

# SJF NEWS

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## ★ Citizen of the Week Commencing 29-11-21

★ Our Citizen last week was **Ernie** in **Y6** who understands the importance of making good decisions about his health in line with last week's Statement of Belief. Ernie understands the importance of looking after both his physical and mental health and he shows this by talking and asking for help if he needs to. In being prepared to do this Ernie is a positive role-model who sets an important example to others. Congratulations Ernie!

## ★ Citizen of the Week Commencing 06-11-21

★ Our Citizen this week is **Kiya** in **Y6** who understands the importance of finding balance in her life in line with this week's Statement of Belief. Kiya engages with school life so positively and enthusiastically, not just with her learning and school work, but also in collective worship and with extra-curricular activities including football after school. What a great example you are Kiya, well done!

### Term 2 Smiley Scores



### Christmas Dinner Reminder

A reminder that our Christmas dinner is on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021**. As it is a special day the children can come to school wearing their favourite clothes if they choose, rather than school uniform. Orders for lunches had to be placed by midnight last **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021**. Thank you.

### Lyceum Pantomime 2021

Everyone had a fantastic time at the Sheffield Panto this week. It was brilliant and the children really enjoyed themselves!

We received so many fantastic comments and compliments from members of the public as well as from the theatre staff about our children; specifically for their wonderful manners, their smart appearance and their enthusiastic engagement with the panto. They were all such a credit to our school and we were all really proud of them.

We would really like to thank our special friends from the PTFA for providing the coaches, interval snacks for the children and also volunteers. Thank you for supporting us so brilliantly!

Finally, we would also like to thank the brilliant team at the Lyceum Theatre who looked after us all so well. They invited us to take these photographs. We certainly recommend it to you!



## SJF Autumn Curriculum Showcase

Please do not forget to check out our virtual Autumn Curriculum Showcase by clicking [here](#). Thank you.

## SJF Calendar of Events

Please click [here](#) in order to see the weekly update on our home page or hit [LINK](#) for the 2021-22 calendar.

Weekly Attendance			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y2	100%	Bobby will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5	98.1%	Brenda will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	FS2	97.3%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	96.7%	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	95.9%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	94.6%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	94.1%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 96.6%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2	90%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4	84%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2	80%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	76%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	73%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	70%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	57%
		Average = 76%

## Achievements outside of School

Please email us details of the children's achievements out of school ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) so that we can include them in our weekly newsletter and celebrate them! This week we have two wonderful achievements to share.

- **Jacob** in **Y2** achieved the required standard in order to receive the Level 2 swimming award. He also managed to swim five metres too! What a star! Congratulations Jacob!
- **Luca** in **Y4** played brilliantly to help his football team, 'Eckington Boys Blue' win the Sheffield U9's 'Winter Festival' football tournament, even managing to score some goals too! Fantastic! congratulations Luca!

## SJF Eco Team Update

*Here is a message from Miss Brownbill our SJF Eco Team coordinator:*

Our SJF Eco Team have met four times so far this school year. We have discussed various topics and explored how we can all do small things that can really make a difference to our environment and surroundings.

We met and discussed **COP 26** and explored what the promises made could mean for the UK and our children. We learned about inspiring young climate activists who are paving the way for children who care about the environment.

We discussed how we can help in our school by encouraging our peers to recycle and use what we have carefully for example: not wasting paper.

We want to implement our litter picking rota so that we can keep our school grounds clean for animals and we will be creating bird feeders out of recycled materials to support the wildlife around our local area.



## Healthy Minds at SJF Update

*Here is a message from Mrs Smith our Healthy Minds Champions coordinator:*

Healthy Minds is a school-based project which aims to support the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people. It puts emotional resilience at the heart of children's health and wellbeing and recognises its impact on their learning, attainment and behaviour.

Our Healthy Minds Champions held their first meeting to discuss the school's social, emotional developmental and health needs.





Ten champions play key roles at the heart of this exciting project and are being trained to help children learn how to regulate their emotions and develop healthy relationships with other children and school staff. These abilities will have a huge impact on their emotional resilience and satisfaction with their lives.

The Healthy Minds model makes great sense to children who will be able to use its principles within the classroom and across school in collaboration with the Zones of Regulation work already implemented.

Healthy Minds forms an important part of Sheffield's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Strategy for Children and Young People which was developed by Sheffield City Council and the Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group.

The project is led by Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust's CAMHS team working in collaboration with schools across the city.



### SJF School Council Update

Here is a message from Mr MacInnes our SJF School Council coordinator:



The Y6 councilors met this week to discuss plans, that they will then share with the rest of the council in due course.

*This week, we were discussing our plans for the council after Christmas.*

*We have drawn up an action plan, and we are going to work towards our goals around the school friendship bench and our work with Taylor Shaw.*

**Jessica, Y6 School Council Chairperson**





## Our Catholic Life

### Collective Worship Overview

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Statement of Belief Citizen Assembly</b> (Headteacher)	<b>SJF Virtues Assembly</b> (Class-Based)	<b>Themed Assembly</b> (Staff-Led)	<b>Weekly Liturgy of the Word</b> (Class-Led)	<b>Celebration Assembly</b> (All Staff)

### SJF Chaplaincy Team Update:

Here is a message from Mrs Barrett our SJF Chaplaincy Team Coordinator. *We have been carrying on our Advent Journey in week two of Advent. The second candle has been lit and we learned about the story of Isaac, Jacob and Joseph in our Jesse Tree story. Our SJF Chaplaincy Team has been very busy ensuring that our wreaths are well looked after and that Advent prayers run as smoothly as possible.*



### Parish News

Information about parish and Diocesan life including times for Mass, Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this [link](#).

### Our Term 2 Virtues to Live By

A reminder that in Term 2 we are focusing on the virtues of **hope** and **patience**.

### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word will be on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021** and will be led by the young people of **Y5**. A recording will be available to watch by clicking [here](#).



### Class Advent Liturgies

Our daily Advent class liturgies continue each afternoon for all children except those who have PE, Music or French in the last period. Our chaplains are supporting staff to prepare the liturgies for their classmates.

### KS2 Annual Carol Service

This year's KS2 Carol Service will be recorded and the film shared via our website so that family and friends can watch.



## Our December/Advent Prayer

O God,  
Forgive Us

### The Act of Contrition

During Advent we prepare for Christmas by saying sorry for our mistakes and by trying hard to make those key changes in our lives that we need to make. Our prayer is called the Act of Contrition.

### O my God

**Because you are so good –  
I am very sorry  
That I have sinned against You,  
And by the help of your grace,  
I will not sin again.**

## Golden Children

### Week Commencing 29-11-21

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Kali</b> for really trying hard to use more English and for coming to school every day! Well done!
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Adriana</b> for being a shining example of how to behave for all the children in Y1. She is also kind and caring to everyone. Well done Adriana!
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Esma</b> for making positive choices in class and for encouraging others to do the same! Well done Esma!
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Luke</b> For being a kind, caring and supportive partner. He continues to make a great effort to support his peers with their learning and work. He is a great team member who looks out for everyone.
<b>Y4</b>	<b>D'Mari</b> for having a really good week! He has shown more eagerness to be ready to learn and has been more reflective with the work he has produced. Well done!
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Edie</b> for always being so determined in her work. She is a fantastic role model; showing perseverance when things are difficult and never giving up.
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Stefania</b> for working so hard in maths to improve her reasoning skills! Well done!

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<b>FS2</b>	<b>Sofia</b> for trying really hard in the first nativity dress rehearsal! She was absolutely wonderful!
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Felicity</b> for trying extra hard with all her work! We can see the huge effort she is putting into her work and we are all so proud of Felicity for trying so hard!
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Jacob</b> for trying hard to find rainbows after the storms; for being a really being a positive member of our class!
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Emily</b> for working extremely hard all term. She continues to impress with her determination. She applies herself brilliantly and her hard work is really paying off, and she is flourishing so far in Y3! Well done!
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Kacper</b> has been showing a more mature attitude within class in all lessons. He is working better in partner work by sharing his ideas and views! Well done!
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Mateusz</b> for trying so hard in his work - particularly maths. He is entering discussions and really trying to explain his understanding. Well done! Keep it up!
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Courtney</b> for trying so hard in maths this week and for making some great progress on fractions as a result. What a star! Keep it up!



## Writing Champions

Week Commencing 29-11-21

FS2	<b>Briola</b> for working so hard to write words and sentences in guided activities! Well done!
Y1	<b>Ava</b> for writing such a fantastic letter from Sunny the meerkat to his mum and dad. It includes such wonderful description because Ava listened so well to what we wanted her to include! Well done!
Y2	<b>Tilly</b> for producing a fab set of instructions for how to catch a star! Well done, keep it up!
Y3	<b>Dominic</b> for retelling the story of 'The Unexpected Guest' in a beautiful, well thought out way. He has really made an effort to include lots of detailed description. Brilliant!
Y4	<b>Isaac</b> has been really trying hard with his handwriting, to make it more legible, and has also been thinking carefully about his vocabulary choices – all to improve the quality of his work! Well done!
Y5	<b>Bella</b> for producing such a fantastic piece of writing using different modal verbs. She is trying really hard with her writing and is producing some very detailed descriptions as a result. Well done!
Y6	<b>Ruby</b> for using some brilliant dialogue in her narrative writing. Absolutely fantastic!

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FS2	<b>Harry</b> for using and knowing lots more letter sounds! He has made such a fantastic effort, well done!
Y1	<b>Gabby</b> for producing an amazing piece of writing in RE that recounts the moment when Mary visited Elizabeth ('The Visitation'). The piece was so thoughtful, expressing beautifully how Elizabeth felt.
Y2	<b>William</b> for creating a lovely piece of writing about the annunciation; the moment when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that she would become the mother of Jesus, God's son.
Y3	<b>Louis</b> for writing a gorgeous story about the shepherds who visited the holy family in the stable. He stretched himself by using lots of technical devices including fronted adverbials to open his sentences!
Y4	<b>Amelie</b> has been thinking carefully about her vocabulary and grammar choices in her writing on the annunciation; including the use of expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials and conjunctions.
Y5	<b>Freddie</b> for really impressing Mrs Holloway with his writing about himself which has really helped her to get to know him, following her return this week.
Y6	<b>Ernie</b> for trying very hard over the past few weeks to produce more work and for maintaining great presentation in all pieces. Well done!



## SJF Santa Dash 2021

On Friday 10th December 2021 every Sheffield Primary school was challenged to take part in a 'Santa Dash' around school grounds. Mrs Broadhead coordinated the event supported by Mr Johnson.

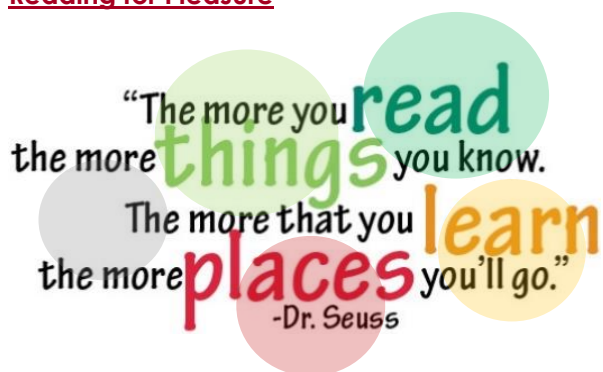
A 20-minute course set up and every child took part and had lots of fun staying active! Their mission was to search for the Santa pictures whilst taking part in fun physical challenges. It was a lot of fun!

I would like to thank Mrs Broadhead for organising this special event and Mr Johnson for supporting her! I would also like to thank the children for taking part so enthusiastically! Please click [here](#) and check out the 'News' section on the SJF website for more photos.





## Reading for Pleasure



### Our 21-22 SJF Booklist

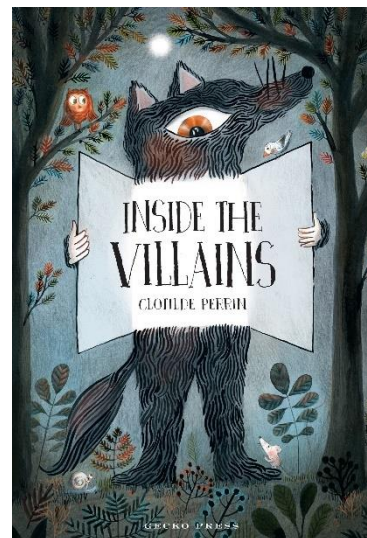
To see our 2021-22 booklist please click [here](#).

### This Week's Feature Books

Our feature book for our younger children is: **'Inside the Villains'** by **Clotilde Perrin**.

### The Waterstones Review

An extraordinary pop-up book that reveals the secrets of the most famous fairy-tale villains: giants, wolves and witches...



Lift the flaps to see the devilish tricks inside each villain's head, what's beneath their disguise, who was the victim of their last meal (now comfortably settled inside their stomach!). Read all about each villain on their personality card, which shows strengths and weaknesses, favourite pastimes, physical characteristics, their best meal and - of course - their favourite books.

This exquisitely produced book is like no other; a celebration of story that's full of humour and detail, to mesmerise readers of all ages. Please click [here](#) to find out about this brilliant book.

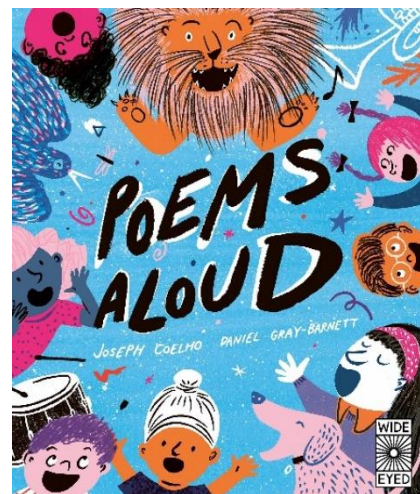
Our feature book for our younger children is: **'Poems Aloud: An Anthology'** by **Joseph Coelho**.

### The Book Trust Review

The aim of this dynamic collection of verse is to bring poetry alive, both for the reader and their audience. There are tongue twisters to master and riddles to decipher, poems to read alone and others to perform in a group, all with an emphasis on being read aloud.

Each poem is accompanied by practical suggestions about a variety of performance techniques. Children are encouraged to experiment with a range of voices for each poem.

For example, would a lion speak differently than a frog or an ant? How would inanimate objects sound, such as a pencil case or slime? Do some poems have more impact if they are whispered or shouted? Does varying the tone, pace or volume of a poem change the atmosphere?



The distinctive illustrations are bold and joyful, adding to the drama and humour of the text. Perfect to encourage children to develop a love of poetry and performance, this inspiring picture book anthology would make a fabulous gift and a valuable addition to any classroom.



### Statement of Belief

Next week our 'statement of Belief' is **'Simple things make me happy'**

**Time to talk:** At this time of year, as thoughts turn to decorating houses and buying presents, we have been thinking about the true meaning of Christmas as we continue to journey through the season of Advent. The children have been reflecting on those important things in their lives that money simply cannot buy. Try to list some of these important things in your lives. Why not think about some of the simple ways you can make others happy. What is it (or who is) that make your lives happy and special? Family members? Friends? Who?

