# SJF NEWS

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# Citizen of the Week

This week our Citizen award goes to **Tadisa** in **Y4** who understands that rights match responsibility. She understands that she has a right to an education and the responsibility to make the most of the opportunities presented to her. She also understands that she has the right to feel happy, safe and loved, and the responsibility to ensure that others feel the same. What a star you are! Congratulations Tadisa, we are all very proud of you!

#### Remembrance 2020

# Community Service of Remembrance

On Wednesday, Armistice Day, our community came together in order to remember the dead and injured of the First World War and all the conflicts since.

Everyone watched a pre-recorded film of this year's Service of Remembrance, which was led by the young people of Y6.

Our Service took place in the School Hall this year because the church was closed due to the second lockdown. The children shared readings, poems and provided a commentary on the origins and significance of Remembrance Day. They also led special prayers to honour the memory of all those affected by war, including those killed or injured in the service of our nation. They also led prayers for their families and all civilian victims of war around the world, especially all the children.







Later in the service wreaths made by the children of each class were laid at the foot of our simple wooden cross, and as 'The Last Post' played everything was still as everyone took a moment to reflect and offer prayers for peace. I would like to thank young people and staff of Y6 for leading the Service and my colleagues in the Y6 team for preparing the liturgy and the children so well. The Service is available to watch via our website by clicking here.

# Remembrance Day Lessons

In preparation for Armistice Day, the children learned about the origins of Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day and why both are so important to everyone in our country. They learned about The Great War and its impact, not just on soldiers, but also their families at home. They learned that since its inception Remembrance Sunday is now a focal point for also remembering the dead and injured of all conflicts since.



#### Silence

This week, at the eleventh hour if the eleventh day, of the eleventh month everyone stood for two minutes in absolute silence as we all took time out of our busy day in order to pause and remember. The children in every class were fantastic.









They shall not grow old,
As we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun,
And in the morning —
We shall remember them.

**Above centre:** Corporal Liam Riley, from Killamarsh, who served in the 3rd Battalion, The Yorkshire Regiment, was killed in Afghanistan in February 2010 when he stepped on a roadside bomb as he tried to save a friend who had stepped on a similar device just moments before. He was aged just 21 years when he died. (Source: The Sheffield Star). **Above left:** an image from 'They Shall Not Grow Old' (Peter Jackson, 2018)



# Consultation: Relationships and Sex Education

As you may be aware, Relationship Education became statutory for all primary schools from September 2020, though because the lockdown closed all schools additional time has been given for it to be implemented fully.

We are delighted to announce that our school is joining other Catholic schools across Sheffield and the country in order to participate in a new Relationship Education programme, created for Catholic primary schools, called **Life to the Full**.

We want to give you an overview of this new and ambitious programme. The **Life to the Full** programme is based on 'A Model Catholic RSE Curriculum' created by the Catholic Education Service. It has been highlighted as a work of good practice by the Department of Education.

Prior to adopting 'Life to the Full' we researched several programmes, including an excellent one for Sheffield schools, but in the end we felt that the 'Life to the Full' programme aligned best with our ethos and values in supporting our children's growth and development.



Life to the Full is much more than a simple series of lessons. It is an entire platform of creative resources that will engage, inform and inspire our children. It includes interactive video content, story-based activities, employing a wide range of teaching tools, original worship music and an accompanying programme of classroom prayers. In addition there is an online parent platform so that parents and carers can engage with the programme in order to support their children. A separate letter, with logon details, will be sent in due course. Each Module is then broken down into Units of Work.

# Module 1: Created and Loved by God

- Religious Understanding
- Me, My Body, My Health
- Emotional Well-Being
- Life Cycles

Life to the Full is intended to be partnership between home, school and church.

We see this new programme as a means to further develop, support and enrich the partnership between home, school and church so that your child is fully supported.







#### Module 2: Created to Love Others

- Religious Understanding
- Personal Relationship
- Keeping Safe

# Module 3: Created to Live in Community

- Religious Understanding
- Living in the Wider World

We are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers thus we would like to formally consult with you.

Once the letter with log in details is sent home you will have until **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020** we invite you to view the resources via the link.

When you have viewed the material your questions and feedback can be shared via a google questionnaire that we will send you. The course will start after Christmas, so we have time to review and act on the feedback.

# **Term 1 Smiley Scores**









#### **Forthcoming Events**

Click **here** to link to our online calendar. Below is a summary of forthcoming events.

- Y5 pupil progress, achievement and target-setting meetings (via telephone)

  o online appointment booking system
  - FS2 PE uniform all day
- Y1 pupil progress, achievement and target-setting meetings (via telephone)
  - o online appointment booking system
  - Y1 & Y2 PE uniform all day
- **18-11-20 Y5** filming the weekly Liturgy of the Word
  - Y2 pupil progress, achievement and target-setting meetings (via telephone)
    - o online appointment booking system
  - Y3 & Y4 PE uniform all day
- 19-11-20 Y5 Liturgy of the Word available to watch here
  - Y4 pupil progress, achievement and target-setting meetings (via telephone)
    - o online appointment booking system
  - Y5 & Y6 PE uniform all day
- Y3 pupil progress, achievement and target-setting meetings (via telephone)
  - o online appointment booking system
- FS2 pupil progress, achievement and target-setting meetings (via telephone)
  - o online appointment booking system
- Y4 filming the Advent Wreath Blessing Liturgy 2020
  - Reminder to order school lunches for the following week (or weeks)
- 27-11-20 Y4 Advent Wreath Blessing Liturgy 2020 available to watch here
- **30-11-20** Blue Day (Feast of St Andrew) members can dress in blue, everyone else in school uniform
- SEND reviews with Mrs Hadfield
  - PTFA Monthly Meeting (PTFA@st-johnfisher.org)
- **03-12-20 No** liturgy this week
- 04-12-20 PTFA Santa in School







Week 10 Attend	ance	
<b>1</b> st	Y3	100%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5	99.4%
3rd	Y6	99.3%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	98.3%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	97.1%
6 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	95.9%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	95.5%
Average	Attendance	<b>= 98.0%</b> (Taraet = 98%)



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1 st	Y6	91%				
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y2	90%				
3rd	FS2	88%				
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	84%				
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	84%				
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	79%				
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	74%				
Average = 84%						

## Free Course for Parents/Carers

Understanding Children & Young People's Mental Health

The 'Understanding Children & Young People's Mental Health' course is a nationally accredited course and is certificated upon completion. It is a VRQ Level 2 course, and is Ofsted approved.

- the qualification is all question based
- to be completed in six weeks (about 15-30 hours)
- online (so a computer or laptop will be needed)
- two workbooks to be completed, with them needing to be submitted at the three and six week stages
- tutor support throughout for any help and guidance

Parents/carers can click here to watch video with course details & structure: <a href="https://vimeo.com/430636206">https://vimeo.com/430636206</a>. There is a withdrawal fee of up to £125 for non-completion without a genuine reason, though extensions will be granted for genuine cases. The course open to anyone:

- √ aged 19+
- ✓ who have the right to work in the UK
- ✓ who have been in the EU/UK for the past 3 years
- ✓ not currently doing another government-funded qualification

If you are interested please click the link to register by 18-11-20: <a href="https://theaimgroup.co.uk/courses/registration">https://theaimgroup.co.uk/courses/registration</a>
Please note that this course is run completely separately to school.

# Our Weekly SJF Sixty Second Challenge





# **SJF School Council Update**

Here is a message from Riley, one of our Y5 Councillors:

This week when the Y6 councilors met they discussed why some playground games are not safe to play right now because of the Covid-19 pandemic, so we have completed a list of games which are safe for all ages.

Sophie Hemingway (Vice Chair)







#### Our Catholic Life

#### Parish News

Information about parish and Diocesan life including the times of Masses, Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this link to the parish website: <a href="http://www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk/">http://www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk/</a>.

# Weekly Liturgy of the Word

The next liturgy will be led by the pupils of Y5 and will be filmed on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The recording will then be uploaded to the website so that it can be viewed the next day. Please click <u>here</u> if you would like to watch it.

#### **November Prayer**

During November we remember all those who have died and pray for the repose of their souls. We also remember the dead of war both service personnel and civilians. Our prayer is:

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

## Achievements outside of School

Please send details of any of your children's achievements out of school to us via our main email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) and they will be included in the newsletter.

This week's achievements are:

everyone.

• Lydia in Y4 has achieved her purple belt awarded by Castle Martial Arts! A fantastic achievement Lydia!

#### Golden Children

**Y5** 

FS2	<b>Seren</b> for much improved confidence since half term, it has been so lovely to see the <i>true</i> Seren in class!
Y1	Niamh For trying so hard in all her work and always being so well behaved and a brilliant example fo

**Y2** Marcus for participating brilliantly - answering lots of questions and joining in fantastically!

Y3 Lexi for working really hard in maths, showing great determination in order to draw a perfect graph!

Y4 Elizabeth for having a brilliant week, all week! She has worked hard and independently! Keep it up superstar!

Filip for some great work in maths this week, particularly on our reasoning problems!

Matty has been trying really hard with maths this week. He is also such an easy going, honest and not a fuss maker!

Writing	g Champions						
	FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Dylan	Archie	Jake	Рорру	Isabelle	Kiya	Ethan

## Pupil Progress, Achievement & Target-Setting Meetings

Details of our new online booking system were shared earlier this week. Please use this system to book appointments if you want a telephone meeting. Please note that parents/carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities who normally have meetings with Mrs Hadfield and the class teacher will be contacted separately to arrange a meeting, and so will not have to make an appointment.







#### PTFA: BBC Children In Need Appeal 2020

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's appeal. A magnificent total of £240.42 was raised in support of this fantastic appeal!

# **Blue Day (The Feast of St Andrew)**

To mark the feast of St Andrew all the children in St Andrew's House are invited to come to school dressed in blue on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020**. The children in the other three Houses must wear full school uniform as usual.



#### SJF Advent & Christmas 2020

#### Advent Blessing Liturgy

Our traditional Y4-led liturgy will go ahead as usual, but like everything else at the moment, it will be behind closed doors. The liturgy will be filmed on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020** and will be available to watch on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020** by clicking <u>here</u>.

# **Term 2 Curriculum Overviews**

The Term 2 Curriculum Overviews were shared at the beginning of the week. Click here to view them.

# Statement to Live By

Our statement next week is 'I try to be just and fair.'

Time to talk: Together think about what the word 'just' means. Why is it important to be treated fairly? What does it feel like to be treated unfairly? If you know someone is being treated unjustly and unfairly what should you do? Who can you tell? Are you being just and fair if you judge others and look down on them? Remember we all have a role in helping others to feel happy, safe and loved every day.

There is no true peace without fairness, truth, justice and solidarity.

Pope John Paul II

# A final thought...

"There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it is going to be a butterfly"

**B** Fuller

Best wishes, Mr Barratt



