wait for the annual questionnaire to be sent out in order to share a good idea, concern or feedback. **You can contact us any time.** You can also provide feedback to Ofsted directly via their 'Parent View' website: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>.

There is also a permanent link on our website <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/parentview/>. Thank you.



Term 3 Reading Awards

FS2	Alan Cudnowski, Annabell Ost, Caleb McAuley, Charlie Emmett, Dylan Steenson, Emily Murray, Filip Dworak, Isobel Stoeman, Jessica Ball, Lacey Lou Lockey and Max Oadley
Year 1	Dara Aloba, Alhamzah Al-Rammahi, Frederick Antwi, Marisa Avelino, Eleanor Checkley, Chloe Musngi, Leon Chudzinski, William Denham, Oscar Diaz, Lottie Fitzpatrick, Daisy Green, Sophie Hemingway, Daniel Hill, Summer Marsden, Mike Masuka, Jacob Nelson, Emilia Rodgers, Ethan Usher-Ashton, Olivia Wood and Ethan Yan
Year 2	Vilius Bagdonas, Bethany Beatson, Harry Cawthorne, Mitchell Clayton, Emily Cowlshaw, Amelia Denham, Phoebe Kilbride, Lily Peters, Tamzin Samba, Archie Saxton-Clayton, Evan Siner and Isla Thompson,
Year 3	Christian Adusei, Rafal Boratyn, Eesaa Din, Joseph Kandare, Rowan Lodge, Diana Nicula, Charlie Ogden, Oliver Ost, Laurie Paige, Odette Paige, Lola Pardo-Figueroa, Willis Stoeman and Jack Swain
Year 4	Isaac Pattison, Isabelle Walton-Hall, Nedas Bagdonas, Dadiso Bandawa, Joel Broadhead, Ellie Cope, Ola Dominiak, James Fitzpatrick, Ruby Malloy, Bertie Pickering and Jared Ward,
Year 5	Arianne Alfonso, Abdullah Al-Rammahi, Melissa Clayton, Bitanga Kalyata, Olivia King, Isabella Ramsden and Evie Stamford
Year 6	Patrick Lodge, Anca Nicula, Dominic Rolfe, Kiera Beck, Abigael Collins, Jasmine Green, Luckie Musngi, Brody McConaghy, Daryn Tirol and Noora Moshtael

Congratulations to all these children!

Discovery Night!



Discovery Night
An evening of science
activities, talks and
demonstrations

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

The University
of Sheffield

Firth Court, Western
Bank, Sheffield S10 2TN

Discovery night is a Sheffield Festival of Science and Engineering event that may be of interest to your pupils and their families.

On Friday 11th March, 4pm – 8pm, the University of Sheffield's laboratories and lecture theatres will be open to the public for an evening of science activities, talks and demonstrations. This is a family event suitable for all key stages, with activities for primary and secondary school children, and adults. Robots, skeletons, 3D printers, microscopes, liquid nitrogen ice cream, kids labs, lab tours, mini lectures, virtual reality proteins, see yourself in infra-red...and much more.

Everyone is welcome and the event is free; no booking required. Recommended age 5+.

Full listings are available on the event website: www.sheffield.ac.uk/discoverynight

Inter-School Sports Hall Athletics

Here is a message from Mr Broadhead:

On Tuesday some children from Year 3 travelled to The English Institute of Sport (EIS) in order to compete in an indoor sports hall athletics competition against athletes from other schools.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and gave it their all. They were even able to see the Sheffield Sharks practising beforehand and had a chance to hold one of the Olympic torches from the London 2012 Olympic Games!

The majority of the other schools were Year 4 and our children performed valiantly which was amazing!

Our children were absolutely fantastic and great ambassadors of the school.

I would like to say thank you to Ms Brothwell and Mrs Ramsden for giving up their time to help with the travel and actual event. Again, without your help and support these events could not go ahead. Many Thanks!

Go Team St John Fisher!



I would like to add my thanks to the children (who were wonderful), Ms Bothwell and Mrs Ramsden and also to my colleagues especially Mr Broadhead, Mrs Golland and our PE Lead, Mrs Broadhead, for coordinating the event.

Special Workshops

Calling all dads and granddads again! We are hoping to have three sporty workshops on Friday 3rd, 11th and 18th March from 3.30 – 4.30pm. This will be to experience some of the new sports that the children have been taking part in this term.

A letter will be sent out after the holiday so we hope that you will be able to join us for at least one of the sessions. Your support is really appreciated!

Happy Chinese New Year!

This week the children participated in an assembly focusing on communities and Chinese New Year. In FS2 the children sampled Chinese food as part of their learning about this special time of year for Chinese communities around the world. Thank you to my colleagues in FS2 for creating these fantastic opportunities.



Uniform Reminder

Uniform is very important to us at St John Fisher and I very much appreciate your support in helping us maintain high standards.

Earrings

Earrings are not to be worn in school at any time.

Boots & Trainers

Children are expected to wear appropriate black school shoes every day in school, however it is perfectly acceptable for them to wear high boots (including wellington boots) or trainers to and from school and during break times when the weather is bad - for example - as long as they have appropriate school shoes with them to change into for when they are inside school.

The only exception is on PE days when suitable trainers can be worn all day as part of PE kit. Thank you.

Achievements Outside of School

- **Dara Aloba** in **Y1** was awarded a Level 1 ice skating certificate! Congratulations Dara, we are all very proud of you!
- **Harry Cawthorne** in **Y2** has passed his grading in karate and was so good that was able to jump the whole yellow belt level in order to obtain an orange belt! What a fantastic achievement Harry!
- **Eleanor Checkley** in **Y2** was recently awarded a Stage 2 swimming certificate! Everyone is so proud of you Eleanor, what a superstar!
- **Erin Gent** in **Y2** had a very busy half-term, completing the final level of the British Gymnastics Core Proficiency Award as well as half of the Bronze Advanced Proficiency Award! She also completed Levels 4 and 5 of the Skate UK Ice Skating Awards! What wonderful achievements Erin, congratulations!

Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

FS2	Kessy Higaro for much improved listening and working with others. Kessy is trying really hard to be helpful in lessons and within the provision! Good girl!
Year 1	Dara Aloba for being kind and helpful in class and for listening well all the time. Dara is really joining in with everything now and I am very pleased with her!
Year 2	Sam Mappin for trying really hard in mathematics! Sam is trying really hard to listen to the teacher and do his best!
Year 3	Reuben Hastings-Quainoo for showing a mature attitude towards learning! Well done! Keep it up!
Year 4	May Woodhouse for Making an amazing effort with all her work! What a great achievement! Well done!
Year 5	Hannah Downes for working very hard in mathematics this week. She is very mature and recognises when she needs more practise and when she can move on. Well done!
Year 6	Lily Cox for having a fabulous attitude which has led to great participation in class! Keep it up Lily!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Finley Page	Lottie Fitzpatrick	Jia Robinson	Jack Swaine	Lily Sanders	Vinny Ambrose	Faye Curtis

Please look out for their fantastic work in the school hall

PTFA News

The disco planned for this evening has been postponed. A new date will be confirmed shortly.

Pet Club

The following children who were members of the Pet Club during Term 3 received their Bronze Awards during today's the Celebration Assembly. Congratulations to Harry Parkin, Jared Ward, Scarlet Cook, Xiomara Gregory, Mollie Peckham, Lola Pardo-Figueroa, Diana Nicula, James Fitzpatrick and Isaac Pattison.

I would like to thank everyone who has brought in pets over the weeks and Mrs Asquith, our special Learning Mentor, for running club which has proved to be so popular with the children.



St David's Day

It is the feast of St David on Tuesday 1st March 2016. However to enable all members of St David's House to dress in yellow and participate in the special activities we will move Yellow Day and mark the feast on Monday 29th February instead.

So please note that **Yellow Day** will be celebrated this year on **Monday 29th February**. On that day the children in St David's House only are invited to come to school wearing something yellow instead of their normal school uniform. Please note that this privilege is for the children in St David's (Yellow) House only and the children in the three other Houses are expected to wear normal school uniform. In the afternoon the Head of House will prepare some nice activities for the children in St David's House. Thank you.

Assemblies

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

The next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the children and staff of **Y3** on **Thursday 25th February 2016**. All parents, carers and friends of our Y3 children are invited to join us in the hall just after 9.00am on that day. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to everyone mentioned in today's assembly. The next assembly is on **Friday 26th January** and the parents, carers, family and friends of the young people in **Y6** are invited at 2. 55pm. Thank you.

Attendance This Week

FS2		98.4%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week!
Year 1		99.6%	Brenda Bear will visit next week!
Year 2		94.0%	
Year 3		95.6%	
Year 4		97.2%	
Year 5		100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week!
Year 6		98.3%	
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance	97.5%

Top Table

This week's winning family - chosen by Mrs Bower and our lunchtime supervisors - was the Owl family! Congratulations to Kayleigh, Asia, Emma, Ashleigh, Ruby M, Nadia and Ola! Well done everybody!

Resurrection Mass – Change of Details

A reminder that our special Resurrection Mass takes place on **Friday 15th April**. To enable all classes to attend that day the time has been moved to **2.15pm** at church instead of 9.30am, as on the school calendar. We hope that you will be able to join us in order share in this celebration of Mass.

Mr Murray's Epic Voyage

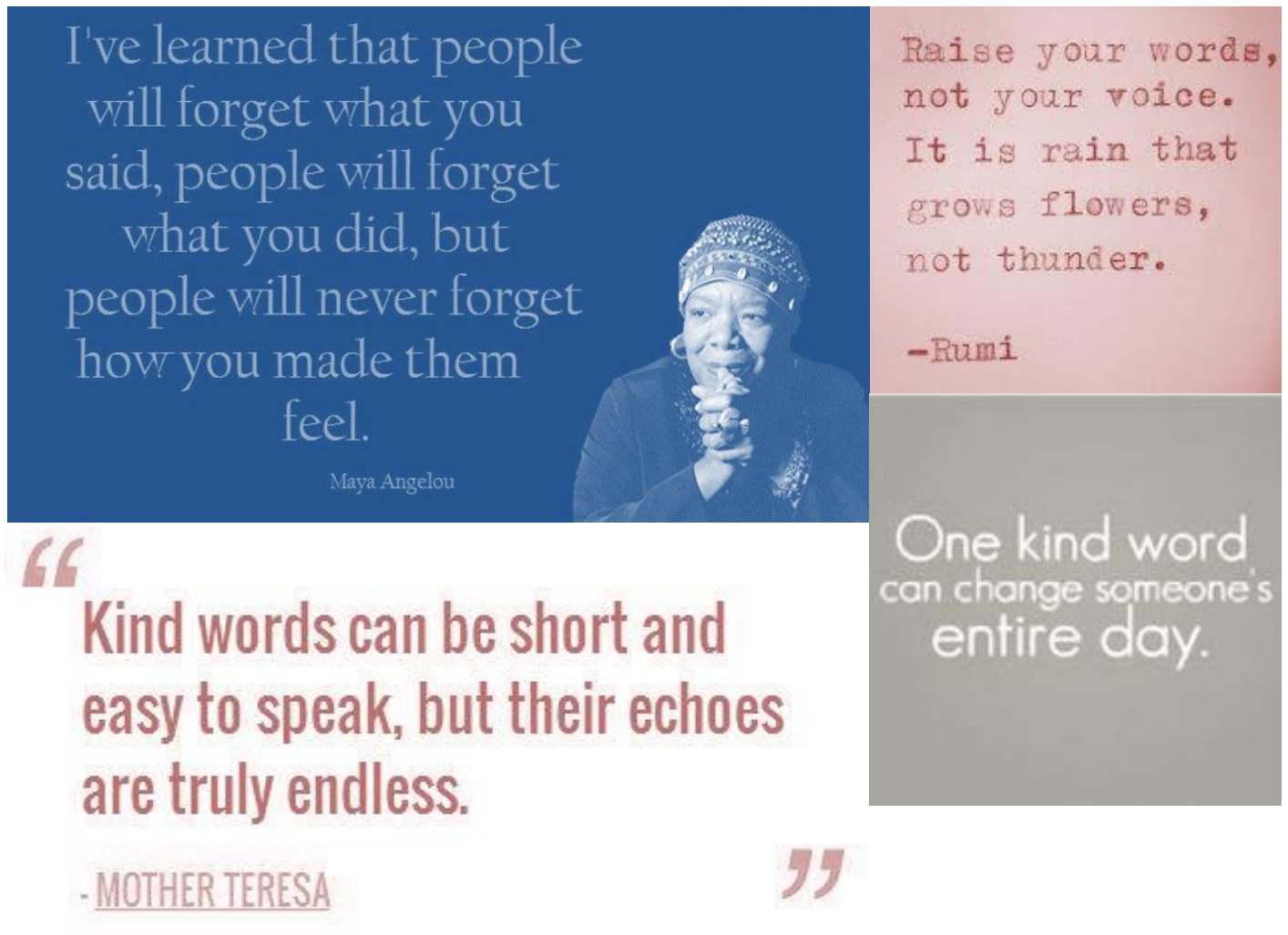
One of our parents, Mr Peter Murray (father of Alex and Emily) is part of a crew sailing a clipper ship around the Pacific Ocean currently. He is completing a blog which he has dedicated to his children as well as the pupils and staff of St John Fisher. He has just sailed around the north of the Philippines, heading down

towards the Bay of Thailand before sailing back to Da Nang in Vietnam. Our children will be following his blog and we send Mr Murray our prayers and best wishes for the voyage ahead.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I try to use words that make the world a better place."**

Time to talk: Together you could think why words can be so powerful. You can reflect on how they can make someone's day or ruin it. Remember a time when someone said something that made your day brilliant. What was it? Can you also think of time when you used kind words to cheer someone up or make them feel special? Why is it important to have good manners at school and at home? Why do words like 'please', 'sorry' and 'thank you' mean so much when they are shared from your heart?



Finally

On Tuesday Mr Jamie Kilner, a retired HMI and serving lead Ofsted inspector did a review of school on behalf of the Diocese as part of a programme of reviews of all schools in the Diocese of Hallam. It was very positive and builds on the outcomes of last May's Ofsted inspection. He was very impressed with the quality of writing and also pleased with the steps we are taking to address the Ofsted targets identified in the report around raising standards of writing. He also complimented us on the work we are doing to continually improve the physical environment and facilities – the classrooms, toilets, roof and was impressed with our plans going forward. He was really pleased with how the standard of children's work is improving. He was also really impressed by the children's fantastic learning behaviours consistently evident in every class throughout school, and by their good manners. He felt that relationships in our community were really strong and there were high expectations stemming from a real unity of purpose. Finally he remarked positively on the incredible journey we have been on over the last three to three and a half years.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.
Best wishes,
Mr Barratt