



Newsletter – Friday 21st June 2024

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In preparation for our transition days next week, children in Reception – Year 5 will come home today with a letter informing you of their class teacher for September 2024. This letter contains all the information you will need to support you with our transition activities next week.

Mr Cooke will be leaving our school at the end of this school year as he recently accepted a promoted position at a large school in Warrington. We would like to thank Mr Cooke for all his hard work in school and the wider community since 2016 and hope he will continue to make positive progress with his career as he moves to a new school. We would also like to thank Miss Hobson for her work over the past 12 months, as she will also leave our school at the end of the year.

Today, I 'closed' the annual 'three stars and a wish' online survey – thank you to everyone who submitted a response. The feedback we receive from this survey provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon the previous 12 months, sharing any successes and considering any areas for improvement. I will meet with staff from across school to provide you with collective feedback before we break for summer.

Class attendance updates:



| Class | *% | Class | *% | Class | *% | Class | *% |
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| YR:KB | 95.00% | Y1NT | 95.70% | Y3ES | 94.73% | Y5CB | 92.68% |
| YR:OB | 95.82% | Y1/2TL | 95.44% | Y3/4EH | 94.74% | Y5/6GC | 94.52% |
| | | Y2VG | 94.39% | Y4NC | 96.04% | Y6AM | 95.12% |
| Whole school attendance: 94.9% | | | | | | | |



**%'s are up to and including Friday 14th June 2024*

If ever you are unsure about sending your child into school, please click: [Is my child too ill for school?](#)



Pride Awareness Month – This month we have celebrated Pride Awareness Month. The children have learned about the importance of equality, inclusivity and celebrating love. The children have explored how we are all different, celebrated their differences and thought about what makes them proud of themselves. They have reflected on how we can avoid LGBTQ+ discrimination in our school.

Wigan and Leigh Hospice – At the start of this half-term, we were visited by Chris from Wigan and Leigh Hospice. He led a whole school assembly highlighting the work of Wigan and Leigh Hospice. On Thursday 11th July, we will be partaking in the 'Turn Wigan Purple Day' to support the hospice. On this day, for a £1 donation, all children can come to school wearing something purple.



Music Alive – On Wednesday 5th June, children in Y1 – Y6 were treated to a musical performance from the members of Wigan Music Service's Percussion ensemble. Children were introduced to the different instruments in the percussion family and had the opportunity to listen to these instruments being played. Children were also given a leaflet about learning instruments in school. If you would like your child to begin

having instrumental tuition in school, please contact the school office.

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Reception trip – At the start of this half term, our Reception children enjoyed a fantastic trip to ‘Imagine That’ in Liverpool. They made their own snow and slime and conducted their own science experiments. They also enjoyed some craft activities, bath bomb and fridge magnet making. The children especially enjoyed the role-play village where they loved being construction workers, visiting the hairdressers, becoming pizza chefs and going to the supermarket! A brilliant day was had by all.

ATHOS Music Concert – On Wednesday 5th June, our school choir took part in the ATHOS Singing Festival at St. George’s Church. This event involved the children performing two songs alongside other local schools. The children from our school performed ‘Together We’re Stronger’ and ‘As One’. Well done to our school choir.



Y6 London residential – Some of our Y6 children recently experienced a two-day residential visit to London. The trip involved the children enjoying a bus tour of London, a boat tour on the Thames, a trip to the theatre to watch the musical ‘Wicked’, a visit to London Tower Experience and a London Eye Experience. Many thanks to Mrs Malley, Miss Cohen and Miss Peaty who accompanied the children on the trip.

Pictures from our recent Sports Days



Extra-curricular clubs – After today, there will be no more extra-curricular clubs until September 2024. I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff who have given up their time to lead these clubs, at lunchtimes and after school throughout this year. In September, we will continue to offer a range of extra-curricular clubs each half term for your children to take part in.



KS2 end of year production – Rehearsals for Y6 children are now well under way for the end of year KS2 production. This will start to gather pace over the next few weeks as the stage will be set up in the hall. Although Y6 make up the main cast for this performance, the children from Y3, Y4 and Y5 play a major role in making up the choir that sing all the songs during the play (which is a key aspect in telling the story). Please see ticket information and performance details below, taken from our Summer Term (2nd half) dates letter:

| Dates | Ticket information/Performance details: |
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| From Monday 17 th June | *Tickets available for KS2 production from Miss Peaty’s room at 8:40am, each day this week: Y6 parents/carers only: 2 ticket per family in total |
| From Monday 24 th June | *Tickets available for KS2 production from the school office at 8:40am, each day this week: Y3 – Y5 parents/carers: 2 tickets per family in total |
| Monday 1 st July | Any remaining *tickets available for KS2 production from the school office at 8:40am: ALL KS2 parents/carers |
| Monday 8 th July | KS2 Production: The School-O-Vision Song Contest (6:00pm start) |
| Tuesday 9 th July | KS2 Production: The School-O-Vision Song Contest (9:30am start) |
| Wednesday 10 th July | KS2 Production: The School-O-Vision Song Contest (6:00pm start) |
| Monday 15 th July | A filmed version of The School-O-Vision Song Contest will be uploaded to YouTube |

**There is no charge for tickets. You will need to bring your ticket with you to the performance, as the number on your ticket is your seat number.*

Y6 leavers’ service – Monday 17th 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, the children from our school were asked to make a prayer chain for the service to reflect on God’s promises of following and trusting Jesus and write a prayer for Year 5 as they prepare for Year 6.



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Annual Reports and School books – For children in nursery – Year 6, your child’s annual school report will be sent home on **Friday 12th July**. On the report, 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 class teachers in school by **Wednesday 17th July**. 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 (May 2023 – May 2024) home on **Friday 12th 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.

Y6 LEAVERS’ EVENTS

Leavers’ service in church – This will take place at St. George’s Church on Thursday 11th July (10am start). Family members of the Y6 children are invited to come and watch as the children ‘perform’. The whole service will involve other local primary schools.

Drayton Manor – Year 6 will make their way to Drayton Manor on Monday 15th July. A letter will soon be sent out to Y6 children providing the finer details of this trip.

Leavers’ disco – This disco will be for Y6 children only and will take place on Tuesday 16th July, 5:00pm – 7:00pm (including pizzas).

Leavers’ service in school – This will take place in school on Friday 19th 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 – we hope to see you there.



Team Treat Day – Throughout the year, your child will have been earning team points, for their work and behaviour, for their team: St Matthew, St Mark, St Luke or St John. Mrs O’Brien is organising a ‘Team Treat’ day on Wednesday 17th July where all children from the overall winning team (as shown by how far that team has moved on our guided busway display) will have a non-uniform day with food and drink to acknowledge their victory. Letters will be sent out soon to children who are on the winning team.



Fishing Match – In association with the Angling Trust, two of our Year 5 children attended a fishing competition at Partridge Lakes Fishery. The children competed against a range of other schools in catching and landing the heaviest fish. It was a fantastic day and the children enjoyed building on the Reel Fishing programme that was delivered earlier in the year.

Netball league – A group of children recently represented the school in netball matches against children from five other schools. Well done to all the children that took part in the matches.



Flag American Football Competition – On Thursday 6th June, our children took part in the first ATSA Flag American Football competition. Well done to our children who took part in the event.

KS2 Mixed Football Cup Competition – On Friday 7th June, our mixed football teams took part in an ATSA competition involving five schools. Well done to our children who took part in the event.



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Cycle Speedway Taster Session – Five children from Year 6 recently took part in a Cycle Speedway Taster Session at Astley and Tyldesley Cycling Club. The children will return on Monday 1st July to take part in a Cycle Speedway Competition against children from four other schools.

Yoga Taster Session – On Tuesday 11th June, some of our Reception children visited Toni Marie Yoga Studio in Atherton to take part in a Yoga Taster Session with children from three other local schools.



Art Exhibition – Children from our school have recently taken part in ATSA's first ever Art Exhibition. As well as individual pieces of artwork being submitted, the four schools involved created a collaborative piece of work that is now displayed at Leigh Spinners Mill. As part of the event, not only were visitors to the exhibition able to view all the art work on display, they were also treated to performances from our school choir. Well done to all the children involved in this event.

KS1 Girls' Football Festival – A team of girls from KS1 recently took part in a Football Festival hosted at Astley Tots Plot. Well done to the children who made up the Year 1 and Year 2 teams.



Young Filmmakers Event – A group of Year 6 children created a short film for the first ever ATSA Young Filmmakers Event. Schools could submit a film of up to 10 minutes duration on a theme of their choosing. Our children produced a film about 'Friendship'. The film was 'premiered' at the cinema at Leigh Spinners Mill with our children finishing as **runners up**.

'Access to Success' Kurling Event – Yesterday afternoon saw our children take part in an ATSA 'Access to Success' Event at Rowan Tree Primary, competing against children from five other schools. Well done to the children who represented our school at this event.



Chess Competition – Yesterday afternoon also saw two of our children take part in the first ever ATSA Chess Competition. A team was picked from our 'child-led' chess club to go to Hindsford School to play against children from two other schools. Our children played really well against tough opposition.

Year 5/6 Rounders – Our Year 5/6 rounders team took part in the re-arranged competition last night. Well done to the children who made up the team.



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

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| **Residential Sports Weekend** | **Tri-Kidz Competition** | **Cycle Speedway Competition** |
| **KS2 Tag Rugby** | **Zumba Taster Session** | **Y3/4 Rounders Competition** |
| | | **Tennis Taster Session** |

As well as being on the school website, there are paper copies of this newsletter available in the letter holders in the entrance area in school and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery. The next newsletter will be sent out on Wednesday 10th July. Have a great few weeks.

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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