

Weekly Newsletter: 12th January 2024

Learning Power of the Week: Perseverance

- Never give up when it is difficult
- Feed off frustration and encourage yourself
- Understand learning is a slow and uncertain process
- Take risks and be committed
- Explore every possibility

I might not be there yet, but I'm closer than I was yesterday If at first you don't succeed...try, try again

Learning Power Winners:

Nursery: Ella

Reception: Joseph

Year 1: Freddie B

Year 2: Armin

Year 3: Joseph

Year 4: Jake

Year 5: Karson

Year 6: Remi

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

Prayer of the Week

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me The brand new year ahead. Help me live the way I should As each new day I tread. Give me gentle wisdom That I might help a friend, Give me strength and courage So a shoulder I might lend. The year ahead is empty, Help me fill it with good things Each new day filled with joy And happiness it brings. Amen.

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

Please join us on 20th January 2024 at 4pm for a special Mass for the children from our school and Parish who will make their First Holy Communion this year.







Attendance

WINNER

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

Year	Percentage	Number of
		stars awarded
Nursery	94%	0
Reception	91%	0
Year 1	96%	0
Year 2	92%	0
Year 3	89%	0
Year 4	97%	1 ★
Year 5	100%	3 ★★ ★
Year 6	97%	1 ★

Our attendance champions this week is Year 5 with 100%.

You have to be in to win!





Plus 5 minutes extra play on a Monday!

Stars of the Autumn Term

Year 4 received the most stars for the Autumn Term Part 2. Stars are earned through good attendance and overall team/class performance and effort. They are awarded throughout each half term by members of the Senior Leadership Team to those children who SHINE. Year 4 will now choose their reward and will have this on Friday, 19th January 2024. Photographs of this will be posted on the class blog.

Save the DateI

NSPCC Number Day - 2nd February 2024

We will be joining schools and nurseries across the UK on Friday, 2nd February 2024 for the NSPCC mega maths fundraising day. We will be taking part in Dress up for Digits and having a fun-filled day of maths activities and games, while raising money to support NSPCC services such as Speak out Stay safe and Childline. Children can come in dressed as anything to do with a number.

Mental Health Week - Week beginning 6th February 2024

As a school we will be completing various activities to support children during Children's Mental Health Week 2024. This year's theme is My Voice Matters. No preparation is needed for this.

Safer Internet Day - 6th February 2024

Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the 6th of February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme I**nspiring Change.** No preparation is needed for this.

World Book Day - 7th March 2024

Children are invited to come into school dressed as a character from a book or as an inspirational leader to match our theme, "Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." There is a separate letter explaining our plans for this day which will be sent out soon.

Red Nose Day-15th March 2024

We will be raising money for Comic Relief and asking for a small donation of a minimum of 50p per child. Children can come into school wearing a red accessory, wearing a Comic Relief Red Nose/head piece or have a red nose face painted on. This will be worn with their school uniform.

Worship Warriors

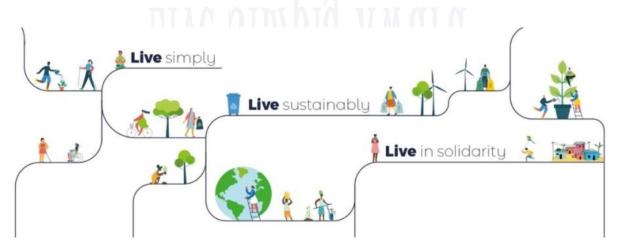
Today our Worship Warriors had their planning meeting for the Spring Term. They discussed many ideas of how they can support our Catholic life and mission. They have thought about how they can support the Live Simply award and their first priority will be to help with designing an creating a prayer garden.



Curriculum Opdałe



Live Simply Award



The Live Simply award is an opportunity for our school community to respond to the Church's call to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the world's poorest. It is an invitation to follow in the footsteps of Jesus who lived and preached a simple life, and to take meaningful action on the ecological crisis we face today. The ecological crisis is a complex crisis that includes both the social crisis (global poverty, injustice, social inequality) and the environmental crisis (climate change, species loss, pollution of land, sea and air).

This school year 2023-2024, we at St John Fisher have applied for the CAFOD Live Simply Award. This year we will strive to

- \Rightarrow Show solidarity with the poor by fundraising
- ⇒ Make strides to live sustainably
- ⇒ Work towards achieving Eco Schools status and increasing our use of recyclable materials.
- \Rightarrow Aim to live simply with nurturing and improving our outdoor grounds and creating a special prayer garden.





Catholic Social Teaching

What is Catholic Social Teaching?

Catholic Social Teaching is founded in Scripture and includes statements and letters written by Church leaders. It offers wisdom and insights on living the Gospel in today's world. Jesus tells us to love God and to love our neighbours, especially our sisters and brothers living in poverty.

This term, we will further our work with Gospel Values and our mission by introducing the Catholic Social Teaching principles.

Each principle is represented by an animal and has,

- \Rightarrow A key statement.
- \Rightarrow Two explanations.
- \Rightarrow A scriptural quotation.
- \Rightarrow Quotations from Catholic Social Teaching.
- \Rightarrow A description of how the principle is demonstrated in CAFOD's work.







Catholic Social Teaching

<u>Week 1</u>

This week, Mrs Whitehead has introduced Dignity.

Everyone is special.

Human dignity

Luc the deer's story

Luc has many brothers and sisters. He is the oldest brother, but he reminds his siblings how important they are.

Some of his younger siblings have been upset as they are a bit different. Some have different coloured skin, some are a bit shorter, some a bit slower, one has only three legs.

Luc has a gentle way of reminding them that they are all beautiful and important, just as they are. They are all made by God and have great value.

Luc's story reminds us that each of us is made in God's image. This means that everyone is special. We should treat every person the same way we want to be treated.

Each of us is made in God's image. Every person has an innate human dignity no one can take away.

Our common humanity requires that we respect and uphold the dignity of each and every individual. Everything else flows from this dignity.

God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness."

Genesis 1:26

"Every person is worthy of our giving...they are God's handiwork, his creation. God created that person in his image, and he or she reflects something of God's glory. Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives."

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 274





We are beautifully made in the image and likeness of God.