



Newsletter – Thursday 28th March 2024

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A busy half term has included: visits from Reel Education for Year 3/4EH, Reception children visiting the 'no waste shop' at Shakerley Community Centre, a visiting poet for World Book Day, work undertaken for British Science Week and International Maths Day.



Staffing updates – Today is the final day at St. George's Central for Mrs Jeffries as she moves on to a new stage in her life. We are sad to see her leave and thank her for her hard work during her time at our school. As parents/carers of children in Mrs Jeffries' class already know, from Tuesday 16th April 2024, Y5HJ will become **Year 5CB** as **Miss Billington** will return from her maternity leave to be the Year 5 class teacher. Miss Billington taught some of the children in this class last year as the Year 4 class teacher.

Over the past 4 weeks, we have had some families who volunteered to be part of our new PE t-shirt 'trial'. After Easter, a link to an online survey will be emailed to you, so that a final decision can be made. If you had not have chance to see children around school wearing the 'new' options then the images below may help when it comes to you having your vote.

September 2024 PE t-shirt options

Option 1:

Current white PE t-shirt remains in place for children in Reception – Year 6



Price for T-shirt:

£8.50 up to size 32" (£9.50 for sizes above)

Option 2:

A new blue PE T-shirt is in place for children in Reception – Year 6 (like the one that our staff wear).



Price for T-shirt:

£9.50 up to 13/14 years (£12.50 for sizes above)

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Class attendance updates:

Attendance



Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:KB	92.6%	Y1NT	95.1%	Y3ES	94.3%	Y5HJ	92.9%
YR:OB	93.9%	Y1/2TL	95.9%	Y3/4EH	94.6%	Y5/6GC	94.3%
		Y2VG	94.3%	Y4NC	94.7%	Y6AM	94.7%
Whole school attendance: 94.5%							

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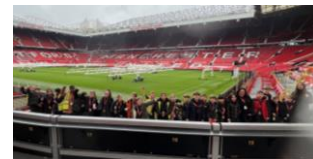
*%'s are up to and including Friday 22nd March 2024

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



International Women's Day – On Friday 8th March we celebrated International Women's Day with this year's theme 'Inspire Inclusion'. KS2 looked at how women are viewed worldwide and debated some of the views they came across and KS1 and Early Years thought about inspirational women in their personal lives, highlighting what makes them special.

Year 3 and Year 4 trip to Old Trafford – Wednesday 13th March saw children from Year 3 and Year 4 spend the day at Old Trafford, building upon their learning in both Geography and PSHE. They enjoyed an amazing stadium experience, some inspirational learning activities and a thought provoking museum tour. Thanks to the staff at Manchester United for their fantastic hospitality as the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by both the children and the staff.



Year 5 and Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum North – On Thursday 14th March, Year 5 and Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum to supplement their learning on World War 2. During the visit, the children explored the permanent exhibits in the gallery, the displays on remembrance and the experience of soldiers in the first World War. The children took part in a workshop about the North Documentary Challenge or Ministry of Memory. The children learned lots of new facts to bring back to their history lessons in school.



Thanks to your support, we managed to raise £202 on Red Nose Day. Thanks again for your support!



Smithills Farm Trip – Children from both our nurseries had a fabulous day at Smithills Open Farm on the 18th of this month. They had a fun tractor and donkey ride. They enjoyed a hands-on experience with chicks, rabbits and guinea pigs and fed a large array of other animals and the trip enhanced the learning in school about new life and growth in the Spring. Thank you to all the family helpers who supported the trip, it was a brilliant day.



Sign Language Week – Monday 18th March saw the start of Sign Language Week. The children learned about this year's theme 'Promoting BSL' and took part in various activities involving learning some BSL and developing their awareness of it. During this week we also thought about different forms of communication and how we can help remove barriers to communication in our classrooms.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week – We recently took part in Neurodiversity Celebration Week. The children learned how important it is to recognise that everyone's brain works in different ways and that seeing individuals as neurodiverse helps to remove the stigma around learning differences. We considered how differences can be challenging, but can also allow people to shine through other talents. We learned to embrace neurodiversity to help people thrive as individuals and enable them to experience the world through their own strengths.



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Year 5 Brathay Hall assembly – Last week, children from Year 5, who went to Brathay Hall in February, led a short assembly to feedback on their experience of their week in the Lake District. It was good to see so many of you there to listen to the children as they shared stories about the residential. Congratulations to Lucy who was announced as the winner of the 'Alan Murgatroyd Award for Outdoor Education' for their efforts during the week in the Lakes.

Wider Opportunities Music – Parents/carers of children in Year 4 were recently treated to a tuned percussion performance from the children in Year 4EH and Year 4NC. Our school 'buys in' to the Wigan Music Service 'Wider Opportunities Music' scheme which means that each week a specialist music teacher (Mrs Lord) comes into our school to teach the children to play musical instruments. Our children learn to play a different percussion instrument each term. It was a great performance from the children. After Easter, the children will be learning to play a different percussion instrument and there will be another whole school performance just before the end of the school year.



Year 3 Low Bank Ground trip – Last weekend, 35 Year 3 children spent a weekend at Low Bank Ground in the Lake District. The children spent time exploring the countryside, orienteering and ghyll scrambling as well as many other outdoor and adventurous activities. I am sure the children had a great time away from home, experiencing all these different activities. Family members of the children who attended are invited to a short 'Low Bank Ground assembly' at **9:05am on Thursday 2nd May** where the children will share their experiences with you.

Easter Worship/Service – Thank you to Reverend Cath who came into school to lead an Easter Service for our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children on Tuesday 26th March. Reverend Cath talked to children about the key events within the Easter story and taught them some Makaton signs associated with Easter! Children from all classes also contributed to short presentations about symbols associated with Easter and we enjoyed singing a few hymns. Our Key Stage 2 Easter Service in St George's Church took place earlier today with the theme of 'One Week in Jerusalem'. Each class looked at a part of the story through poetry. The children were brilliant as always and we would like to thank all parents and carers who attended.



Easter Bingo – Many thanks to everyone who supported our Easter Bingo night earlier this week either through providing Easter Eggs to school or through actually attending on the night! We raised **£369.40**. It was great to see everyone coming together as a school community to raise funds to support events in school. Thanks to our school staff who organised and supported this event. The money that has been raised from this event will be put towards resources to support children with their learning in school.

Musical performance – Parents/carers were recently treated to our usual half termly musical performance. As well as hearing the choir sing, it was good to see all the children who learn instruments in school perform for everyone. The next choir and musical performance in school will be on Wednesday 24th May 2024.



Reception starters 2024 – If you have applied for a September 2024 Reception place for your child, you will receive an email from Wigan Council informing you of your school place on 16th April. Please ensure that you read and follow the information within the email, which will guide you on what to do following confirmation of your school place offer.



Class based Worship themes

During the first half term of the Summer Term, children will be focusing on the following:

School Value: Hope

Reflective question: *How can we restore a sense of hope when things seem hopeless?*



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25 years celebration – We recently emailed you a letter with information about the different ‘events’ that are part of the 25 years celebration of St. George’s Central CE Primary School and Nursery. We are looking forward to seeing you all in St. George’s Church at 6pm on Tuesday 23rd April to celebrate this occasion. As I stated in the letter, if you or any members of the Tyldesley community would like to come and have a tour of our school, then please contact



the school office and I can arrange this for a convenient time. I now go to regular meetings at my former primary school and do enjoy having a look round at how things have changed.



Leigh Harriers Cross Country – Children from St. George’s Central recently gave up their Saturday morning to support our school in the sixth ‘Graham Jackett Cross Country Challenge’. The 28 children competed against children from eleven other schools over a tough course. Our combined scores helped ATSA to retain its title. Thanks to all our children who took part in this event and the staff that attended too.



Football leagues – Our children have been taking part in the Tyldesley section of both the mixed football league and girls’ football league. Matches have been taking place over the last few weeks at Fred Longworth each Monday and Friday. Our mixed team have played all their matches, winning three of the seven games. Our girls team have also completed their matches winning one of the five games. Well done to both teams



First Aid for Sport – Some of our Y6 children took part in a First Aid for Sports session at Garrett Hall. The children learned basic first aid skills with a focus on the types of injuries children may experience in competitive sports.



KS2 Swimming Gala – Eight children from St. George’s Central School recently took part in a swimming gala against children from twelve other primary schools. The four boys and four girls took part in both individual and team races at the Pelican Centre. Well done to the children who made up our team.

‘Access and Success’ Football Event – Thursday 7th March saw children from St. George’s Central take part in the ATSA ‘Access to Success’ Football Event at Rowan Tree Primary. Our children joined with children from five other schools to take part in this event.



Everton FC Year 1 Football Competition – On Wednesday 13th March, six excited children (and two equally excited staff members) travelled to Finch Farm, Everton FC’s training ground, to take part in the first ever ATSA/Everton FC Year 1 5-a-side Football Competition. Well done to our group of footballers who played really well at the event.

Tyldesley Mosaic

Some of our children, who had been involved in creating the tiles for the final part of the Tyldesley Mosaic, came together to see their work in place. The next step is to look at having an information board, regarding the project, in place.



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'Kickstarterz' Taster Session – On Monday 18th March, three of our children were joined by Reception children from four other schools to take part in a fun, fitness 'Kickstarterz' Taster Session. This was a great opportunity for some of our children to take part in their first ever 'after school' ATSA event.

Everton FC Year 2 Football Competition – Wednesday 20th March, saw more children from our school travel to Finch Farm, Everton FC's training ground, to take part in the ATSA/Everton FC Year 2 5-a-side Football Competition. Well done to our group of footballers who played really well at the event.



KS2 Dance Competition – Wednesday 20th March saw our KS2 Dance team take part in a competition against two other schools. The children danced really well to 'Dance the Night', from the film 'Barbie'. Well done to the children who finished as **runners up** in this event.

Yoga Taster Session – Some of our Year 1 and Year 2 children recently took part in a Yoga Taster Session. The session was led by Toni Aspinall from Toni Marie Yoga.



Residential Sports Weekend – A meeting took place for parents/carers of our four Year 6 children who will be taking part in the ATSA residential Sports Weekend at Low Bank Ground, in the Lake District, at the end of June. The children will be competing against children from four other schools in kayaking, orienteering and running. We will be hoping for a good performance from our children in what will be one of their final ATSA events representing St. George's Central.

KS1 Poetry Performance – On Thursday 21st March, World Poetry Day, we held our first ATSA KS1 'Poetry Performance' evening at The Snug in Atherton. The event was introduced by poet Louise Fazackerley, who told us a bit about her work and performed some of her poems. Children from four local schools came together to perform some poems they had been learning in school, on stage to an audience.



Y6 Orienteering Competition – You may or may not have noticed around school how we have had 26 orienteering 'control points' put in place all around our school site. This now not only means that children from St. George's Central are able to take part in orienteering activities as part of our school PE offer, but we are also able to host the ATSA Orienteering Competition, which we did earlier this week. Well done to our children who took part in this event.

ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision – Don't forget that next week, sporting activities have been organised for children in **Y2 – Y6 for £4 a day (with lunch included)**. I hope to see some of our children taking part in these sessions during the Easter holiday:

Days	Provision	Venue	Time
Tuesday 2 nd April 2024	Boxing Fun and Fitness	Hindsford CE Primary School	9:00am – 3:00pm
Tuesday 2 nd April 2024	Sphairistrike Tennis	Astley and Tyldesley Tennis Club	9:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday 3 rd April 2024	First Aid and Fun Swim	The Pelican Centre	9:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday 3 rd April 2024	Abigail Bibby School of Dancing	Sacred Heart Primary School	9:00am – 3:00pm

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

Everton FC Year 3 Football Competition **Golf Taster Session**
 KS2 Mini Water Polo Competition **'Active Minds' Event (Spelling Competition)**

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 26th April (paper copies will be available in the letter holders in the entrance area in school and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery). Our school site and Lancaster Avenue Nursery site will close today and re-open to children on **Tuesday 16th April 2024**. Please find attached to the newsletter email the Summer Term (1st half) dates letter. Have a great Easter with your family.

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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