Friday 16th May 2014 (Issue 31 ~ 2013/14)

First Holy Communion

On Saturday morning at 10.30am, a group of 17 children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be making their First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Please remember them in your prayers this weekend as they take this significant step in their personal journeys of faith. We will have a chance to celebrate this joyful occasion as a whole school at our Mass for the feast of St John Fisher on Friday 20th June. The children are: Arianne Alfonso, Vinnie Ambrose, Imogen Cranston, Jensen Gough, Ashleigh Hurst, Joseph Hurst, Bitanga Kalyata, Julia Kepinska, Lucille Owens, Asia Robinson, Isaac Thompson, Emma Watters, Isaac Woolhouse, Ruben Jackson, Sara Mura, Charlotte Cope and Martina Mura.

School Garden

A big thank you to **George Cranston** and **Phoebe Kilbride** who led a small team of Year 1 and Foundation Stage children in what was definitely a gardening challenge - to clear our raised bed area of weeds and plant new flowers and seeds to make it look beautiful. Well done children you worked very hard and we are very grateful to you.

Y5 Enterprise Challenge

Over the last few weeks, Y5 have been working in groups on a challenge set by All Saints Catholic High School. The children have worked hard to prepare an activity, linked to the Tour de France, which could raise money for charity at the All Saints Summer Fayre. Today, the 5 groups faced 'The Dragons' in a Dragons' Den style competition. (Miss Kipling, Mr Smith and Mrs Ramsden) The presentations were fantastic, but only 2 teams could be chosen to represent St John Fisher by running their activity at the All Saints Fayre in July. The winning teams were: 'Rocky Riders' – Cerys Pope, Sophie Robinson, Reggie Pugh, Ciara Brady, Jacob Croft and Leighton Gough and 'Play n Prize' – Abi Marchant, Evie Flint, Franky Diaz and Stella Avelino.

Well done all of you!





Parish News

The next Children's Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes will take place on the 18th of May. All children and parents are very welcome. Prizes will be given to the children who took part in the competition about John Paul II and John XXIII.

Kidzone Holiday Club

The Kidzone is pleased to inform all parents and guardians that a holiday club service will be available during **May/ June 2014 Half Term School Holidays.** The holiday club services will be available on the following dates **only**:

- 27th, 28th and 30th May 2014
- 3rd, 4th and 5th June 2014 and all bookings must be made by 23rd May, 2014.

The club will take place in school, from 7.00am – 6.00pm and charges are £2.00 per hour, per child. For all enquiries and bookings, please contact:

Lesley: 07713806684 **or Estella**: 07886400644 **Email**: <u>kidzoneclub2013@gmail.com</u>

Warmer Weather

The children have had a lovely time out on the field at playtimes during this beautiful weather that we have been having. Please make sure that jumpers and ties in particular are labelled clearly with children's names, as this helps to avoid mix-ups and items going missing when they are taken off.

Achievements Outside of School

- **Poppy Walton** in Y2 has taken part in a karate and kickboxing interclub competition. She won certificates and medals for coming in first place in 2 different categories. Well done Poppy! We are all very proud of you.
- Well done to Miss Hardman who completed her triathlon last Sunday despite terrible weather conditions. She has raised more than £1000 for her charity and is very grateful to all the people who donated. Well done!

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our weekly liturgies will start again next week, on **Thursday 22nd May**. This first one since Easter will be led by the children of FS2 and as always, the family and friends of those children are very welcome to join us in the school hall, just after 9.00am.



Links Partnership Sports Stars of the Week

The children who were identified as Sports Stars this week were Oliver Ost, Aleksander Jasinski, George Cranston, Alex Ludlam and William Ludlam. Congratulations!

Writing Champions

The children who have been named as champions this week for being enthusiastic and for making (or

sustaining) improvements in their writing are:

Foundation 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Phoebe	Eesaa	Jared	Lucas	Kiera	Leighton	See below!
Kilbride	Din	Ward	Diaz	Swift	Gough	
				&	-	
				Patrick		
				Lodge		

Y6 have not really been writing this week, but Mr Smith has asked that they all have a special mention for their hard work, dedication and fantastic attitudes during their SATs tests this week. Well done Y6!

Golden Children

As Y6 had their statutory tests (SATs) this week we could not have any assemblies or liturgies and so no children have been added to the Golden Book. Everything will start again next week.

Weekly Attendance Winners

For the week ending 16-05-14 the girls and boys of **Y5** were in first place with **100%** attendance and will be visited by Bobby Bear. In second place were the children of **Y4** with **99.7%** attendance and they will be visited by our Brenda Bear. In third place were the young people of **Y6** who were just behind with **99.3%** attendance and who will be visited by Elvis the Owl. Congratulations all of you! The average overall attendance for the week was **98.1%** which is well above our target. Thank you for your continued support.

From September our weekly attendance target will rise to 97% to meet increased government expectations.

Statement to Live By

Next week our statement to live by is: "I know what human dignity means and I show that I respect others."

Time to talk: Together you could look up the word 'dignity' and talk about what it means. Is it important? Does it matter? Why is it important to respect each other? In what ways is respect show to us? In what ways can we show respect for others?

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Evans on behalf of Mr Barratt