



Headlines

**'Together we grow in God's love, learning to be the best we can be'
Week beginning 21st March**

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FIRST AID WEEK ALL WEEK

Monday 21st

St Scholastica—Library trip

Tuesday 22nd

Yr3/4 Football Festival

Wednesday 23rd

Y6 Parents Evening (*Google Meets*)

Thursday 24th

Y6 trip to Royal Festival Hall

Y6 Parents Evening (*Google Meets*)

Friday 25th

St Ignatius Class Assembly 9am

(*parents and carers of children in 2STI are welcome to attend*)

St Susana—Library Trip

Netball Borough Finals

PTFA Spring Discos

(*EYFS & KS1 5pm-6:30pm*)

(*KS2 7pm-8:30pm*)

In assembly today we were treated to a celebration of all things from the Emerald Isle, as St. Francis class led us through some belated St. Patrick's day celebrations as part of their class assembly.

Through learning about the legend of St. Patrick and the significance of the famous 'shamrock' the children did a fantastic job of ensuring that we all left well equipped with facts to remember each year on the 17th March!

As we enter the 3rd week of Lent, many of us may be struggling to maintain our Lenten promises or be finding it difficult to find more time for prayer in our preparations for Easter. However, I am delighted to say that, one of the pillars of our Lenten practices, Almsgiving, is going from strength to strength as part of this SJF's 2022 Lenten campaign—Unite and Read for the Ukraine.

As you will see from the article on page 2, donations from both our own families and from the wider parish are beginning to flood in, and with 3 weeks of Lent (and lots of opportunities to clock up those reading minutes!) remaining, I am confident that we can more than triple this current total and, in doing so, give as much as we are possible able to support those from and in the Ukraine suffering at this time.

We're off to a great start SJF—let's aim high and smash last week's total in the days and weeks ahead.

Enjoy a wonderful weekend and keep on reading everyone!

Justice and Peace Mass for Ukraine Thursday 24th March, 7.30 pm at SJF Church

Please join the Mass and pray for the people of Ukraine, for world leaders in this time of crisis and for peace and justice for all the world.

Letters Home:

6STSC—School trip

4STJ—School trip

3STH—School trip

Yr5/6—Good Friday letter

ABSENCE

All pupil absence must be reported to school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk

Absence notifications should **NOT** be sent to the year group email addresses. Thank you

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*

Unite and Read for Ukraine

Thanks to the reading minutes that our pupils have already logged and your wonderful generosity we have raised **over £2300 for our Lenten appeal!**

THANK YOU.

Please use the link below for more information on how to log your child's reading minutes:

[Unite and Read for Ukraine: CLICK HERE](#)

Happy Birthday

Rory P, Mykhailo M,
Samuel IZ, Matilda D, Ivie E,
Oskar T, Sophie D, Luke S

Adapted from **THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH**

SUNDAY 20TH MARCH 2022



Jesus told the people this story: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, 'Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?' 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

*Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 20th March 2022
Luke 13:1-9 (the 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year C)*

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

"Lent helps us fight against any faults. We all can improve and change for the better." *Pope Francis*



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 Strudel 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

SPARE CLOTHES:

If you have any navy blue bottoms, joggers or leggings please could you donate them to the Nursery classes as they are running very low on spare clothes. Thank you

On Wednesday, the SJF Cheerleading team went to Sutton Sports Hall for a competition. We danced and watched some special performances then waiting as they announced the winners.... the Yr1-3 group came 1st and Yr4-6 also came 1st in their groups!! Then they announced an overall winner with a gold trophy for **"Team Spirit"** and SJF won that!! We were all really proud.

We look forward to the next competition.

Caitlynn S, Yr5



We are delighted that all classes in Yr1 -Yr6 will be able to attend our local library at West Barnes over the coming weeks as we are once again able to visit the venue.

Library staff will talk to the children about how to use the library facility, explain how the books are organised, and allow the children to become familiar with the layout of the building. The outings link well with our recent Book Week activities and actively encourages pupils to read more books for enjoyment.



We had a fantastic time performing our assembly all about St Patrick, the patron Saint of Ireland.

We spoke about his life and how he used the shamrock to teach the Irish people about the Holy Trinity. We shared the ways on which the feast day of St Patrick's is celebrated around the world. We also talked about how God helped St Patrick overcome his fear and how different people have helped us overcome our own fears.

We loved reading, singing and performing an Irish jig. We even set our audience the challenge of keeping up with us during the traditional Irish folk song *The Rattlin' Bog*!!

We felt really proud of ourselves and we hope our audience enjoyed our assembly as much as we did!

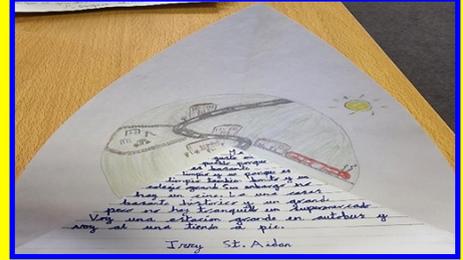
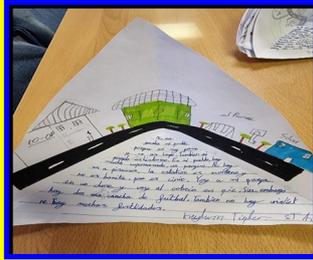
A special mention goes to Mrs Farrell who came in to accompany us on her guitar and accordion - thanks a million!! 🍀

St Francis Class



Mi pueblo (My town)

This term our pupils in Yr6 have been learning how to describe their own town in Spanish and have created 'triaramas' of them. The children can confidently say what their town is like and what can be found there. They can also give their opinions on their towns and their reasons for these opinions.



We are thrilled to be able to welcome Nick Carter, the explorer and adventurer, back into school on Tuesday 22nd March to talk to children in KS2 about his amazing adventures, like climbing mount Everest, living with remote tribes, and swimming the English Channel (even though he wasn't very good at swimming).

Some of our children in Yr5 & Yr6 may remember that Nick visited us before to talk about his 'Deep Fear Challenge' and made us all realise that we can conquer anything if we plan, prepare and believe!

Nick uses his amazing adventures to teach children how to take more courageous decisions in life; and how kindness, bravery and resilience can be used to make every day more meaningful.

Nick has just published his first children's book that tells the stories behind his biggest adventures to date (the Amazon, exploring deep caves, finding kindness, etc.) and explains how to develop important adventure values yourself. The book also nudges children to go out and experience these values through age-appropriate missions. If your child would like to purchase a SIGNED copy of his book (£10) you will be able to do so through ParentPay after his visit.

We think the children will be fascinated and inspired by what Nick has to say and are excited to welcome him into school on Tuesday!

On Wednesday, Yr4 went on a trip to participate in a Sing Fest! We all travelled by bus to St Marks Church in Wimbledon. There were three schools there, Dundonald Primary, Liberty Woodland and of course us! We began by doing warm-up exercises for our voices and then we performed our songs to the other schools that were there.

Our songs were: Bungalow (warm-up), Sprang the Spring and Black-bird. Once all the schools had performed for each other we all sang the song, 'Sing Out your Story' together.

Thank you to Mrs Reuss for teaching us the songs, we all had so much fun!

By Amanda, Sophie and Nicole (Yr4)



BUILD BETTER LEARNING



These pupils have encouraged others

St Scholastica - Hayden F

St Aidan - Szymon F

St Ninian - Ava W

St Teresa - Santiago R

St James - Sasha M

St Osmund - Sophie D

St Hugh - Isabella H

St Nicholas - Rory P

St Francis - Ben C

St Ignatius - Alexei O

St Susanna - Jude G

St Helena - Daniel H

St Elizabeth - Florence D'C

St Rose - Evelyn C

Nursery - Evie H

Attendance Percentage week beginning 7th March 2022

Class	Week beginning 07/03/22	Week beginning 28/02/22
St Rose	92.70	94.00
St Elizabeth	85.70	95.70
St Susanna	90.70	70.70
St Helena	91.80	98.60
St Francis	95.00	90.00
St Ignatius	93.80	94.50
St Nicholas	97.90	98.60
St Hugh	99.20	99.60
St James	97.70	91.10
St Osmund	96.30	99.30
St Teresa	95.20	94.80
St Ninian	99.40	96.00
St Aidan	96.30	96.70
St Scholastica	97.90	90.30
Overall	95.00	93.60

Best Class - St Ninian



WELL DONE

**** St Susanna ****

**For being on time,
in class and
ready to learn
every morning.**

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



**** Keit L ****