

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

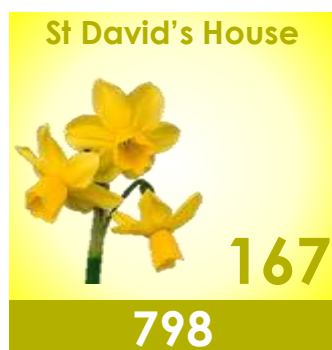
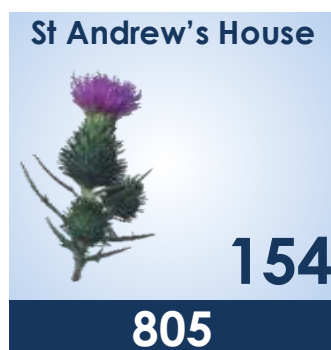
Friday 21st October 2022

The last Citizen of the Week of Term 1 was **George** in **Y1**, who really does understand why it is important to laugh and have fun. George has a great sense of humour and is popular with other children because he is so caring, kind and generous. He never leaves anyone out. He is funny too, and can make his friends and classmates laugh, understanding that it is important to laugh *with* people and not *at* them (and to do so at appropriate times). What a what a fantastic example you are! Congratulations, George!

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Our first Citizen of the Week of Term 2 was **James** in **Y6**, who understands why it is important to stand up for others, without hurting them. James knows that everyone is equally special and that we all have the right to feel happy, safe and love, every day. He is also a good friend and will look after or speak up for anyone who is feeling sad or worried. Congratulations, James, what a great role-model you are!

Term 2 Smiley Scores



SJF Calendar

You can keep on top of what is going on in school by checking out our new 2022-2023 calendar via this [link](#).

Be Safe Be Happy Week 2022

It was a really full week of workshops and lessons focusing on different ways the children can recognise and respond to worries and dangers.



Over the week the children covered various issues in a range of age-appropriate ways. Among the important matters explored were bullying and falling out; staying safe online; the importance of maintaining good mental health and wellbeing; the importance of healthy eating and exercise to maintain good physical health and wellbeing; how to prevent fire and to stay safe if a fire occurs; and the NSPCC 'pants' lesson.

I would like to thank my colleagues for all their hard work. I would also like to thank our friends from Hallam Caritas, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, Taylor Shaw and South Yorkshire Police for their support too. Please look at the 'News' section on the SJF homepage ([here](#)) or the class pages ([here](#)) for more information and photos.



HM Government

UK Council for Internet Safety

Please follow the [here](#) to guidance published by 'The UK Council for Internet Safety', which provides information to parents/carers whose children do have access to social media platforms.

Remembrance 2022

As we lead up to our forthcoming Community Service of Remembrance, on Armistice Day, the children will have special lessons exploring the origins and significance of Remembrance Sunday which will take place on



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Sunday 13th September 2022. During the lessons, the children will learn about the sacrifices made by British and Commonwealth service personnel - and their families – during the First World War and in conflicts since. They will also learn how the poppy became the national symbol of remembrance in the UK.

We invite family, friends, parishioners and members of our local community to join us for our annual Community Service of Remembrance, which will be led by the young people of Y6. It takes on **Friday 11th November 2022** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**. We ask visitors to arrive for about **10.45 am**, and the Service will start shortly afterwards.

Poppy Appeal 2022

Our usual contact at the Royal British Legion has not been in touch with us to leave poppies to sell. We will try to resolve this so that the children will be able to buy and wear poppies and raise money for this year's RBL Poppy Appeal.



Our Catholic Life

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Citizenship Statement of Belief Assembly (Headteacher)	'Virtues to Live By' Class Assembly (Teachers & Chaplains)	Themed Assembly (Teacher-Led)	Weekly Liturgy of the Word (Class-Led)	Celebration Assembly (Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher)
Chaplains' Liturgies (Years 1, 5 and 6)				Chaplains' Liturgies (Years 2, 3 and 4)
				Story Liturgy (FS2)



Our Community Service of Remembrance 2022

Our annual service takes place on Armistice Day, Friday 11th November 2022, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. It will be led by the young people of **Y6**, supported by children from across school and we invite our parents, carers and friends, parishioners and those in our local community to join us.



Our SJF Chaplaincy Team Update

Please send plastic pop bottles so that we can transform them into poppies, so we can create a **poppy wall of remembrance** in our playground.

Parish News

Information about parish/Diocesan life including for and Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this [link](#) to the parish website.

Our Term 2 Virtues to Live By

The SJF virtues that we will focus on in Term 2 are **hope** and **patience**.



Our November Gathering Song

Peace, perfect peace -
Is the gift of Christ our Lord
Peace, perfect peace -
Is the gift of Christ our Lord...

Thus says the Lord,
Will the world know my friend!
Peace, perfect peace -
Is the gift of Christ our Lord.



November Prayer

During November we remember all those who have died and we pray for the repose of their souls.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon them,
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Huge thanks to the children of **Y1** for leading a beautiful Liturgy of the Word this week. Thank you also, to the Y1 team who supported them so well, The children were all amazing! There will be no liturgy next week because we have our Remembrance Service the next day. This means that our next Liturgy of the Word, which will be led by the children of **Y3**, takes place on **Thursday 17th November 2022**. We invite our Y3 family and friends to join us in the school hall from 9.00am. Recordings are available to view via this [link](#). Thank you.



Our BYB Challenge

Well done to everyone who attempted Mr Johnson's BYB challenge last week! Our new challenge has been set by Katie, another of our amazing Sports Majors.

The challenge is to see how many times you can throw a ball up above your head, clap once and catch it again within 60 seconds? If you drop the ball, just pick it up and carry on counting from where you left off. Please click [here](#).

To make the challenge harder see if you can add extra claps between each throw. Have a go at home with your family and friends and see if you can beat your best!



Pupil Voice

Miss Brownbill's SJF Eco Team Update

This week your SJF Eco Team spent time researching the impact of plastic pollution on our world. They learned some scary but interesting facts about specifically about its impact on our oceans. Please do come to ask us all about it!



Mr MacInnes' SJF School Council Update



The St John Fisher School Council met this week to discuss items on the agenda. Here's a word from Willow, one of our councillors on what was discussed.

This week at the school council we decided to focus on being safe on roads around our school. We know that dangerous driving is a risk to the children in our school, so we are going to work hard to keep people safe and encourage people to drive sensibly.



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SJF Black History Week 2022

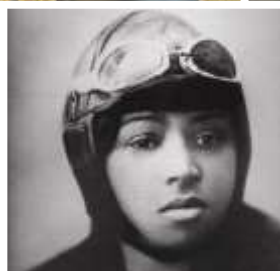
In **FS2** the children have been learning about Hamza Yassin. Hamza is a wildlife cameraman and presenter, known for his role as Ranger Hamza on CBeebies and his work on shows such as Countryfile and Animal Park. He is also a contestant, currently, on BBC's Strictly Come Dancing.

The children were interested in different types and lengths of hair and we were all very impressed with Hamza's long hair.

The children wanted to be just like Hamza and take their own photographs of nature, around our wonderful school grounds. Their photographs are displayed, for all to see, on the KS1 corridor. We believe there might even be a future 'Hamza photographer' right here in FS2!



During Black History Week, **Y1** shared enjoyed the story of Bessie Coleman, who defied all the odds in order to achieve her dream to become a pilot in 1922. As most pilots were white and male, Bessie had to overcome many barriers before she could achieve her big dream! Her inspirational story encourages us to dream big!



The children shared their own big dreams and explored them together through drama. Click [here](#) for the photos!

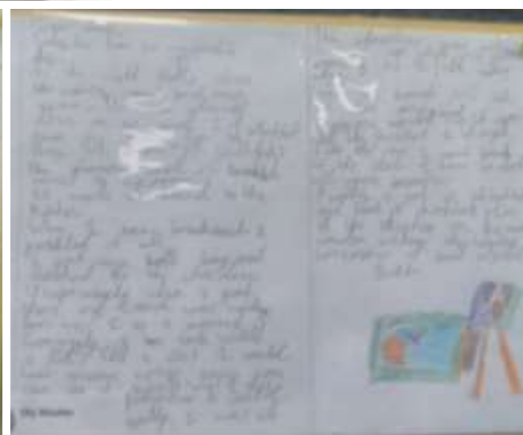
In **Y2** the children learned all about Betty Campbell who was the first black headteacher in Wales. Inspired by her fantastic example the children wrote a personal diary entry, in role, and then went on to practise painting skills as they produced brilliant portraits using oil pastels.



In **Y3** the children focused on the famous athlete, Usain Bolt and investigated his life and many achievements. They then drafted their own diary entries imagining what it would be like to be Usain, taking centre stage at the Olympics!



The children of **Y4** learned about the SS Windrush during their Black History Week, focusing on Floella Benjamin's book 'Coming to England' in which she describes how her family came from Trinidad to England. Her dardi came first, then her marmi and two of her siblings.





It was then much later that Floella and her other siblings joined their parents in England. The children wrote their own versions of Floella's fascinating story, incorporating different writing skills.

They tried to represent and convey how Floella was feeling, using rich language instead of simply 'telling' the reader. Check out their work at the upcoming Curriculum Exhibition!

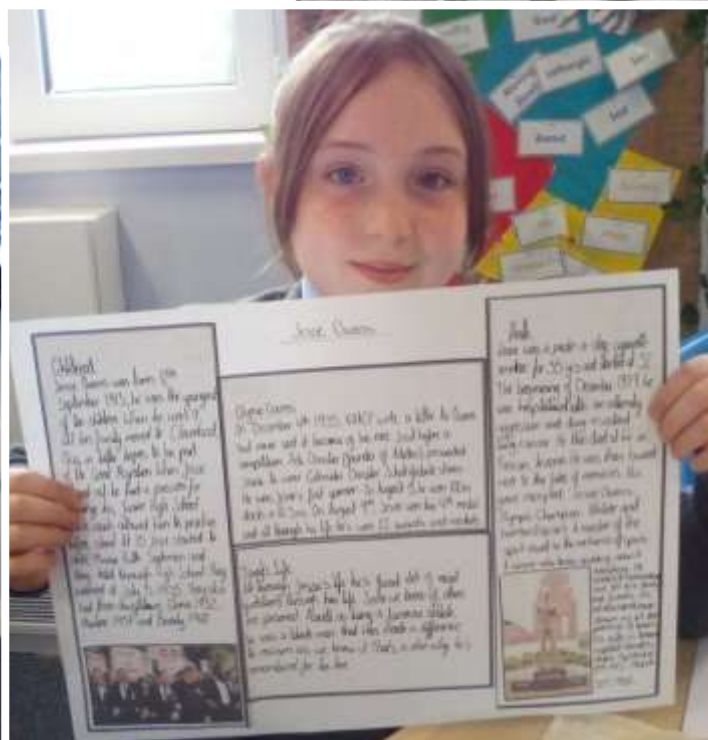


The children of **Y5** really enjoyed their Black History Week topic which focused on the Reverend Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream speech.' They explored its power and reflected on what made it so powerful.

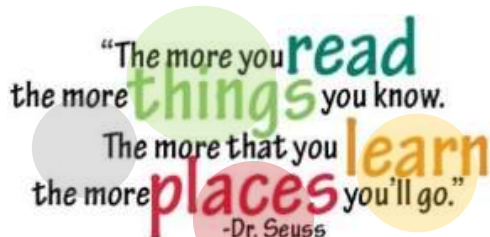
After this, the children then chose a current topic within the world, for example, (i) girls not being able to attend school in some countries; or (ii) the persecution of people because of their religious beliefs.

They then tried to apply the features and language from Reverend King's 'I have a dream...' speech to create their own powerful speech.

During Black History Month, the **Y6** children focused on the life and career of the former Olympic athlete, Jesse Owens. The children explored how his athletic success contrasted sharply with the racism directed towards black people, both in the USA and abroad during the twentieth century, especially the persecution of minorities in Nazi Germany, where the 1936 Olympic games were held. Finally, they produced non-chronological reports about Owens and his Olympic success.



Our Feature Books of the Week!



Our 2022-2023 **SJF book list** can be accessed via this [link](#). Our latest feature books are:

The Viking who Liked to Ice Cakes by Lu Fraser (click [here](#))

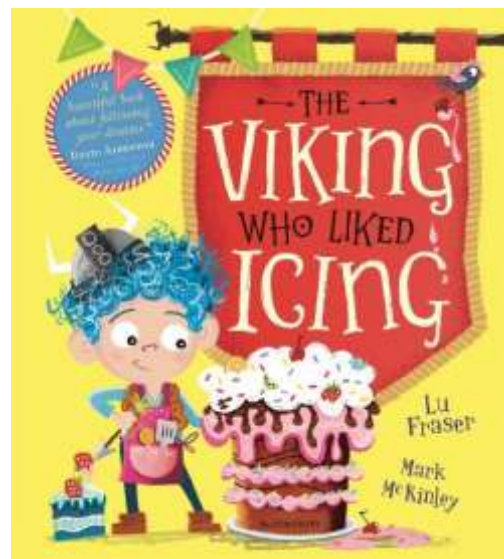
Cloud Soup by Kate Wakeling (click [here](#))

The Viking Who Liked Icing: The Waterstones Review

The author/illustrator of *The Littlest Yak* celebrates being yourself with the delicious rhyming story of a Viking boy who loves to bake and the impending Sports' Day that could prove his undoing.

Nut isn't like the other vikings; he doesn't climb hills or swim icy lakes... but he does have one great passion - Nut LOVES to bake cakes! So when Viking Sports' Day comes round, it looks like certain disaster for Nut. Can his baking SAVE THE DAY?

Told in effortless verse, *The Viking Who Liked Icing* is a hilarious, heartwarming picture book about being yourself. Please click [here](#).



Cloud Soup: The Amazon Review

'Limpidly welcoming and profoundly meaningful, some of these poems, on subjects from weird cakes to good ideas, bodies, dust and Antarctica, will surely stay with their enthralled readers forever' **The Guardian**

Bake a weird cake, pay a visit to the Deep, and get some inspiration for your very own word hoard! Anything is possible in the world of *Cloud Soup*, Kate Wakeling's breathlessly imaginative collection of poems for children.

Quieter poems sit alongside riotously funny ones in this sequel to *Moon Juice*. Readers are encouraged to look more closely at clouds, water, dust and trees, and to reflect on the knottier areas of life. Please click [here](#). Thank you.



Achievements outside of School

A reminder to please send details of your children's achievements outside of school to us via our main email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) so that they can be included in the newsletter.

- Henry in **Y1** received his graduation belt in martial arts recently, which was such a proud moment for him! Congratulations, Henry!
- Phelan in **Y3** football team, F.C. Messi's U8's won their first piece of silverware recently, winning a cup competition by beating two other very good teams. His team played excellently throughout the day!
- Luca in **Y5** plays football and his team, Eckington Boys FC (U10s) managed to qualify for three cup finals in a row and won one on Sunday, comfortably, 3-0. Congratulations, Luca!
- Preston in **Y5** was invited to The University of Sheffield where he received a Gold Award from the Children's University for completing over 100 hours of activities out of school. A fantastic achievement, Preston!



Golden Children

FS2	Edwin for being such a superstar! He always listens well in class; is a great friend; and has such a caring nature. Well done!
Y1	Nickolas because he always listens and participates so well in all his lessons, he is such a hard worker!
Y2	Nathan for having a positive attitude to learning this week. He applied himself brilliantly in every lesson and has made a real effort to contribute to whole-class discussions. Keep it up Nathan, well done!
Y3	Charlotte for showing determination in all aspects of learning! She is really growing in confidence, especially in mathematics. Well done!
Y4	Charly for making a positive effort to show that he can be organised and ready to learn! He is also listening more carefully and is ready to learn. Great work Charly!
Y5	Kacper for returning to school for the start of Term 2 with a very mature attitude. He helps his partner in class and shows a caring attitude towards them. Keep it up!
Y6	Hannah for being such a positive influence on those who sit near her. What a great example you are!

Writing Champions

FS2	Gabriella has been trying really hard to write her full first name and has finally succeeded! Well done, Gabriella!
Y1	Raquel for producing some super writing in RE! She recorded so much in our Baptism lesson this week, sharing lots of her learning!
Y2	Seren for working extremely hard within our sentence stacking lessons related to 'A Crow's Tale'. Seren has written some gorgeous sentences this week, pushing herself in all our lessons.
Y3	Elliott for producing a wonderful final piece of writing in History lesson in which identified the similarities and differences between the three Stone Age eras!
Y4	Keyla for producing a fabulous internet safety poster. It was clear with positive messages. Well done, Keyla!
Y5	Aalia has been thinking carefully about how to develop her sentence stacking skills, by using different grammatical features like personification, similes and fronted adverbials! Keep it up!
Y6	Owen for working very hard during our grammar lessons this week, particularly when learning about mod verbs!

Attendance			
1 st	Y6	98.1%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y5	97.0%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y4	94.4%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y2	93.4%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	FS2	92.7%	
5 th	Y1	92.5%	
7 th	Y3	92.5%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 94.4%	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	Y4	84%	
2 nd	Y2	82%	
2 nd	Y5	81%	
4 th	Y1	78%	
5 th	Y6	67%	
5 th	FS2	65%	
7 th	Y3	58%	
		Average = 74%	

Pupil Progress & Target-Setting Meetings

FS2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
21-11-22	08-11-22	17-11-22	10-11-22	14-11-22	07-11-22	09-11-22

The meetings will be via our ParentMail system, and booked through the school office. Thank you.



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The Healthy Minds Newsletter: November Edition

Please click [here](#). Thank you.



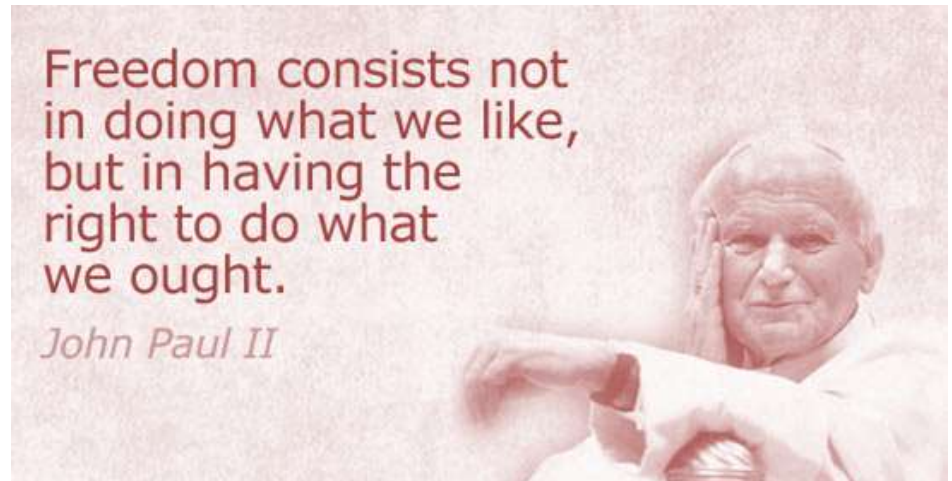
Our Statement of Belief

Our statement next week is 'I know that rights match responsibility.'

Time to talk: Our human rights are what everyone deserves, no matter who they are or where they live. Rights exist so that we can all live in a world that is fair and just.

Everyone has the right to:

- ✓ be happy
- ✓ be safe
- ✓ be loved
- ✓ be safe
- ✓ be educated
- ✓ shelter (somewhere to live)
- ✓ warmth
- ✓ water
- ✓ food
- ✓ clothing
- ✓ personal space
- ✓ freedom of speech
- ✓ freedom to be different
- ✓ to feel comfortable
- ✓ equal opportunities - having the same chances as peers regardless of:
 - wealth
 - faith
 - heritage
 - colour
 - location
 - ability/disability



Responsibility

Of course since these rights are for everybody, it means we all have responsibilities too. A responsibility is something that is your job to do something about, or to think about. It is something that affects our lives and other people's lives.

Our responsibilities:

- ✓ to follow the rules at home, at school and in the community
 - for our safety and to protect our rights and the rights of others
- ✓ to stand up for our rights and the rights of others safely and appropriately
- ✓ to be the best person that we can be
- ✓ to take care of ourselves and others
- ✓ to respect the rights of others
- ✓ to look after our school, own belongings and the belongings of others
- ✓ to try hard to learn so that we push ourselves to be the best we can be
- ✓ to care about others who not feel always feel strong enough to stand up for themselves

What do you think are the most important rights and responsibilities? Why? Everyone in the world is important and special. Everyone deserves to feel happy, safe and loved, every day.

