



Headlines

'Together we grow in God's love, learning to be the best we can be'
Week beginning 15th November

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Monday 15th

Online Parent Workshop - 'Managing Children's Worries' (see email sent on 10/11/21)

Tuesday 16th

School tour for prospective families 9:45am

Wednesday 17th

YrR—Yr6—Flu Vaccinations

Friday 19th

St Teresa Class Assembly - 9:15am
(parents and carers of children in St Teresa class are invited to attend. Please wear a face covering)

As you will see from the beautiful photos on page 2, yesterday our school community gathered in silence, reflection and prayer to mark Remembrance day. I was so impressed by the mature reflections of the children, old and young, on the importance of this event and their wider understanding that peace in our world has never been more necessary as we emerge from a pandemic that has united nations in so many ways.

Our service was followed this morning by an equally reflective and prayerful class assembly led by Yr6 St. Scholastica class. It seems somewhat fitting that a Yr6 class led such an assembly—one that I am sure will form part of their own remembrance of their time at SJF as they start to prepare for their next steps in education at the end of the year.

Please do encourage your child to watch at least a small part of the coverage of the Remembrance Sunday ceremony at the Cenotaph this Sunday. No matter how young, it is so important to deepen our children's understanding that living in peace with each other is fundamental to our mission as children of God.

Enjoy a peaceful and restful weekend everyone.

LOST PROPERTY

As you can see from this photo we have a *huge* amount of lost property in school. ALL of these items in the photo are unnamed—we have almost 40 jumpers/cardigans alone! Please ensure that ALL your child/ren's uniform including PE kit and coats are named and that you check regularly that the names are still visible after being washed.



Letters Home

EYFS Nativity—YrN & YrR
PGL Ofsted Update—Yr6
SJF Volunteers—Whole School
Christmas Hamper Donations—Whole School
SJF Elves—Whole School

Designated Safeguarding Leaders

Ms J Kenna
DSL
Mrs C Ellerker
Deputy DSL
Miss C Higgins
Deputy DSL



If you have any concerns about a child please contact:
school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk



During the last few weeks we have been preparing for our assembly all about remembrance. We have been thinking about how important it is to remember those who suffered and sacrificed their lives in conflict to protect our freedoms, as well as how we can strive towards finding peaceful solutions in our own lives.

At 11am on 11th November the whole school came together for a two minute silence to pay our respects. Every child in the school also placed a poppy (made out of a recycled plastic bottle) in the grass at the front of the school as an act of remembrance. We hope you've been able to enjoy this display.

Oskar and Gracie (St Scholastica class)

As school life returns to a more normal routine we are keen to restart our volunteer program. There are many ways in which volunteers can help, including reading, playing maths games or manning the library; any help is welcomed. We have also been very fortunate in the past to have had volunteers who were willing to help with general tasks such as mounting displays, filing work or other day to day classroom administrative tasks.



Volunteers can be parents, carers or even grandparents. We would warmly welcome any members of our school and parish community.

Please see the letter sent home on Thursday for further information and how to add your details to the volunteer list.



VOT Elections 2021



On Friday 12th November the elections for the new Voices of Tomorrow took place. In the 2 weeks leading up to the election each hopeful candidate made a speech to their class, explaining why they wanted to be chosen and why they would make a good VOT. Then on Election Day, each class from Year 2 to Year 6 visited the Polling Station in the small hall to cast their votes. Clerks were chosen during each visit to tick off people on the register, hand out ballot papers and make sure things ran smoothly as each class came in.

It's a really important day in the school calendar and everyone was excited to take part, especially since it's the first election we have been able to hold since 2019!

The votes are now being counted and the results will be announced next week.

GOOD LUCK CANDIDATES!



Tournament Winners!!!

St. John Fisher competed at the Raynes Park Tag Rugby Tournament on Tuesday. The team did exceptionally well, winning all of their six matches. In their final match which decided first and second place, Harry E scored the only try of the extremely close game and secured John Fisher's place as ***tournament winners***. The team is now through to the Borough Finals on 26th November.

The Year 5 and 6 hockey team enjoyed a fantastic day at the Merton Hockey tournament today. Despite a soggy start to the day, the sun eventually emerged and spurred on the team who grew in confidence and success as each match progressed. Ms. Kenna was mightily impressed by the outstanding team work, brilliant attitudes and excellent behaviour of the whole team. A great day all round!



CHRISTMAS ELVES

Please don't forget that once your child has coloured in their ELF picture it should be cut out and returned to school by 22nd November.

Year 2 enjoy well known stories coming to life on the silver screen!



On Wednesday Year 2 travelled by bus to the Empire cinema in Sutton. We saw 2 short animated films called *The Snail & The Whale* and *Zog and The Flying Doctors* as part of the BFI Into Film Festival 2021. We really enjoyed both films. We got to sit on comfy chairs and we even got to eat snacks! In the films we spotted lots of different habitats that we have been learning about in science and in both films the main characters met other characters as they travelled to different places, which is a lot like the story we have been learning in our English lessons. Thank you to our parent helpers who accompanied us on this visit. We had a fabulous time and we hope we get the chance to do it again!

Please start to bring in your 'Boxes of Love'.



Bring a smile to an elderly person in our Parish of St John Fisher



BOXES OF LOVE

Christmas is fast approaching and once again this year we are thinking of the elderly in our parish and local community. We want you to donate a "Box of Love".

A decorated box filled with special things can have a great impact on someone's Christmas.

Be part of changing someone's Christmas in the name of Jesus through the power of a simple "Box of Love"



What to do....

1. Find an empty medium sized box and wrap box and lid separately in Christmas paper.
2. Fill your box with a variety of new gifts that will bring happiness to an elderly person.
3. Mark if it is suitable for a lady or a gentleman.
4. Put a rubber band round it.
5. Bring to school by Thursday 8th December at the latest.
6. Remember to pray for the person who will receive your gift box



Ideas of things to put in your box;

- Soap/shower gel/bubble bath etc.
- Toothpaste/toothbrush, comb/hairbrush
- Deodorant (roll-on)
- Socks/bed socks
- Scarf/wrap, hat
- Sweets/biscuits (within sell-by date)
- Handkerchiefs
- Shaving materials
- Perfume/aftershave
- A small torch
- Suitable books (wordsearch/playing cards etc)

****Don't' forget a Christmas card or note with your message. This is one of the most important ways we can show the elderly of our parish the we care.****

We have a small number of spare boxes at the office if needed.

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new school website.

<https://www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk/>

It has gone live today!

Please do explore the tabs and familiarise yourself with all the features. We will put together a short video to explain the features and key changes and share it with parents and carers very soon.

This is a mobile friendly site and it was designed with the user in mind. We hope that you find it helpful and informative.



On Thursday Yr3 travelled to the Royal Festival Hall to listen to an orchestra called Philharmonia. The pieces of music we listened to were inspired by nature. We even had some of our art work displayed during one of the songs! It was a special day in London too as we heard Big Ben chime on the 11th hour for Remembrance and heard music from across the Thames. Thank you to all the parents that helped on the day.

Meat Free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Five Bean Casserole with Rice 	Cajun Chicken with Rice 	Roast Beef, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Lentil & Soya Roast, Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Vegetarian Tortilla Stack with Rice 	Quorn Vegan Sausage with Sweet Potato Wedges 
Sweetcorn Peas	Broccoli Carrots	Cabbage Carrot & Swede Mash	Cauliflower Green Beans	Baked Beans Peas
Apple Crumble with Custard	5 A Day Cake with Custard	Apple, Cheese and Crackers	Oaty Cookie 	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station

Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily

BUILD BETTER LEARNING



These pupils have used
their individual gifts
to bring joy to others

St Scholastica - Chloe PB

St Aidan - Emily C

St Ninian - Jude L

St Teresa - Kianne G

St James - Tamara W

St Osmund - Amanda E

St Hugh - Milan-Rose JB

St Nicholas - Isabella G

St Francis - Oliver S

St Ignatius - Charlotte B

St Susanna - Alfie LG

St Helena - Daniel H

St Elizabeth - Abbie C

St Rose - Zachery C

Nursery - Noah PN

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 14th November 2021



Jesus said to his disciples, "When the time for the end of the world is near, many things will happen. In those days they will see the Son of Man approaching in the clouds with great power and glory; then he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father."

Adapted from Mark 13:24-32
The 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel
in Church - all are warmly invited.

"Let us ask then for the grace to
remain faithful to following Jesus
and to listening to his Word."

Pope Francis



This week's overall winner
of Ms Kenna's
BIG PENCIL.....



****Macy A****

*Happy
Birthday*

Matthew R, Olivia McC,
Oliver N, Gabriel L,
Emma B, Bailey F,
James L, Laura A.