

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week & Weekly Awards

Our first Citizen of the Week this year is **Mia** in **Y5** who understands that we are all special, in line with this week's 'Statement of Belief'. Mia is a thoroughly kind member of our family who is always so thoughtful and generous to others. Her attitude is a great example to the other children. What a star!

Pupils' Voice at SJF



School Council Elections

Here is a message from Mr MacInnes, our School Council Coordinator:

This week at St John Fisher we held the annual Y6 councilor hustings and general election. Ten children from Y6 put themselves forward as candidates for the four senior positions on our SJF School Council:

- Chairperson
- Vice-Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer

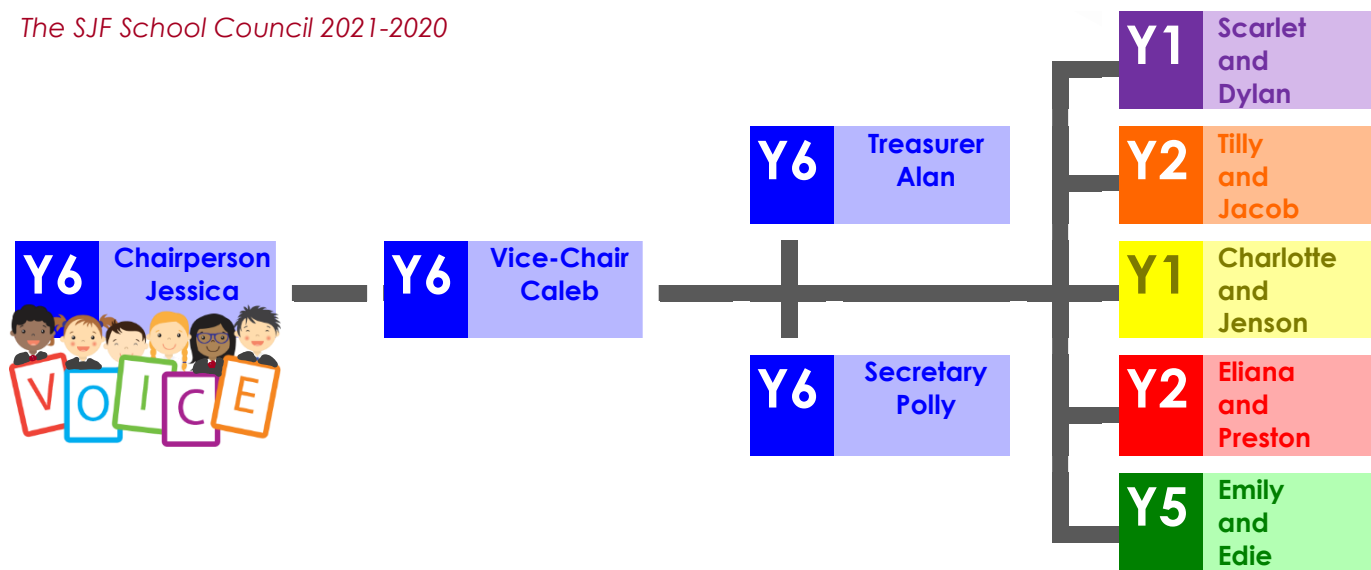
The candidates made articulate and passionate speeches to the children from Y1 to Y5, sharing their ideas and information about themselves, before the children later cast their votes. These were then counted.

Our system is that the candidate with the most votes chooses their preferred role, then the next and so on until all four positions are filled.

The candidate who received the most votes in our election was Alan, who chose to be the Treasurer. The candidate who received the next highest number of votes was Jessica, and she chose to be our Chairperson. The candidate who received the next highest number of votes was Caleb, and he chose to be the Vice-Chairperson. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes was Polly who is our new Secretary.

They now join the rest of the school councillors from years 1 to 5 who were elected in the summer:

The SJF School Council 2021-2020



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School Office Volunteers, House Captains, SJF Chaplaincy and Eco Teams

Full details will be shared in the next newsletter. The SJF Chaplaincy Team is coordinated by Mrs Barrett; the SJF Eco Team is coordinated by Mrs Brownbill; and the Office Volunteers are coordinated by Mrs Ramsden.

SJF Governorship



Our Governing Body is looking for new members with skillsets and experience that will support our community e.g. in finance, law, human resources, education, health and safety, safeguarding, business etc. If you want further information, please contact the School Office (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org or 0114 2485009). Thank you.

PTFA AGM

An Invitation to YOU!

Please join us via Zoom for a virtual AGM on **Monday 20th September 2021.**

- 4.00pm
- Zoom Meeting ID: 83140365905
- Zoom Passcode: 514731



You can find out all about the things our PTFA managed to do for our children/families during one of the toughest years in the history of our school. You can also about plans are for the year ahead, and ask questions.

New ideas for events and ways for raising money our children are welcomed! You might even want to volunteer with some of the important events that mean so much to our children e.g. Santa in School.



Term 1 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  61	St David's House  67	St Patrick's House  65	St George's House  90
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COVID-19 Reminders

Our website contains all sorts of information that you might find useful including the following:

- please click [here](#) to link to the Sheffield City Council risk assessment that we are using
- please click [here](#) to link to our updated SJF Connection Plan

Pupil Premium Grant

If you are (or have been) in receipt of benefits of one kind or another then your child(ren) might be entitled to a **Pupil Premium Grant** and **free school meals**. The grant is also available to children in care and those with parents serving in the UK armed forces.

The grant provides school with additional funding to support vulnerable children. It is therefore very important that you tell us. Please make sure you claim even if your child is in FS2/Y1/Y2 and receives free school meals through a separate arrangement anyway. Please speak in confidence to Mrs Ramsden or Mrs Birch in order to find out more. Thank you.



Review & Target-Setting Meetings

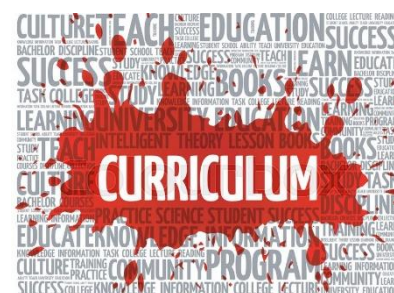
Thank you to everyone who engaged with this week's meetings. A reminder this cycle concludes on Monday 20th September with our **Y6** meetings. Details of **FS2** meetings will be shared as soon as all the baseline assessments are complete.

SJF Calendar

For information about forthcoming events please check out our online SJF calendar on the homepage of the SJF website, or by clicking [here](#).

Curriculum Overviews

Our Term 1 Curriculum Overviews have been sent out and are available on our website by clicking [here](#). Please remember to get in touch if you have any questions; require any help; or are able to help us. Thank you.



SJF Open Morning 2021

Following recent Public Health advice we have again decided to suspend plans for our Open Morning. We hope that we will be able to rearrange it at the beginning of Term 2. We are also hoping to welcome the parents/carers of prospective pupils for visits and tours - as we always did before the pandemic - but again this is on hold and subject to future public health advice. As soon as the meetings/tours can restart, they will.

School Lunches

Please remember that children's lunches must be ordered by **midnight each Thursday** for the following week. You have the option to order for more than one week if you choose.



Taylor Shaw will work with our School Council to in order to design and set the menus. Please talk to your children about their meal choices to avoid disappointment in school!



Golden Children

FS2	Mila for showing beautiful manners and for being really kind to everyone!
Y1	Jenson for setting such a fantastic example to all his classmates in the first week of Y1. Jenson is always ready to listen and is trying so hard with everything he is asked to do! A great start superstar!
Y2	Niamh for making a brilliant start to Y2 and for giving every task 100% effort and always with a great big smile on her face! Keep it up sunshine!
Y3	Charlie Ferill for working brilliantly in a team to help organise events chronologically in a calm and supportive manner. He used great talking and listening skills to provide support to the rest of the group.
Y4	Dominique for setting a fabulous example to others and for giving everything such a good go!
Y5	Freddie for having such a positive attitude towards his studies. He is thinking carefully about his new learning and is applying this wonderful attitude to his work. Well done, Freddie!
Y6	Tyler for making such a huge effort with his handwriting so far this year!

Writing Champions

FS2	George for trying really hard to form his letter shapes and trying to write his name on his own!
Y1	Seren for working so hard when writing about her summer holiday! She wrote so much and sounded out lots of difficult words carefully. Well done Seren!
Y2	Jan M for producing a wonderful recount as the troll character. Though you don't always find writing easy you are showing true determination! Well done superstar!
Y3	Aureilia for writing some fantastic sentences as part of our work focused on adding adjectives to make writing more interesting! She was a great example of how we can stretch ourselves!
Y4	Alfie for writing a great story based on the Lighthouse. He used paragraphs, adjectives and adverbs
Y5	Priscilla for producing a fabulous piece of writing based on our story 'Clockwork'!
Y6	Charlie for working incredibly hard in English this week and for successfully identifying relative pronouns and relative clauses!

W/C 06-09-21			
1 st	Y1	100%	
2 nd	Y3	100%	
3 rd	Y5	100%	
4 th	Y6	99.4%	
5 th	Y2	99.3%	
6 th	Y4	98.7%	
7 th	FS2	73.0%	(staggered start to the year)
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 97.0%	

Attendance at school every day is very important.

Our target attendance in every class is **98%+**.

Attendance below 98% has a negative impact on children's learning and wellbeing.

Your support is obviously key in helping us to ensure that attendance in all classes is 98%+ every week.

Attendance this week			
1 st	Y3	100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y2	98.6%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y5	98.4%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	FS2	96.0%	
5 th	Y6	95.9%	
6 th	Y1	95.2%	
7 th	Y4	93.0%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 96.8%	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	Y2	90%	
2 nd	Y3	80%	
3 rd	Y6	71%	
4 th	Y5	70%	
5 th	Y1	69%	
5 th	Y4	69%	
7 th	FS2	68%	
		Average = 74%	



Operation Encompass



Our school is an **Operation Encompass** school. Operation Encompass is the notification we receive when any of our children has been exposed to, or involved in any form of domestic incident. The notification is usually received at the start of the next school day.

Operation Encompass will ensure that specially trained members of staff on the Safeguarding Team are informed so that they can respond appropriately to support the safety and wellbeing of children and their parents/carers. Where necessary the school may be able to make provisions or adjustments in order to assist the young person and their family. To find out more about Operation Encompass you can click on this [link](#).

At St John Fisher, the Safeguarding Team is:

- **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):** Mr Barratt
- **Designated Safeguarding Deputies (DSDs):** Mrs Barrett, Mrs Hadfield and Mr Smith

SJF Residential Visits

We are planning to resume residential visits this academic year and next. We are planning a Y6 residential visit for the current Y6 children in June 2022 and a Y6 residential for the current Y5 children in the autumn of 2022. We are also planning a Y5 residential visit to 'The Oakes' in the autumn of 2022 for the children in Y4 currently. There will be Zoom meetings this week to share information and answer questions.

- The Oakes Y5 Residential for current **Y4** pupils
 - Tuesday 21st September 2021
 - 4.00pm
 - Zoom ID: **86927405121**
 - Zoom Password: **974274**
- Hollowford Y6 Residential for current **Y5 and Y6** pupils
 - Wednesday 22nd September 2021
 - 4.00pm
 - Zoom ID: **83323886362**
 - Zoom Password: **129611**



Achievements outside of School

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. It does not matter whether achievements are big or small we would be delighted to share the good news and celebrate it! This week's achievements are:

- **William** in **Y1** was received a certificate recently from the Arts Council for England for his efforts at a 'Bears' event in Sheffield at the Millennium Gallery! Congratulations William!
- **Luca** in **Y4** was a film extra over the last bank holiday in an exciting new Bollywood movie! Well done Luca!

Our Catholic Life



September Prayer

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee

Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus

Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen

'Coming In' Song

Ubi caritas et amor (Where charity and love are, God is there)

Ubi caritas, deus ibi est



Collective Worship

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Statement of Belief Assembly (Headteacher)	Virtues Assembly (Class-Based)	Themed Assembly (Teacher-Led)	Weekly Liturgy of the Word (Class-Led)	Celebration Assembly (Headteacher)

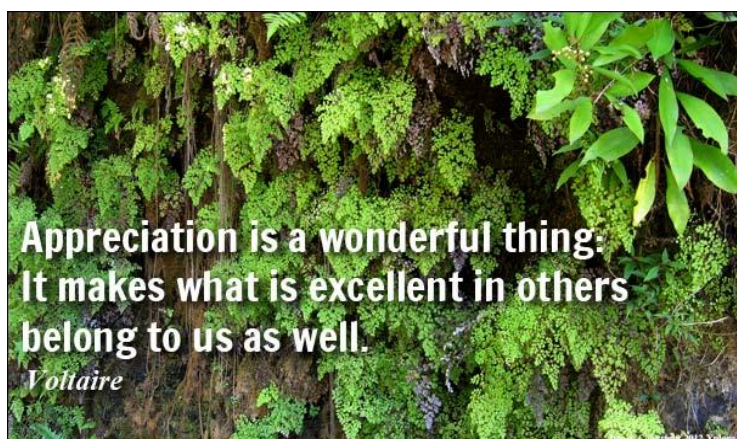
For the time being, the advice from our Sheffield Public Health team is that we cannot invite family and friends to join us for our weekly Liturgy of the Word and Celebration Assembly. A reminder that in the meantime recordings of liturgies are available to watch via this [here](#). Thank you.

Statement to Live By

Our 'statement to live by' next week will be: **"I can say one good thing about myself"**

Time to talk: Sometimes we find it easier to say good things about others than do about ourselves. With someone at home try to think about all the things that you are good at and list your particular skills and talents. Afterwards think about the qualities that make you special and pick your favourite or favourites.

Talk about why it more important to remember all the good things about ourselves rather than the negatives. Why is it important to always try to see the best in others, rather than focusing on their faults?



Best wishes,
Mr F Barratt

