

SJF NEWS




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Friday 11th November 2022

Citizen of the Week & Weekly Awards

 This week's Citizen of the Week award, along with all other weekly awards, will be carried over to next week as there was no Celebration Assembly because of our Community Service of Remembrance today.

Term 2 Smiley Scores

As there was no Celebration Assembly, this week's scores will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Our Catholic Life

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Citizenship Statement of Belief Assembly (Headteacher)	'Virtues to Live By' Class Assembly (Teachers & Chaplains)	Themed Assembly (Teacher-Led)	Weekly Liturgy of the Word (Class-Led)	Celebration Assembly (Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher)
Chaplains' Liturgies (Years 1, 5 and 6)				Chaplains' Liturgies (Years 2, 3 and 4)
				Story Liturgy (FS2)

Remembrance 2022

Today we came together as a community of school and parish, in a simple act of worship and remembrance, to mark Armistice Day, as we do every year. Throughout the week - and in age-appropriate ways - the children in every class have been learning about the origins of Remembrance Sunday and have explored the significance of the poppy as a national symbol of remembrance. It is important that in their time with us, the children develop, gently, an appreciation of why this moment is important in the life of our country, so that they understand. As part of our work and prayers, we have also reflected on our shared hope for peace in the UK and throughout the world.



Our service was led by the young people of Y6, who shared words, poems and prayers. Over the week, all the children made their own poppies which were added to simple wreaths. In one special moment, during the service, representatives of each class processed slowly from the back of the church to lay their wreaths at the foot of a simple wooden cross on the Sanctuary, just before 'The Last Post', was played.



We thank Fr Bede, for allowing us to use the church, as well as the family, friends, parishioners and members of our local community who were able to join us. Due to circumstances beyond our control, no poppies were delivered for us to sell in support of the great work of the Royal British Legion. We will therefore do something, at a future point, to raise money, which we will then donate to the Royal British Legion. You can view the service online by clicking [here](#).

Blessing of the Library

On **Tuesday 29th November 2022** we will welcome Bishop Ralph in to bless our new Marie Kerley Library. He will be joined by Fr Bede and representatives of our PTFA, the parish and Gripple, who helped us so much.



Parish News

Information about parish/Diocesan life including for and Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this [link](#) to the parish website.

Our Term 2 Virtues to Live By

Our SJF virtues are **hope** and **patience**.



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Annual Advent Wreath Blessing Liturgy

To prepare us for the important season of Advent the young people of **Y4** will lead our annual blessing of the wreaths liturgy on **Friday 25th November 2022**.



Our Late November Gathering Song

Come and join the circle, Gather round and see –
Come and take my hand. What the world can be.
Come and join the circle, Come and join the circle,
Come and be my friend. Come and share God's word with me.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word, which will be led by the children of **Y3**, on **Thursday 17th November 2022** and we invite our Y3 family and friends to join us in the school hall from 9.00am. Recordings of all liturgies are available to view via this [link](#). Thank you.

November Prayer

During November we remember all those who have died and we pray for the repose of their souls.

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



Our BYB Challenge

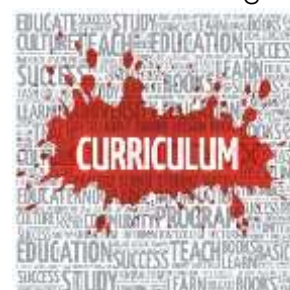
Well done to everyone who attempted Katie's 'Catch & Clap Challenge', last week. So many of you took part and it was great to note how many were managing to beat their best! An exceptional effort, all around!

Our new BYB challenge has been set by Sports Major Fred. His challenge will test you to see how many 'kick-ups' in a row can be managed without the ball touching the ground.

Please click [here](#) to watch Fred's demonstration (in which Mr MacInnes makes a guest appearance to help Fred demonstrate his challenge. Make sure to come find Fred, Mr Johnson and or Miss Barrett to have a go.

SJF Curriculum Showcase

A reminder that our next Curriculum Showcase takes place on **Thursday 24th November 2022**. On show will be a selection of work produced by the children since the start of the school year. A few children will also take turns to act as guides in the morning session, talking to visitors about their learning and the work that has been produced. There will be two opportunities for family and friends to view the exhibition on the day; from 8.50am until 10.00am and again from 3.30pm until 4.00pm.



Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that the children are scheduled to receive flu vaccinations, on **Friday 9th December 2022**, as part of a UK-wide NHS programme. Please click [here](#), for more information and contact us if you have any questions. Thank you.

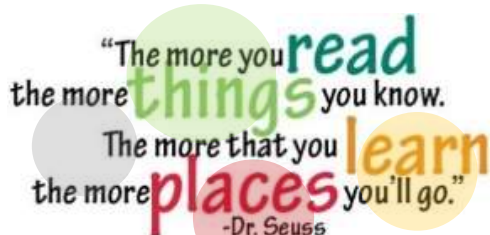


SJF Christmas Dinner 2022

Our school Christmas dinner, this year, will take place on **Thursday 15th December 2022**, this year. As it is a special occasion, it will be a non-uniform day, so the children can dress down.



Our Feature Books of the Week!



Our 2022-2023 **SJF book list** can be accessed via this [link](#). Our latest feature books are:

Alone by Barry Falls (click [here](#))

Children of the Quicksands by Efu Traore (click [here](#))

Alone: The Waterstones Review

With its easily flowing rhyming text and colourful illustrations, Falls' enchanting tale of a boy who wants to be on his own - and the creatures that seemed determined to get in the way - is a delightful picture book all about the joys of making friends. The book was shortlisted for 'The Waterstones Children's Book Prize for Illustrated Books' 2022. Please click [here](#).

There once was a boy called Billy McGill who lived by himself at the top of a hill. He spent every day in his house all alone for Billy McGill liked to be on his own. But life doesn't always turn out how you plan it...

One day Billy hears the squeak of a mouse - destroying his perfectly peaceful existence. So he gets a cat to catch the mouse. But the cat and the mouse make friends. So he gets a dog to chase the cat. But they all play together too. So then he gets a bear... then a tiger... and on it goes, until Billy's house is so filled with characters that he has to move out. Will he find that he still craves peace and quiet, or is it actually quite lovely to have company and friends? The brilliant second book from Barry Falls is a laugh-out-loud tale of growing chaos, with a lovely message about how it's good to have friends.

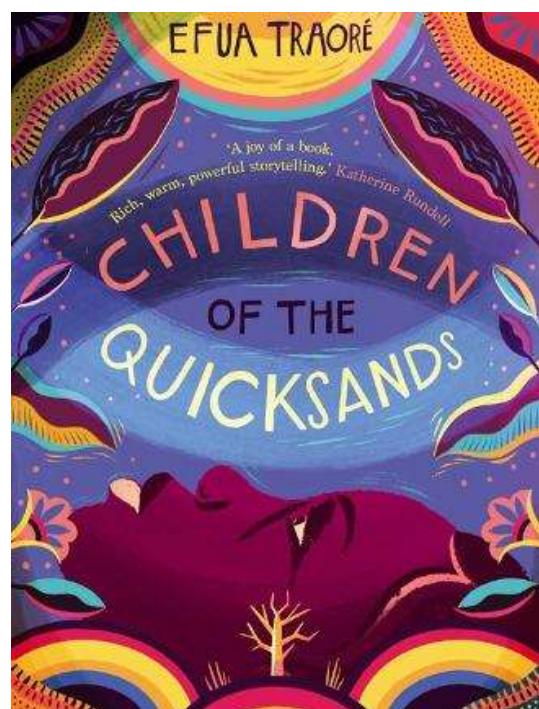


Children of the Quicksands: The Waterstones Review

In a remote Nigerian village, twelve-year-old Simi is desperate to uncover a family secret. City girl Simi is sent to stay with her long-lost grandmother in a remote Nigerian village. There's no TV, internet or phone. Not a single human-made sound can be heard at night, just the noise of birds and animals rustling in the dark forest outside. Her witchlike grandmother dispenses advice and herbal medicine to the village, but she's tight lipped about their family history. Something must have happened, but what?

Determined to find out, Simi disobeys her grandmother and goes exploring. Caught in the sinking red quicksand of a forbidden lake, her fantastical journey begins...

A richly imagined magical fantasy adventure set in West Africa by a prize-winning new voice in children's writing. Introduces readers to Yoruba myths and legends whilst showcasing the wealth of culture, traditions, adventure, fun, joy, celebrations, music, pride and love found in Nigeria. Beautifully explores themes of grief and belonging.





Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our SJF Spelling Bee Champion and runner-up, both from Y2. Well done, also, to the Spelling Bee finalists who took part from all the classes too!



Attendance			
1 st	FS2	100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
1 st	Y6	100%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y5	97.7%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y3	95.7%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	Y2	95.2%	
6 th	Y1	95.0%	
7 th	Y4	88.8%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 96.0%	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	FS2	94%	
1 st	Y6	94%	
3 rd	Y5	92%	
4 th	Y3	89%	
5 th	Y2	88%	
6 th	Y1	86%	
7 th	Y4	81%	
		Average = 89%	

Achievements outside of School

A reminder to please email us details of your children's achievements outside of school via our main email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) so that they can be shared in the newsletter, and celebrated.

Be Safe - Be Happy Week 2022

Please check out the 'News' section ([here](#)) of our SJF website or our class pages (click this [link](#)) for reports and photographs. Thank you to the staff and our partners who supported our special week.

Our November SJF Healthy Minds Newsletter

Please click [here](#). Thank you.



Statement to Live By

Our statement next week is 'I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others.'

Time to talk: Each of us is important, and during 'Be Safe - Be Happy Week' we reflected on just how special we are. Everyone deserves to be treated with respect. We know that everyone must be accepted for being just how God made us and that we all have the right to feel happy, safe and loved, every day. If someone or something gets in the way of us feeling happy, safe or loved then we know that we can speak up. The children are taught to 'Tell! Tell! Tell!' and also speak up for others they think or know are feeling unhappy, unsafe or unloved. This is done without hurting or putting anyone at risk.

To stand up for yourself
takes strength. but to stand
up for others takes courage.

- Alice Ann Jennet Lisenby



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