

December 2017 Newsletter

Christmas Fair

Our fair on Dec 1st was well attended and everybody had a fabulous festive time! As always we were well supported by a great deal of local businesses which helped us put on an amazing Raffle and Tombola. We also had a very special guest this year who was giving presents out to the children – SANTA!



Cllr Barry Lewis presented our PTFA with a cheque for £500 which will provide every single student in our school with a Christmas treat. Everybody at St Anthony's is very appreciative of Cllr Lewis' donation and we would all like to wish him a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The PTFA, would like to extend their thanks to: staff that helped out, parents and carers that donated and all our wonderful guests for coming along on the night.

We made a huge £743.03 profit and every single penny of this money will be used to enrich our pupil's provision.

Shakespeare

On Thursday 16th of November a cast of 22 pupils from across the school took part in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Theatre Royal Margate, as part of the SSF Festival.

This is one of the largest drama festivals in the country and encourages pupils of all abilities to take part.

All pupils worked hard to learn their lines and the actions associated with their characters.

It was a more ambitious project than last time with:

- Double the amount of pupils taking part
- Primary and secondary classes being involved
- Props being created by our pupils and the art department, led by Shelley Rowe and a visiting artist Diana Law
- The DT dept. and pupils created a sword and 'thicket' led by Remi Sargent
- Costumes provided and created by our lovely team of : Jackie Benson, Lesley Gray, Fauzya Shah and Sue Holmes
- Funding for the project was arranged by the brilliant Sally Parrett which included the Arts awards for all lottery funding and a generous donation from The Mayor of Margate.

The project challenged our pupils and provided them with an experience hopefully they will not forget. They were greatly aided in this project by their exemplary class teachers, and assistants who provided additional support in terms of confidence building, learning their lines and liaising with parents.

A special thank you to Mr Steele who also took on a role in 'The Mechanicals.'

It was a fabulous night and we at St Anthony's are very proud of all their hard work and effort.

Well done cast, you were amazing!



Palace of Westminster

On November 17th Justin, Ewan, Kieran S, Jadine and Crystal were accompanied by Antony and Robert on a trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament. We caught the train from Margate to St Pancras Station, then the tube to Westminster. Emily and Kelly were our tour guides and were able to answer our questions and showed us: the Royal Gallery, the House of Lords, the House of

Commons, the Robing Room, the Central Lobby and Peer's Lobby. After our tour we had time to walk through London, on a beautiful sunny day. We saw Trafalgar Square, Charing Cross Road and the British Museum before walking back to the train station for the journey home. A very enjoyable day was had by all.



Lampard Class

Lampard Class have taken part in the MyPT Obstacle Course at Betteshanger Park this term. It has been a part of their 'Preparation For Life' lessons in which pupils have gained valuable skills in Communication, Teamwork and Leadership.

Charity News

In Term 1 we had a dress down day in aid of Pilgrims Hospices.

On 1st December, Caroline Dixon the Community Liaison Officer came in the school to present an assembly and collect the money we raised. The total was £85.32.

Thanks to all the parents and friends of the school who sent in a contribution.

We have now started a Pennies for Pilgrims challenge to fill the spare house point tube in the lobby with coppers. Clark (pictured) has made the biggest donation so far.

In addition, and prompted by the concern expressed by the school council for the homeless in our area, we have started a reverse advent calendar in the entrance to school. Anyone can contribute non-perishable items that will be taken to the Gap Project in Broadstairs to be distributed at Christmas.

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gear, corner, and cycle with control. Pupils then applied these skills when they competed in the Kent School Games cycling event, pedalling to victory against 10 other schools.

The award for the most spectacular crash goes to Louis Chan.

As a result of winning the Kent School Games cycling event pupils were given the opportunity to experience BMX racing on a real gated BMX track.



Football

Throughout the term a number of pupils have had the opportunity to play in football matches against others schools including: The Orchard School, Sallygate School and Learning Opportunities. Well done to all of the pupils who took part, winning 2 out of 3 matches.



Cycling

11 pupils experienced two coaching sessions at the Cyclopark in Gravesend by qualified British Cycling coaches. Pupils were taught: how to complete a safety check on their bicycles, change

Boccia

Liam H, Albert K and Lloyd E represented the school and the East Kent Boccia Qualifiers for the Kent School Games. All three boys showed exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship and won 5 out of 7 games, qualifying for the Kent School Games Finals in March.

Acrostic Poems

Carols singing.
 Happy people.
 Rudolph's red nose.
 I'm excited.
 Sleigh bells.
 Tinsel on the tree.
 Merry Christmas.
 Angels flying.
 Santa is coming.

By Leo H

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Crackers being pulled
Ho Ho Ho
Reindeers flying in the sky.
Ice on the road
Santa coming down the chimney
Tinsel on the Xmas tree.
Mince pies with cream.
All the children excited
Snowman in the garden

By Jadine L

Girls Group go Roller Skating



Forest School

As always, it has been a very busy time down at Thanet Community Forest School. We have taken delivery of 160 new trees which will be planted

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over the winter period. Come spring time when all these trees burst into life it will transform the whole site into a beautiful woodland in its infancy for all our community to enjoy. The trees include: Oak, Silver Birch, Sweet Chestnut, Elm, Hornbeam, Holly, Rowan to name but a few. These trees were paid for by a grant from Tesco (Cliftonville) and Kent Men of The Trees (KMOTT) so we would like to say thank you for their continued support.

To further compliment these trees we have also been successful with a bid to build a pond on our site which will be starting in January.

An amazing new shelter has been donated by **All Access Scaffolding**, to cover our camp fire, enabling our participants to stay dry throughout the winter months. We are eternally grateful for their donation and it shows that community spirit is still present in our locality.

Our students have also been very busy making all sorts of amazing woodcraft's. My personal favourites are the log reindeer which our students have made.

From everybody at the Forest School, we would like to wish everybody a very happy festive period and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

See you in the New Year.

Mr. Robert Page – Headteacher

Wed Dec 20th Last Day Term 2

Thurs Jan 4th Start of Term 3