



End of Term

We have all made it to the end of term and the end of the school year. It has been a very difficult year for everybody but we have got through it together. Today we celebrated St John Fisher day with our usual liturgies and school barbeque which was a superb end to the year and a real celebration of what St John Fisher stands for. Thank you to all who helped to organise the day and to those who read at the liturgies and took part in the music. Last Friday we held our second non uniform day for our House charities, thank you for your contributions.

Information for September

Your child will have received a 'Guidance for Parents' booklet this week to take home. This has information about the staggered start at the beginning of term and other key information about school. Please ask your child for the booklet if they have not given it to you yet. There is also an electronic version of the booklet available:

<https://www.stjohnfisherschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Information-for-Parents-2021-2022.pdf>

Information was also sent home last Friday and the Friday before last with the newsletter.

Sports Days

Due to the COVID restrictions in school we held two Sports Days this year. Both days were tremendous with all students participating in a variety of events. Congratulations to Beverley House who were the overall winners. Thank you to the PE team, student helpers, YDP and other members of staff who took part.

Eco Warriors

On Tuesday the Eco Warriors got together for a celebration of their work this year. One of our priorities as a school is to reduce our



environmental footprint and to make sure we are looking after our planet as responsible stewards of God's Creation. The Eco Warriors have really gone above and beyond this year and their work is set to grow next year as their projects develop. Over squash and cake they talked about what they had achieved and showed the videos they had made. Well done to all students involved and to Mrs Moins who set up the group and has led it throughout the year.

Below are some of the projects they have been running:

- Recycling crisp packets to make into sleeping bags for the homeless in Peterborough
- Developing the Sensory Garden and completing the pond to encourage wildlife, especially bees
- Litter picking in the local community
- Reducing plastic use across school
- Videos and raising awareness across Peterborough of issues surrounding Climate Change and the Environment
- Raising awareness of switching lights and electrical equipment off when leaving a room

On Monday the Eco warriors visited Ferry Meadows to look at conservation. They had a good session toasting marshmallows and a good time was had by all. Thank you to Mrs Moins and Mr Karia.

Retirement Mass

On Wednesday evening we held a Mass to thank Mr Reilly for his service as Deputy Head for the past fifteen years. The Mass was celebrated by Fr Jeffrey Downie, Fr David Bagstaff, Fr John Warrington and Fr Adam Sowa, all of whom have had a long association



with St John Fisher and Peterborough which goes back for many years. The Mass was attended by current and former members of staff, students, parents, governors and colleagues from across Peterborough and the Diocese. Particular highlights were the beautiful music and singing, the sung Psalm 70, composed by Stan Hansel and performed by Erin O'Shea which was incredible, Elicia D'Ambrosio's speech which really said it all and finally Mr Reilly's letter from his mother. Mr Reilly was presented with two special gifts from the school, a third from the Governors and then a very special presentation of a Papal Blessing from Pope Francis in recognition of his work in Catholic Education. The whole evening was very uplifting after what has been such a difficult year. Thank you to all readers, servers, singers, musicians, student helpers, Cadets and everybody who helped with the Mass, particularly Mrs Harmson and Mrs Goodfellow. Mr Reilly is stepping down as Deputy Head but staying to teach RE from September. Mr Reilly will be replaced by Mrs Wilmore who will be Deputy Headteacher for Teaching and Learning.

Knights of St Columba Competition winners

Congratulations to Austin Goodfellow Sannam Hosseini and Dhani Lane who all received certificates this week from the Knights of St Columba, presented by Brother Christopher Brooke. All three students took part in a national competition to produce a piece of Art about Easter. Well done to all three students for taking part and receiving their certificates. Special mention goes to Austin who also received a prize for coming second overall, nationally, in the Year 7 – 9 age group and Sannam for coming fourth, overall out of all the entries nationally for this age group. Congratulations. The winning art work can be seen below. Thanks to Mrs Littleton who organised the entries.



Staff leaving

We have some staff leaving us today. We would like to say thank you to all of them for their service to St John Fisher. Miss Wilson, Science teacher and Cadet Leader and Mrs Wynne, Food teacher are both leaving us. We wish them well and Mrs Wynne a very happy retirement. We also say goodbye to Miss Bowden who is leaving her post as a Teaching Assistant to start training to be a teacher.

Mr Karia is leaving today to be a Deputy Headteacher at another school and will be replaced by Mr Olaman who will be starting SJF in September as a Deputy Headteacher for Pastoral care and Safeguarding. Mr Karia has been at St John Fisher for five years as an Assistant Headteacher and in that time has developed the Pastoral Care systems of the school and been responsible for Behaviour across school. Mr Karia was also the one who led on the introduction of the new school uniform a few years ago. I know that Mr Karia will be greatly missed and we wish him the best of luck in his new school and new role.

Mrs Patel, Student Support Officer for Cambridge House is also leaving and will be greatly missed. Mrs Patel has served the school for 21 years and has looked after many children and families over the years. Mrs Patel is also famous for her excellent cookery skills and beautiful flower arranging. Mrs Roe will take up the position of SSO for Cambridge House from September.

Thank you

Thank you to all staff and students for their hard work and resilience in what has been the most difficult of years for schools. Thank you for your continued support of the school and of your children's education. I wish you a relaxing and safe summer holidays.

Kate Pereira

Summer Work

As mentioned last week, all students have been set work for the summer holidays as a way to consolidate learning and prepare for next year. For Years 9 - 12, this work is very important as they are preparing for GCSEs and A levels. We appreciate that some families will be going on holiday and we encourage all students to be actively spending time with family and friends. Therefore, please be aware that the work is there to support not punish and we encourage all students to do only what they can within reason. All work is also on Teams: Student W Drive.

DofE Bronze

Thank you to all who submitted their interest by the deadline of 16 July. We have had a very healthy uptake which is very pleasing. There will be a meeting for all students who have registered on Wednesday 15 September at 3.20pm - 4.30pm where further information will be provided and they will be guided to set up their personal accounts.

Well Done Luke!

Earlier this month Luke Cumbridge in Year 9 competed in 'Darren's Dash' fun run. There were 68 finishers and Luke running for March AC Junior's finished in first place. Well done on this fantastic achievement.



SJF Showdown



Congratulations to the winner of the third and final SJF Showdown - Adventure: Faiza Khan. Well-done to all the students who participated and to the runner up Poppy Hughes. Next year the Showdown will be returning, keep a look out for updates. Thank you.
Mrs Lester



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