

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

This week's 'Citizen of the Week' award goes to **Jacob** in **Y1** who understands what trust is in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. Jacob tries very hard in school to set a wonderful example to others. He trusts the grown-ups and his friends, especially when learning. He is never afraid to give something new a try, even if he feels a little unsure. Jacob is so well-liked by everyone because he can be trusted to make good choices. What is more he does not do things for reward or recognition. Congratulations, superstar!

Term 5 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  565	St David's House  577	St Patrick's House  632	St George's House  615
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Congratulations

Congratulations to the following pupils who have earned 100 smilies

F2	Adriana, Chloe, Edwin, Eliel, Ewan, Freddie, Heidi, Ivy, Izabela, Jenson, Joshua, Libbi, Max, Seren, Shelby
Y3	Sebastian
Y6	Daniel, Eleanor, Jason, Mike, Sophie, Summer

Attendance this Week			
1 st	Y1	A virtual visit from Bobby Bear	98.6%
2 nd	Y4	A virtual visit from Brenda Bear	97.2%
3 rd	Y5	A virtual visit from Elvis the Owl	96.9%
4 th	FS2		96.3%
4 th	Y2		95.3%
6 th	Y3		94.4%
7 th	Y6		93.3%
Average Attendance = 96.0% (Target = 98%)			



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y4	94%
2 nd	Y2	92%
2 nd	Y6	92%
4 th	FS2	91%
5 th	Y1	76%
6 th	Y5	73%
7 th	Y3	72%
Average = 84%		

Golden Children

FS2	Dylan for impressing us all with his kind and cooperative behaviour! He is showing real maturity. What a superstar you are!
Y1	Julia for showing such kindness to her friends! She always has a calming effect on others and helps them to sort out any issues that they might have from time to time.
Y2	Louis for trying incredibly hard to follow the rules and to set a great example! What a star!
Y3	Eva for making such a brilliant effort in her lessons and for setting a great example to classmates. She has worked especially hard over the past few weeks and effort is shining through into her work!
Y4	Cavani for always being a great example to classmates by the way he just gets on with his work and other people! He is always polite, considerate and caring towards everyone! What a star!
Y5	Kiya for making a huge effort in recent weeks to answer questions and produce high-quality work, particularly in maths. Keep it up Kiya!
Y6	Eleanor for always being a fantastic role model and always giving 100% effort in her work. Well done!





Writing Champions

- FS2** **Nathan** for working really hard to use the letter sounds he knows to write sentences about birds!
- Y1** **Tilly** for really thinking about different ways to start a sentence, this really has improved her writing!
- Y2** **Amelia** for writing a really wonderful non-chronological report about her dragon!
- Y3** **Lexi** for writing a lovely story about a family who go on a camping trip. It was a brilliant story, and such a great read! Well done Lexi!
- Y4** **Mia** for writing a brilliant version of the story of Pandora's box. She really pushed herself to include everything she has learned in Y4!
- Y5** **Tyler** for working very hard this week to understand and write relative clauses sentences.
- Y6** **Kaydi-Leigh** for really thinking about the sentence structures she uses and for editing her work! What a star!

SJF School Council News



This week the council met with Mr MacInnes in order to discuss various matters and to continue to learn about the roots of democracy and different forms of government. Here's a word from our Y6 Vice Chair:

"This week we learnt about how democracy came from Ancient Athens. There were two different types of government in Ancient Greece, *oligarchy* and *democracy*.

The city of Sparta was an oligarchy and Athens was the first democracy.

The word democracy comes from the Greek word 'demos', meaning 'all citizens' and 'kratos' meaning 'rule'."

Sophie (Vice-Chair)

Achievements outside of School

Don't forget to send in details 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 our newsletter. Thank you.

SJF Calendar/Forthcoming Events

Click [here](#) to view our online calendar. Thank you.



Our Weekly SJF Sixty Second Challenge

We hope everyone had fun completing last week's challenge! It was amazing to see everyone having a go and just trying their best!

This week's challenge is a fun on the spot challenge that you can do anywhere! Please watch the video demonstration by another of our fantastic Sports Major and have a go!

Don't forget to let your teacher know how many you can do in sixty seconds! Have fun everyone!

Please click [here](#) to watch a demonstration by one of our fantastic Sports Majors and then have a go! Don't forget to let your teacher know how you do! Have fun!





Our Catholic Life

Our Eastertide Prayer II: 'The Angelus'

**The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit...**

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen



**Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it done unto me according to thy word...**

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

**And the Word was made Flesh.
And dwelt among us...**

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Our Pentecost Song



As we prepare now for Pentecost
and the coming of the Holy Spirit
the verse of the song that we will
say (as we are not allowed to sing)
before and after assembly is:

*Come Holy Spirit,
Descend on us
Descend on us
We Gather now in Jesus' (name)*



Liturgy of the Word

Thank you to the young people of Y2 for leading our liturgy this week.

Our next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the young people of **Y1**. It will be filmed on Wednesday 26th May 2021 and uploaded to the SJF website so that it can be viewed by the rest of the school, as well as by the children's families and friends on **Thursday 27th May 2021**.

You will be able to see it, along with all previous liturgies, Services and Masses by clicking [here](#). Thank you.





Parking Complaints

Please park safely and legally. We have received several complaints this week from those living around school that people have been parking across their drives and blocking their access. One complained that a parent had actually parked on his drive! There is plenty of space slightly away from school where cars can be parked legally and without upsetting our neighbours. Thank you.



SJF Transition Arrangements

Provisional plans have been made for both the transition of new children joining FS2 (Reception) in September 2021 and for our current pupils who will be moving up to their new classes.

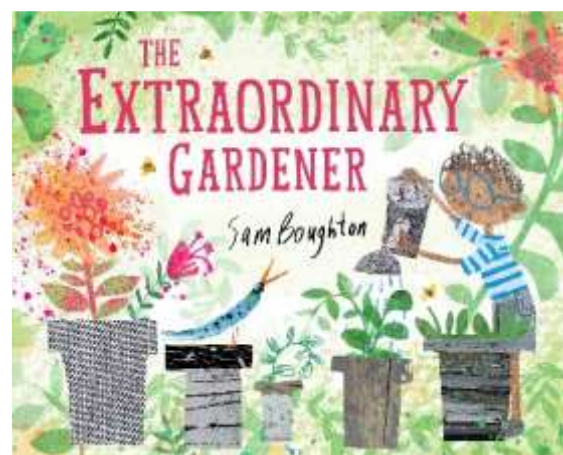
We are hoping that we will be able to bring new starters in to school for at least one 'taster' experience. We are also hoping that current pupils will be able to move to their new classes for a day as well. However, all plans are dependent upon government guidance. We know that the roadmap is being reviewed in the light of public health concerns about the new COVID variants. We will certainly do everything we can for both new and existing pupils (including those with additional needs) to ensure that transitions are as smooth and happy as possible. Further details will be shared in due course, once the guidance has been confirmed.

We are planning a live online meeting for the parents/carers of our new FS2 children at **5.00pm** on **Tuesday 22nd June 2021**. More details about this and the follow up Zoom meetings that we will have instead of home visits will be shared in due course. Thank you.

Our Books of the Week!

For Our Younger Children

This week's book recommendation for our younger children comes from Mrs Darken and is called "**The Extraordinary Gardener**" by Sam Broughton.



Mrs Darken writes:

This book is beautifully illustrated, with a real wow ending. It shows the power of plants and little ideas. The FS2 children loved the book and have since started planting lots of different seeds. A book that visually demonstrates the power of community and how hope/joy can spread. I loved it!

Click [here](#) for information about buying or downloading this amazing book!

For our older children

Our book recommendation for our older children this week comes from Mrs Pickering and is "**You're Bad Mr Gum**" from the series by Andy Stanton.

Mrs Pickering writes:

I love these books. Mr Gum and his friend, Billy William, are the most horrible bad-guys ever! Their adventures lead them to meet the silliest characters, including Monsieur Bellybutton, Friday O'Leary and a gingerbread man called Alan Taylor (he's a millionaire). What more could you want? 'The truth is a lemon meringue!' Click [here](#) if you would like to find out more about the books, download or buy any of them.





Staff News

Today we said a sad farewell to Mrs Pickering. Mrs Pickering was one of my first appointees and joined us in September 2013, as we were rebuilding after being placed in Special Measures the summer before. She fulfilled various roles as a teaching assistant before being appointed as our Learning and Inclusion Mentor, working closely with Miss Kiernan initially and then Mrs Hadfield to maintain our ongoing strategy of supporting all children needing help, including the most vulnerable.

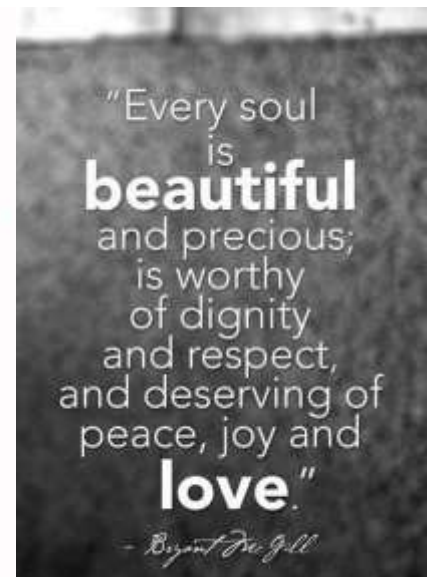
During this time Mrs Pickering has helped a number of our families too. She also worked closely with a number of other agencies too, including the police, Social Care, MAST and the local authority. There is no question that Mrs Pickering has played a very important and special part in our school's journey, and in doing so, has helped so many children and families along the way.

As Mrs Pickering now moves on to an exciting new career working alongside the police to support highly vulnerable children, she will leave SJF with all our thanks, prayers and best wishes for the future.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is '**I know what human dignity means and I show respect for others**'.

Time to talk: What does the word 'dignity' mean? What does 'respect' mean? Why is it important to treat others with dignity and respect? What happens when we don't? What would be different about our world if everyone treated everyone else with dignity and respect?



Best wishes,
F Barratt

