

SJF NEWS



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Citizen of the Week

This week's 'Citizen of the Week' award goes to **Aureilia** in **Y2** who understands the importance of both sharing and accepting forgiveness, in line with this week's 'Statement to Live by'. Aureilia is a wonderful friend to all the children in her class. If anyone is ever sad or needs cheering up, then Aureilia is there with a great big smile and some kind words of encouragement to share. She understands that the cycle of forgiveness includes accepting forgiveness as well as offering it and she encourages others to be kind to each other and to be friends. Congratulations superstar, what a great example you set! We are all very proud of you!

House Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House 650	St David's House 632	St Patrick's House 647	St George's House 627
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Congratulations St Andrew's House

Congratulations to the members of St Andrew's House for earning the most smilies in Term 6!

St Andrew's House 2728	St David's House 2751	St Patrick's House 2784	St George's House 2866
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Congratulations and Thank you!

Congratulations to St George's House for earning the most smiley House Points over the year, and thank you to our amazing Y6 House Captains this year!

St Andrew's House Oscar Ethan U Jason	St David's House Daniel Harley Jacob G	St Patrick's House Phil Jack Tiarnan	St George's House Alex Mike Leon
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Attendance this Week			
1 st	Y4	A virtual visit from Bobby Bear	99.4%
2 nd	Y2	A virtual visit from Brenda Bear	99.3%
3 rd	FS2	A virtual visit from Elvis the Owl	98.7%
4 th	Y6		97.3%
5 th	Y5		96.8%
6 th	Y1		96.1%
7 th	Y3		90.0%
Average Attendance = 96.8% (Target = 98%)			



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	Y2		92%
1 st	Y4		92%
3 rd	FS2		90%
4 th	Y6		89%
4 th	Y1		86%
6 th	Y3		81%
7 th	Y5		71%
Average = 86%			



Celebration Day

On Sunday evening the England national men's football team will play in the final of the prestigious UEFA Euro 2020 tournament.

It is the first time in 55 years that one of our home nations has made it through all the way to the final of a major football competition and we know that many of our parents, carers and children will be watching the final, which will finish late.



On Monday, school will start at the usual time, with JPAC's Breakfast Club carrying on as usual beforehand for those who use it, **but registration will be extended to 10.00am** for children who need to start slightly later.

This means that on Monday children can arrive at the usual time for school. However, if they have stayed up late in order to watch the match - and be part of this historic sporting moment - parents/carers also have the option to let them stay in bed a little longer so that when they do arrive at school, they feel a bit more rested, refreshed and ready to learn. We would rather than this than children missing the whole day if they are tired.

Please talk to your children about the significance of the event, so that they really understand why it is special. Talk to them about the National Anthem, Wembley stadium and about how Britain has changed since the last time we appeared in a major final in 1966. Talk about the different countries that have taken part and find them on a map. Find out what you can about Italy, their team over the years and the current players.

Talk about what it will mean if England wins and also what it will mean if things do not go as we hope. These are all important lessons.

We hope for an England victory on Sunday, but regardless of the result, our national team has been amazing in this tournament and deserves full credit not just for doing well, but for training hard, acting with dignity and playing with class. Their attitudes, belief, teamwork and hard work are all great examples to our children. The individual journeys of our manager and players also serve as inspiring examples to our children about the importance of chasing their dreams.

To mark the achievements of the England team, Monday 12th July will be a special day of celebration! The children will have the option to dress in red and white, England kits or wear something they like, instead of their school uniform. A reminder that the children of Y6 will need to bring their school uniform to change in to as we are filming their special Mass in the afternoon.

Golden Children

- FS2** **Noah** - for showing such improved confidence in our liturgy, you were amazing and we are all very proud of you!
- Y1** **Natalia** for being a super example to all children! She tries hard in all her work and really wants to do well! Well done!
- Y2** **Aureilia** for applying herself to difficult tasks and for showing such determination and resilience! Well done!
- Y3** **Alfie** for showing great maturity on 'Moving Up Day'. In Y4 Alfie chose somewhere very sensible to sit which showed us just how much he is eager to learn. He was a great role model to the others!
- Y4** **Lily** for being one of the 'always' children; always ready to learn and always trying her best
- Y5** **Maya** for trying so hard in maths lessons and making some brilliant progress!
- Y6** **Sophie** for being so resilient and leading her own learning. Sophie is a wonderful role model. Well done!



Writing Champions

- FS2** **Edwin** for producing lovely piece of writing in his butterfly diary! Well done!
- Y1** **Peter** for really trying so hard with his writing over the last few weeks! We are so proud of him!
Kyrel for creating a super piece of writing all about his 'neighbour' in class. His writing was really thoughtful and he remembered his capital letters and full stops! What a star!
- Y2** **Jacob W** for writing a great story about Zahra in the Savannah! It was brilliant!
- Y3** **Dominique** for producing a gorgeous comic strip based on climate change; describing the problems drought can cause. It was a lovely comic, beautifully written and illustrated! Well done Dominique!
- Y4** **Lydia** for planning independently and making great notes, ready for her non-chronological report! Well done!
- Y5** **Filip** for writing a brilliant draft non-chronological report about France.
- Y6** **Jack** for some fantastic written work during isolation.
Mike for his superb work in Sikhism.

PTFA News

A reminder that our fantastic PTFA Committee is organising COVID-compliant **Friday Fayre** for the children on **Friday 16th July 2021**, which is the last day of the school year. Planning will take full account of the covid restrictions that will still be in place, meaning that, sadly, we cannot invite family and friends this time. There will be stalls and various activities for the children to enjoy within their class bubbles on the day.



REMINDER: Non-Uniform Days Next Week

- Monday 12th July 2021 (Y6 need to bring school uniform with them for Mass)
- Friday 16th July (PTFA Friday Fayre and the last day)



SJF Moving Up Day 2021

Thank you to all my colleagues for looking after the children so well on 'Moving Up Day'. Thank you to all the parents/carers who contacted us to express their thanks for the way their children had been prepared and supported. Thank you to the children of Y6 who enjoyed a special day with Miss Heath. It was also fantastic to be able to welcome the young children who will be joining FS2 in September for their taster sessions.

SJF School Council News

I would like to thank Mr MacInness for coordinating the SJF School Council during what has been an extraordinary year, that has presented him with all sorts of challenges, including not mixing bubbles! The councillors have been incredible. I would like to thank Marisa (Chair of the SJF School Council); Sophie (Vice-Chair); Summer (Treasurer); Rosie (Secretary); Jacob (Vice-Secretary). I would also like to thank the class representatives: Cavani, Ruby, Katy, Riley, Amelie, Luke, Sanaya and Bruno. You have all been incredible!



Next week elections take place for our new 2021-22 School Council. Two councillors will be elected from each class from FS2 to Y4. On Monday the class teachers will explain how it will work to the children in each class.

At SJF children are allowed to be a Councillor twice before they reach Y6 so that different children get a chance to fulfil the role. Once in Y6 the slate is wiped clean and all children are eligible to stand for one of the four senior positions; Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer or Secretary.

The elections for the senior Y6 positions will take place in the first week of the new academic year so any children in Y5 currently will be advised by Mr MacInness to think now about the Y6 role that interests them most; what kind of senior Councillor they would be; and what they would try to do if elected.

In the first week of the new school year the Y6 candidates will have an opportunity to present themselves and their manifestos to the whole school before an general election takes place that aims to give all the children an opportunity to experience democracy in action.



Achievements outside of School

As the newsletter will be different next week, please save them up and send us the details when we return in September for inclusion in the first newsletter of the 2021-2022 academic year. Thank you.

SJF Calendar/Forthcoming Events

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

Our Books of the Week!

For Our Younger Children

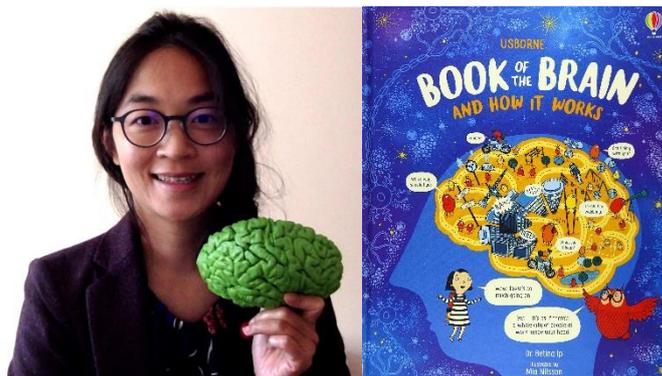
This week's book recommendation is from Mr MacInnes and is called **'The Book of the Brain and How it Works'** by Betina Ip.

Mr MacInnes writes:

This is a really cool book that explores how our brains work and explores just how amazing the brain is!

It uses fantastic illustrations and clear, simple metaphors to help explain the different jobs and responsibilities of our brains to young children.

If you would like to find out more about this amazing book or buy it please click [here](#).



For Our Older Children

This week's recommendation comes from Mrs Birch and is called **'The Highland Falcon Thief'** by M G Leonard and Sam Sedgman.

Mrs Birch writes:

This is a great story about a boy, Harrison Hal Beck, who finds himself on a royal train making its final journey.

At first, he expects it to be a boring journey (especially because he's had to leave his video games at home), but he quickly finds himself in the middle of an exciting adventure after meeting a little girl on the train...

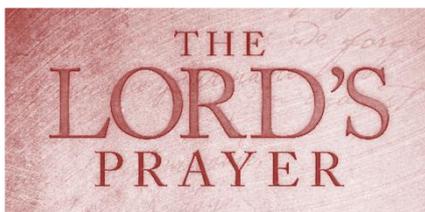
If you would like to find out more about the authors and story, or you would like to buy the book, please click [here](#).



More Fantastic Books to Enjoy!

For our full list of recommendations to date, please click [here](#) and check out the **'Fantastic Books to Read'** section of our SJF website. There are links for each of the books we have recommended to you. Thank you.

Our July Prayer: 'The Lord's Prayer'



*Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name -
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On Earth as is in Heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread,*

*And forgive us our trespasses -
As we forgive those -
who trespass against us,
And lead us not in to temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen*



