

St John Fisher

Catholic Nursery & Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: 6th October 2023

Learning Power of the Week: **Planning**

- Take one step at a time
- Consider what you need to do to get there
- Reflect on where you are now
- Think about where you need to be
- Tackle obstacles on the way

If plan A didn't work, don't worry...the alphabet has 25 more letters

Learning Power Winners:

Nursery: **Ronnie**

Reception: **Arabella**

Year 1: **Arianna**

Year 2: **Jude**

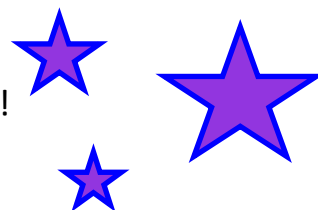
Year 3: **Ruby**

Year 4: **Patrick**

Year 5: **Louie**

Year 6: **Iyla**

Well done children, you have shown how you **SHINE** this week!



Parent Workshop★

Thank you for all of those who came along to our Phonic parent workshop. We hope that you found the information useful and can use this to support your child on their learning journey.

Curriculum Update



This week our curriculum update is on History.

Our children have been part of the planning journey for our curriculum and it is proving to be a huge success. Please see the third page of the newsletter for the History update.



Mass Times:

Fr Michael would love to see you all in Church to celebrate mass:

Wednesday : 9:15

Saturday: 5.30PM—St John Fisher Church

Sunday: 11AM—St Columba's Church



Prayer of the Week

Thanksgiving Prayer for Harvest Time

Loving God, all that we have comes from your goodness and the work of those who love us. Bless us and the food we share. Watch over those who care for us. Open our eyes to the needs of the poor during this time of harvest and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





Attendance



Our attendance target for each class in school is 97%+ each week.

Year	Percentage	Number of stars awarded
Nursery	94%	
Reception	94%	
Year 1	97%	★
Year 2	97%	★
Year 3	100%	★★★★
Year 4	98%	
Year 5	90%	
Year 6	100%	★★★★

Our attendance champions this week are Year 3 and 6 with 100%.

You have to be in to win!

97% - 1 star



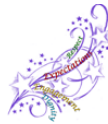
98-99% -



100% -



Plus 5 minutes extra play on a Monday!



Save the Date!

Parents and carers are invited to the following events

- 10th October 2023 at 9am - Year 4 Prayer and Liturgy (School Hall)
- 24th October 2023 at 9am - Year 3 Prayer and Liturgy (School Hall)
- 25th October 2023 at 9am - Nursery parent session in class
- 25th October 2023 at 2pm - Reception parent session in class
- 10th November—Remembrance Day (details to follow)
- 14th November 2023 at 9am - Year 2 Prayer and Liturgy (School Hall)
- 15th November 2023 at 3:30pm - Parent workshop artwork display in classes
- 21st November 2023 at 9am - Year 1 Prayer and Liturgy (School Hall)
- 6th December 2023 - Parent evening 3:30 - 6:30 (Appointments will be available on line after half term).

School Dates (for children)

- 20th October 2023—CAFOD's Brighten up day.
 - 26th October 2023—After school Halloween event.
 - 17th November 2023—Children in Need - Spotacular
- Details will follow in a separate letter.

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Guiding Lights

☆☆ We will be holding our first Guiding Lights meeting this half term. Dates will follow shortly.

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Parking

Car Park

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☆☆ We have recently had some complaints from our neighbours regarding families parking over their driveways and blocking them from exiting or entering their driveways. Please be respectful of the residents in the village and park safely.

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CAR PARK GATE

☆☆ Due to staffing, it is not always possible to close the Church car park gate of a morning and after school. Although we will endeavour to do this, please ensure that children are supervised at all times.

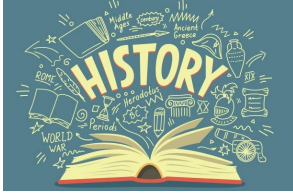
☆☆ Please do not open the gate.

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Curriculum Update

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History



Last year school made the exciting decision to design our own History curriculum, ensuring we put our own students at the centre of our plans. Whilst still following the National Curriculum, we tailored the new History curriculum to our very own school. This year we are continuing to develop and improve this curriculum from, feedback from pupils, staff and lesson observations.

At the end of the Summer term Gill Burrows, a school advisor, came into school to support us with a 'Deep dive' into History. What shone through from the pupils, was the clarity with which they were able to make links between different topics and periods of history by using the "golden threads" that our new curriculum had created.

These threads also give our children greater opportunities to practice the historian's skills of compare and contrast, cause and consequence, and strengthens their understanding of chronology.

Our new curriculum is centred on 2 main aspects: Civil Rights and Innovation.

Within these 2 main aspects we have golden threads which are woven throughout the various topics and periods the children study from Early Years through to Year 6. Each golden thread is re-visited at least 3 times during your child's school journey at St John Fisher.

Our golden threads are:

Concrete	Children	Journeys	Trade	London
Abstract	Conflict	Survival	Law & Order	

Our History topics will begin in Autumn 2, and I know that the teachers have some exciting enrichment opportunities already linked to these topics, including visits from a drama company.

We have also introduced a Local History Topic for each class to study during the year. These celebrate significant people and events from our local area, while also celebrating our Catholic Faith.

E.g.

Year 1 will be learning about Father Nugent who founded Nugent care. (Good Shepherd Appeal)

In 1849 he opened a Ragged School at Copperas Hill to take homeless children off the streets offering them shelter, food and clothing. Father Nugent also brought the teaching order of Notre Dame to the city to staff the Catholic Poor Law Schools.

Year 2 will be learning about Kitty Wilkinson.

Kitty Wilkinson became known as the Saint of the Slums in Liverpool. In 1832, during a cholera epidemic, she had the only boiler in her neighbourhood, so she invited those with infected clothes or linens to use it, thus saving many lives.

