

St. Anthony's School

a specialist SEN-BESD provision



May 2017 Newsletter

Royal Garden Party...Would you believe it!



Mrs Gray was invited to attend a Royal Garden Party on Tuesday 16th May 2017 at Buckingham Palace.

Last September Nikki Smith our school Counsellor contacted The Lord-Lieutenant of Kent, Viscount De L'Isle MBE to ask if he would consider nominating Lesley to be put forward for an invitation. Nikki provided lots of information about the work that she has been involved in at St Anthony's School over the past 25 years and her activities in the community. Lesley and her husband, Ken received an invitation at the end of March on behalf of the Queen inviting them to her first garden party of the summer.

With much excitement we put on our best clothes and arrived at Buckingham Palace at 2.45pm. The party officially began when The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Princess Anne, and other members of the Royal family entered the garden at 4pm, when the National Anthem was played by one of the two military bands present.

While the bands continued to play a selection of music, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh circulated among the guests. 5,000 guests were provided with a wonderful afternoon tea and were free to stroll around the beautiful Palace gardens.

At each Garden Party, around 27,000 cups of tea, 20,000 sandwiches and 20,000 slices of cake are consumed! Lesley said that they really did need to 'pinch ourselves' every so often, as it all seemed so unreal.

Lesley would like to send a big 'thank you' to Nikki for nominating her and a big 'thank you' to all pupils, parents and staff, past and present for making her work at St Anthony's so enjoyable.



Catrina Wins!



The best teachers, support staff, and school volunteers the county has to offer were celebrated at the Kent

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Teacher of the Year Awards 2017 on Friday 19th May. Catrina Jones, who is currently teaching Owls, went along to receive her award of Kent TA of the year for the Thanet district.

Fifty finalists from across Kent, Medway and Bexley attended the glittering evening, which was hosted by the chief executive of the KM Charity Team, and Nicola Everett, news editor for KMFM. Nominations for awards are sent in from colleagues, parents and children. A record 700 nominations were received this year and we are very proud of Catrina for making it to the final. Well done.

Art News

Rotary Art

It's been a successful term for our pupils in Art. Several of the children submitted work into the annual Rotary Club of Margate Art competition and within those entries we have some winning pictures. Deanna H won first prize in her age group; Lloyd E, Kieran S, Crystal K, Holly G and Bernice M were all placed or given Merits. Also Susan Holmes, our Art TA, won the teachers' prize.

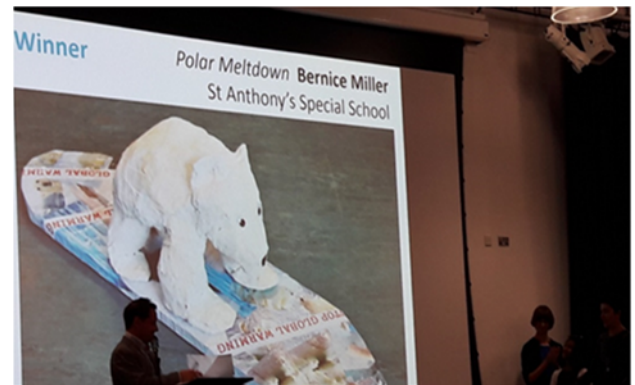
Work was on display from Friday 12th May to Sunday 14th May in the foyer of Sainsbury's at Westwood Cross. I hope many of you got the chance to pop in to have a look at all the entries.



Portfolio Art Competition

We worked really hard on our entries to the Turner Contemporary's Portfolio Competition, and happily two of our entries were shortlisted. Ewan H and Bernice M were invited to an evening celebrating all of the great art completed by staff and pupils across Kent.

Augustine House, Canterbury Christ Church University hosted an exhibition of the entries and at a prize giving ceremony Bernice was announced as the winner in her category. She received a prize and her work will be on display at Turner Contemporary, Margate between 27th May and 24th September. Make sure you get along to see it.



Maths Challenges Across the School

This term has seen lots of St Anthony's pupils participating in the weekly maths challenges. These have included some seriously difficult dot-to-dots of more than 500 numbers. The apparently simple process of counting should not be under-estimated. It gives pupils a deeper understanding of the relationships of numbers and helps especially with their perception of crossing tens and hundreds boundaries. The finished pictures have often been coloured beautifully. Some of the stars in this have been Connor W, Kailum B, Crystal K, Nikita L and Connor C.



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Maths Qualifications

In mathematics we offer all KS 4 students the chance to try and achieve an 'early entry' qualification. This consists of an exam that has to be passed, and two pieces of coursework. There are three different levels of difficulty, with level 1 being the easiest and level 3 the hardest.

All our year 11 students have completed the coursework and passed one of the examinations- a lot of students achieved a level 3 grade. Due to this year's success, from September we are planning to offer the 'early entry' course in year 10 so that they can try to attain a pass at 'Functional Skills Mathematics Level 1' which involves solving real life problems and is actually equivalent to a grade 'F' in GCSE Mathematics.

Road Safety

In order to keep our children safe as they gain their independence by walking and crossing roads to and from school, we would like to remind all parents, carers and grandparents to not park on the yellow zig zag lines or park in the taxi/bus lanes at the start or end of the school day.

Equally important we also ask you not to park at the entrances of the road. By parking here, pedestrians and other drivers' views are impaired which does not allow for a safe exit in or out of school. I have had some of the neighbours speak with me this term about parking around the school and issues that they face living beside a school, so please keep this in mind when parking. Parking across driveways and leaving engines running can cause inconvenience to our neighbours.

Road safety links for further guidance:

<http://sites.bmweducation.co.uk/sots06/default.asp>

<http://www.rospa.com/road-safety/>

<http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-yearsand-primary/parents/5-to-7s/teaching-your-childto-cross-the-road-safely/>

The children's safety is of paramount importance and we urge you to work with us to ensure every child arrives and departs school safely. We must work together to ensure the safety of all our children. Thank you!

Saturn Class

Saturn have been studying 'The Illustrated Man' by Ray Bradbury as part of their science fiction focus this term. Pupils have also created their own Science Fiction stories based on the short story 'The Veldt' by the same author. As part of their Coast projects children have been looking at the role of sea defences in Thanet and the effects of erosion of our coastline.

Sports News

Panathlon

On Tuesday 2nd May eight pupils attended the regional qualifying Panathlon event at Ursuline School. Throughout the event these pupils took part in a variety of different sports including boccia, new age kurling, polybat, table cricket and indoor athletics with the aim of scoring points for the Thanet team. When all of the points were tallied up the Thanet team were crowned champions and they have now qualified for the regional final in Canterbury on the 5th July. Well done to all of the pupils involved.



Tennis

On Monday 15th May, Louis C, Lennon L, Leo R and Holly C attended a mini red tennis tournament in Canterbury. These four pupils played in 5 tennis matches each before reaching the knock out stages of the competition. After some tough fought matches against a variety of other schools, Louis, Lennon, Leo and Holly were crowned champions after beating Small Haven School three games to one in the final.



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Visitors to School - Sir Roger Gale, MP



On Friday April 21st Sir Roger Gale came to visit the school. He spent time talking with Mr Page and Mrs Warnecke, the Chair of Governors, about the school, the hard working staff and our wonderful pupils. He then visited several classrooms and spoke with pupils, about the recently announced snap election. Several pupils asked him questions about his role as MP and one pupil told him he needed to give the school more money to get more adults. If he gets re-elected he has offered to host a group of students and staff to visit the Palace of Westminster.

Mayor Making Ceremony at Margate Winter Gardens

On Monday May 8th Justin H, Ewan H and Mr Page were invited to attend the Annual General Meeting and Ceremony of Mayor Making at the Winter Gardens. The ceremony took place at 7pm and we were able to see Councillor Mrs Rosamund Dixon become the Mayor in a ceremony with lots of fancy robes and gold chains. The boys were able to meet several guests and ask them questions about their roles. The Deputy Lieutenant of Kent was very impressed with the school attendance and our interest in the civic life of Margate. Justin and Ewan also liked the food after the ceremony. Mr Page liked the glass of wine!

Sickness

If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please can you ring and advise the office or leave a message on the answerphone on each day of absence. Thank you.

Tesco Donation



St Anthony's School PTFA applied to our local Tesco store for the chance to win some money from the Tesco 'Bags for Help' scheme. I am very happy to tell you that we were successful in winning the top prize of £5000 which was presented to us by Stacey, the Cliftonville store manager. This money is going to help us pay for some extra curricular after school clubs in our fabulous school garden amongst all the amazing wildlife we have. We will also be bringing Art into our garden for after school, nature themed sessions. Our school PTFA would like to thank each and every one of you that voted in store for us and would like to say thank you to all the team Tesco, Cliftonville.

School Dates

Fri May 26th Last Day of Term 5

Mon June 5th First Day of Term 6

Friday June 16th Summer Fayre 5pm

Thurs June 29th Year 11 Leaver's Assembly 1:30pm

Thurs July 20th Pupils Last Day

Fri July 21st EHCP review day

Hope you have enjoyed reading term 5's newsletter. Have a good break and see you for the start of the Summer term.

Mr. Robert Page - Headteacher

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