



Newsletter – Friday 22nd June 2018



World Cup Celebrations – We hit the ground running with our World Cup celebrations which started on the first day back after half term as the 'Pop Project' returned to school. The children listened and watched as the musicians performed popular songs and also provided the children with information about the culture and lifestyle of the times. They supplement the music with pictures, video clips and artefacts from different World Cups to make the experience truly interactive and it was a great way to start our World Cup celebrations! Our celebrations then continued the week after as each class studied a different country and presented their learning to the rest of the school in a sharing assembly. Children also took part in a penalty shoot-out competition and a competition to design a football kit. Thanks to Miss Glassbrook and Mr Simmons for organising our World Cup events in school.

ATHOS music concert – On Thursday 7th June, our school choir took part in the first ever ATHOS Music Festival at St. Stephen's Church. This event involved the children performing alongside other local schools. The children from our school performed the traditional African song 'Nanuma', 'Sun Rise' and 'Heal the World' by Michael Jackson and they later participated in a shared song with the other schools.



Y6 London residential – Some of our Y6 children recently experienced a two day residential visit to London. The trip involved the children visiting the Tower of London, having an evening meal at Planet Hollywood, seeing a West End Show, experiencing the London Dungeon and having a boat trip on the Thames. Many thanks to Mrs Feeney, Mrs Malley and Mr Young who accompanied the children on the trip.

Y6 leavers' service – Thursday 14th June saw our Y6 children attend a leavers' service at Manchester Cathedral. This service is held annually and involves all the Y6 children from across the Manchester Diocese. This year, children from our school were asked to do a presentation at this service on the theme of Peace and as always represented our school well.



Trips and visitors – Earlier this week our Year 5 children visited the Life Centre in Wigan to participate in sessions covering topics including road safety, crossing roads safely, basic first aid, recycling and litter, stranger danger and healthy lifestyles. These sessions were run by representatives from the NHS, Wigan Council and GM Police. Next week, children in KS1 will all visit the Maritime Museum in Liverpool and Wigan Athletic will be in school to deliver The Healthy Heart Project with Y5 and Y6 children.



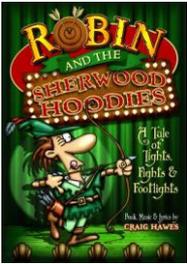
Three stars and a wish – Our annual 'three stars and a wish' questionnaire is being sent out next Friday to all members of the St. George's Central community. This process involves you telling me three things you think the school does well and one thing that that we might improve. Hopefully some of your 'wishes' from last year were granted over the last ten months and we hope that by completing the questionnaire again this year, we can work together to continually improve our school. I would be grateful if you could complete and return this to school by Monday 16th July to enable me to collate the responses and prepare feedback over the summer holiday.

Nursery Worship – At 9:15am on **Friday 29th June**, our **Nursery children** will come together for their Class Worship in our school hall. On this day, all parents/carers and wider family members of the nursery children are invited to attend as the children showcase their learning, and you will be invited to remain in school for a 'stay and play' session following the worship, should you be able to stay afterwards. On the day, please enter school via the main school entrance.



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KS2 END OF YEAR PRODUCTION



Not long to go before the KS2 production takes place here in school. The table below outlines the dates of key events concerned with the performance. We anticipate that all the children in Y3/4/5 will support these performances and a letter has been sent home about this – many thanks for those who have already returned their letter (to be handed in by Friday 29th June). There will be two performances in total, but only **one** evening performance (**Wednesday 11th July - 6pm**). As space in our school hall is at a premium, and as the KS1 and nursery children will have seen the dress rehearsal, should you need to bring any younger children (including children from St. George's Central nursery, reception and KS1) then they will need to access our crèche facility.

Please let our school office know if you will need to make use of the crèche so that we can make the necessary staff arrangements.

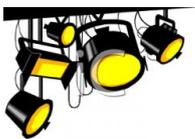
This will mean that there are more tickets available for older family members.

Friday 29 th June	All responses returned from KS2 children who will form part of the choir
Monday 2 nd July – Wednesday 4 th July	Tickets on sale for KS2 production from Mrs Kearns' room at 8:50am – Y6 parents/carers: 4 per family at 50p per ticket
Thursday 5 th July	Tickets on sale for KS2 production from Mrs Kearns' room at 8:50am – all KS2 parents/carers: 2 per family at 50p per ticket
Friday 6 th July	Tickets on sale for KS2 production from Mrs Kearns' room at 8:50am – all KS2 parents/carers: 2 per family at 50p per ticket Make sure you have informed the school office if you need to take advantage of the crèche facilities by today so that staffing arrangements can be made
Monday 9 th July	Any remaining tickets on sale for KS2 production from the school office – all KS2 parents/carers: OPEN SALE at 50p per ticket KS2 Production (1:45pm start for all KS2 children)
Wednesday 11 th July	KS2 Production (6pm start for all KS2 children)

We have again liaised with an external provider and they will be filming some of the rehearsals and the final performance of the play so that we can provide the Y6 leavers with a full copy of the play as a leavers' gift. Should this be of particular concern for you then please let the school office know by Friday 29th June so that seating provision for your child can be made.

Please note that our last week of after school clubs is week beginning Monday 2nd July, which will mean that after Friday 6th July there will be no after school clubs until September.

Let's Sing Concert – On **Tuesday 10th July**, Miss Gray will be taking our school choir to the Let's Sing Concert at Robin Park Indoor Sports Centre in Wigan. The children will sing a variety of songs alongside children from other schools. The organiser of this event, Mr Orrell, has been in school to rehearse with our children and Miss Gray has been using time after school with our choir to ensure that they know all the words to all the songs. I am sure it will be a fantastic event as usual.



Talent show – During the afternoon of **Friday 13th July** there will be a talent show in school which will involve all classes. Because of the timings over the afternoon, each class will have a limit of 2/3 performances and so classes will be voting on the talents that will represent them. Due to restrictions on space in the hall, we are unable to invite parents/carers to watch.

Annual Reports and School books – As you know from our last newsletter, for this last half term, all children have started their new school books that they will take with them to their new class in September. We will therefore be sending your child's school books (June 2017 – May 2018) home on **Friday 13th July**. We are required to keep a sample of books as evidence of work completed in previous academic years. Therefore a small number of children will not bring some of their books home this time. If this is the case for your child, please call into school to have a look at them. They will be given them to keep at the end of next year. Your child's annual school report will be sent home on **Friday 13th July**. We have included a key to explain each element of the report and there is a section where the children assess their own level of effort. As usual with our reports, there is an opportunity for you to comment and let us know any thoughts and feedback on the year as a whole. Please ensure that you return any completed forms to me at school by **Wednesday 18th July**.



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Parent/carer 'drop in' – This year we are again providing you with an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher about their report, should you wish. All the teachers will therefore be available for you to speak to after school on **Tuesday 17th July (3:30pm – 6:00pm)**. No appointment is necessary for this, however, as we will not know how many people will be coming, please be aware that we may need to limit the time you spend with your child's teacher – we will simply have to judge this on the night! Please come to the school office should you wish to see your child's teacher on this night.

Y6 LEAVERS' EVENTS



Leavers' disco – This year, this FREE disco will be for Y6 children only and will take place on Thursday 12th July, 5:00pm – 7:00pm (including pizzas as a Y6 leavers' treat).

Leavers' service in church – This will take place at St. George's Church on Friday 13th July (10am start). Family members of the Y6 children are invited to come and watch as the children 'perform'. The whole service will involve four other local primary schools and one secondary school – I hope to see you there.

Alton Towers – Monday 16th July will see an early start for the staff and children in Year 6 as they make their way to Alton Towers for their annual leavers' trip. A further letter will soon be sent out to Y6 children providing the finer details of this trip.

Leavers' service in school – This will take place in school on Wednesday 18th July (9:10am start). Family members of the Y6 children are invited to come and watch as the children 'perform' for the final time at St. George's Central. The whole service will not only incorporate a performance from the children but will involve end of year prize giving – I hope to see you there.

ATSA events



Crown Green Bowling taster session – Children in Y6AJM and Y6JY recently enjoyed taking part in Bowling taster sessions at Tyldesley Subby Club. From the children who attended we will be selecting a team to take part in a Crown Green Bowling competition for schools.

Netball league (Tyldesley section) – Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Hupton took a group of girls to represent the school in the league at Fred Longworth High School. Well done to Jenna Binks, Denisa Buliga, Heather Highlands, Jessica Highlands, Mia Jackson, Madison Medley, Ella Meskell, Gutjera Tumarevichute and Scarlett Vella who represented our school.



Sport Psychology – Four children attended this session at St. Michael's School which focused on healthy mental preparation for sporting events. The children were taught the importance of self-belief, focus and positivity and over the course of the morning they were able to put these factors into practice in a range of mini-competitions. Thanks to Sport Psychologist, Dr Andrew Evans, who led this session.

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ATSA events continued

Cycle Speedway taster session – Children from Y6 recently took part in taster sessions at Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Club. They were very brave riding bikes without brakes! The children will return on Monday to take part in a Cycle Speedway competition against pupils from four other schools. I will let you know how we get on.



Football cup competition (Tyldesley section) – Mr Barlow not only took both the 'A' team and 'B' team to take part in this event, but was also the organiser for the entire event! Well done to Logan Aspinall, Nathan Beca, Marley Crawford, George Deluce, Ben Green, Tommy Hampson, Lewis Hupton, Elonime Iwelu, Ike Iwelu, Clayton Johnson, Cameron Lucas, Cameron Taylor, Jack Reeder, and Thomas Whittle, who made up the two teams.

Y2 Football Festival at MUFC – Earlier this week, we took our 'Y2 champions' from an ATSA/MUFC football event in May to the AON Training Ground at Carrington to take part in the next stage. I am pleased to inform you that, yet again, our team qualified for the final where they eventual **WON** the **Y2 Champions Cup!** Well done to Mr Barlow and his team: Pedro Boateng-Carneiro, Aston Braddish, Jack Duffy, Oliver Houlihan, Oliver Jackson and Jack Lawrence



Before the next newsletter, children from St. George's Central will be taking part in:

****Cycle Speedway festival** **Y3/4 Rounders festival** **KS1 Football festival** **Residential Sports Weekend**
****Animalates session** **Tennis taster session** **Crown Green Bowling festival******

On Sunday 1st July, some of our children will be going to watch the British Athletics Championships at Alexander Stadium in Birmingham with children from other schools in an event organised by ATSA

The final newsletter of the year will be sent home on Monday 16th July. Further copies of the newsletter will be made available in the letter holders in the school entrance area for you to pick up should you wish. On the same day your child will bring home a letter informing you of their class for September 2018. Have a great few weeks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "M. Grogan".

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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