



Newsletter – Friday 28th April 2023

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Since we returned to school after Easter (only two weeks ago) we have:

- new school day timings in place.
- held two Multiplication Tables Check meetings for Year 4 parents/carers.
- had Year 5 and Year 6 children visit Crucial Crew.
- held a meeting for Year 2 parents/carers regarding: camping out on the school field.
- welcomed visitors to school to speak to our Year 5 and Year 6 about social media.
- taken part in the 'Active 60 Campaign'.
- held St. George's Day Celebrations.
- undertaken community litter picks.
- had classes visit Hillcrest Residential Home.
- had class and staff photographs updated.
- held a meeting for Year 1 parents/carers regarding the Phonics Assessment.
- taken part in three ATSA events.

There is always lots happening at St. George's Central!



Today will see us post out letters to the families who were recently offered a place for our September 2023 Reception cohort. We have also sent out letters today to all our Darlington Street Nursery September 2023 new starters. Within both the Nursery and Reception letters are details about our 'Welcome Sessions' which will take place throughout June and July. Please ensure you return any forms to schools by **Friday 26th May 2023**.

School updates – Over the Easter holiday, work has taken place in our Forest School and we now have a new path, a fire pit and canopy in place. We have ideas to develop the tyre park area on our school playground. We will always continue to develop the learning environments across school so as to offer your children the very best facilities.



In newsletters this school year, we started to provide you with some background information about our school governors. The seventh one of these below is from Mrs Buck who is one of our parent governors:



I have been a parent governor since 2019. I live in Tyldesley, I am married and have two children who attend St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery. Georgia who is in Year 6 and Tommy in Year 2. I have worked for Bolton NHS trust for 14 years as a Diabetes specialist podiatrist, a job which comes with lots of challenges. I have many transferable skills that I use day-to-day around governing the department and ensuring safe practice which I felt I could bring to the governing body. As a parent, I feel it is important that their voice is represented in the governing of the school. I am sure most parents agree that their number one priority is their children and striving for the best outcomes. Through life we all have different views/outlooks and I respect the fact that we are all different in our opinions, but ultimately the safety, welfare and happiness of our children is a number one priority. My current governing roles are around early years and the pay committee. My class link area is both Nursery classes.

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Mr Kenny – At the end of this academic year, Mr Kenny will be leaving St. George's Central to embark on a new career challenge as he leaves teaching to join the civil service. Mr Kenny joined us in January 2021 and we will be sad to see him leave. We are in the midst of the recruitment process for this position and I will communicate our progress with this appointment in due course.

'Active 60 Campaign' – During this week, children took part in Wigan's 'Active 60 campaign' encouraging all children to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity every day. As part of the initiative, the children joined in with the 'World Daily Mile Day', where pupils were encouraged to complete a mile run around the school grounds. Children also looked at how physical activity can improve mental health.



Year 4 Low Bank Ground residential trip – Tuesday 2nd May will see over 30 of our Year 4 children make the journey to Low Bank Ground in the Lake District for a 3-night/4-day residential trip. The children will spend time exploring the countryside, orienteering and kayaking as well as completing many other outdoor and adventurous activities before they return home on the Friday. I am sure everyone is looking forward to this experience away from home.

Staying open – Although school will still be used as a Polling Station on **Thursday 4th May 2023** for the elections, our school will **REMAIN OPEN** on this day. Like recent years, the Music Room in our new extension will be used for this.



King's Coronation Celebrations – To celebrate the King's Coronation in school, the children will be focusing on the life of our new King and his achievements. On Friday 5th May we will be having a celebration day with a Worship in the morning and a Garden Party in the afternoon. Children can wear their party clothes on this day. We have made a card from the whole school, which will be posted, to the King. Look out on Seesaw for the 'Coronation Challenge' where the children will be asked to design a 'crown fit for the King'. Similarly, to the Jubilee Garden, we will be developing an area of school to celebrate the King's Coronation – further details about this will be in our next newsletter.

****Please note that school will be closed for an Additional Bank Holiday to celebrate His Majesty, the King's Coronation Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May 2023****

Starting on Tuesday 9th May, all Year 6 children will be undertaking KS2 National tests – a timetable for the week will be sent home to children in Year 6. These tests are externally marked with the final outcomes being returned to school in July so that results can be sent home in your child's annual report. Please ensure children arrive at school in good time each day, well rested and ready to do their best.

Children in Year 2 will undertake their KS1 tests during week beginning Monday 15th May.

School Books and new classes – In order to ensure that children make an effective start to their learning in September, when they return to school on Monday 5th June, not only will every child from Reception – Year 5 be starting their new 'September' exercise books, but they will also spend that whole week in their September classroom, with their September teacher! The approach with exercise books has worked well for us over the last few years and this is the first time that your child will spend a week with their September teacher, at this stage of the year. On Monday 12th June, your child will return to their current teacher, before returning to their September teacher for two transition days in July. On Friday 26th May you will receive a letter informing you of your child's class for September 2023. Within this letter will be details regarding dropping off and collecting arrangements for this new transition week and for the two days in July. As usual, exercise books will be sent home at the end of the year, with a sample of school books being kept by class teachers.



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The Easter holiday saw children from our school join with children from nine other schools to attend the ATSA 'All Sports Holiday Provision'. A varied programme of sporting opportunities (Boxing with 'Boxing for Better', Football/multi-skills with Wigan Athletic Tennis/multi-skills with Sphairistrike Tennis and Dance with Abigail Bibby) were on offer over 3 days with children being able to sign up for different activities for £4 a day (with lunch included)! The programme for May half term 2023 has been finalised and letters will be emailed out to you early next week.



'Access and Success' Football Event – Tuesday 25th April saw children from St. George's Central take part in the third ATSA 'Access to Success' Event at Rowan Tree Primary. Our children joined with children from five other schools to take part in a Football event with Wigan Athletic Community Trust.

Mini Water-Polo Competition – Nine children from St. George's Central School recently took part in a Mini Water-Polo Competition against children from seven other primary schools. Well done to the children who made up our team.



'Active Minds' Spelling Competition – Yesterday, two of our Year 6 children took part in the ATSA 'Active Minds' Spelling Competition. The children competed in a number of rounds in which they were asked to spell a broad selection of words, with a varying degree of difficulty linked to different areas of the curriculum.

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

- **Y3/4 Kickgolf Session**
- **Y1/2 Zumba Session**
- **KS2 Girls' Football 'Cup' Competition**
- **KS1 Football Festival**
- **Y6 Sports Weekend Session**
- **Kickstarterz Session**
- **Y5/6 Rounders Competition**

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 26th May (paper copies will be available in the letter holders in the entrance area in school and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery). Have a great month with your family.

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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