

St. Anthony's School

a specialist SEN-BESD provision



February 2018 Newsletter

It is remarkable that another term has come to an end already. Students at St Anthony's continue to work hard in a wide variety of areas as you will see from reading this term's newsletter. Term 4 which is another short term will see Dahl and Potter classes having weekly swimming lessons and Thursday March 1st is World Book Day so pupils will be dressing up as their favourite characters – so parents/carers/staff start getting yourselves organised.

As term 3 has moved along I have been disappointed with a number of our pupil's lack of appropriate school uniform, so please read Lesley's information about uniform as we wish to have a consistent approach and ensure all children look smart.

Have a good break. Robert

School Uniform

As from the start of Term 4 (19th February 2018) we are asking parents/carers to support their child to wear St Anthony's correct school uniform:

- *black school shoes or plain black trainers*
- *black or dark grey trousers*
- *black or dark grey skirt of appropriate length*
- *white polo shirt or white cotton school shirt.*
- *navy blue zipped fleece or navy blue sweatshirt with school logo (to be purchased from **Riggers**, 139 Northdown Road, Cliftonville)*

Our uniform is practical, smart and cost effective and enables all pupils to feel equal to their peers.

There will be a weekly class award given to congratulate pupils dressed in correct uniform.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Lesley

Boxing Awards

A group of our Year 10 & 11's started an eight week Boxing Award course last term. The course was held at The Hornets Boxing Academy, Ramsgate and lead by Head Coach for South East England, Chris Daley.

The course covered the discipline required to box with a focus on Anger Management and Healthy Lifestyle. All our pupils worked hard to achieve a variety of awards dependent on ability. One of our Year 11's, Ewan S, who started the Boxing award programme last year, achieved his Platinum Award, which qualifies him to train others!!

Girls Group



Three of our girls from Secondary were treated to a lovely afternoon in Margate Old Town! The girls enjoyed window shopping and exploring the vintage gift shops together. They finished off their afternoon with a drink and a piece of cake at The Cupcake Café!

Reading Doctor

The school has been using additional funds to employ Deborah Salsbury the 'Reading Doctor' to work with several pupils who have been identified using school attainment data this term. Twice a week the children get time to read with the Reading Doctor 1:1 and they have already been making great progress. Children

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are learning to read new sounds in the context of the books they are reading, and they have fun building words with magnetic letters.

Visiting Students

We always welcome visitors at St. Anthony's and encourage them to come in and see the good work pupils and staff are doing. We are lucky this term to have had 15 student teachers from Canterbury Christchurch University visiting for a day. They worked in classes alongside pupils and staff to gain a better understanding of how pupil's needs can best be met.

We also have three students, Jess, Heather and Eloise from East Kent College, they have been visiting one day a week as part of their Health and Social Care qualification.

We also have staff planning visits from Foreland Fields and Bower Grove special schools coming up.

Christmas Charity Projects at St Anthony's



Last term we had two fundraising ventures leading up to Christmas. There was a reverse advent calendar in the entrance to school. This was an opportunity for parents and friends of the school to bring essential items that could be passed onto the Gap Project in Broadstairs to distribute to the disadvantaged and homeless. The Project would like to pass on their thanks for the two large boxes we were able to deliver.

Our other fundraiser was the Pilgrims' Hospices Christmas card (pictured), which many of you signed and raised over £25.

Look out for our next charity events, which will be a coffee morning organised by KS4 for their Hospitality BTEC and a Bake Off competition in Term 4.

Help Required

We are currently in the process of developing a model railway layout that is being used as a resource to support behaviour and learning in the school. If anyone has any Hornby 00 gauge track, trains or other parts that they no longer have a use for, we can put them to good use.

Kent Cricket Fun Day

7 pupils took part in the Kent Cricket Fun Day, at the Spitfire Ground in Canterbury. Pupils had the opportunity to take part in a number of different activities including:



Bowling Machine – testing their batting ability like a pro!

- Speed Gun – experimenting how fast they could bowl/throw a ball?
- Rapid Fire Cricket – smashing the balls and running like crazy!
- Cricket Factory including batting targets, rebound nets for catching and velcro catchers to help out



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Global Pathways to Success Radiation Challenge

Pupils in Walliams and Kipling Class have been working with staff from GPS this term on Friday mornings.

One of the tasks that Kipling Class completed was the **Radiation Challenge** – which involved pupils lifting one radioactive bucket and emptying it into another bucket without touching it using only cell-o-tape, strings and hangers. This involved pupils working together to plan and carry out the task.

Our pupils were more successful than the staff and GPS told us that only one other school has completed the challenge in a quicker time. Well done lads.



Yo Street Zone



Yo Street Zone have come into St Anthony's to deliver three freestyle football sessions, a relatively new craze in the footballing world. Pupils in St Anthony's have enjoyed the sessions and take part with real enthusiasm. A game called 'Panna' has been the main event in each session, this is attempting to put the ball in between your opponent's legs, a hard skill to master, especially as they never stay still!



E Safety Day Feb 6th

The last week of Term was E Safety week with all classes looking at various aspects of staying safe on line, either when gaming or using social media. We would like parents/carers to support this topic by discussing what the children have learnt at school and what they do to stay safe. This will help the children by knowing that you are aware of the potential risks and also help you understand more about what your children do when they are online, either on their phone, tablet device or laptop. Visit the following website which has a full range of information and advice about E Safety -

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

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Forest School

A group of young people have been attending forest school at Manor House. So far they have made camps and dens, worked as a team to make a shelter using camping sheets and ropes, and learnt how to make a fire using flint sticks and the 3 things needed to make fire.

We have also made chocolate fondue and chocolate chip cookie dough on the fire which all children enjoyed taking part and especially eating it.

The young people have been enjoying the outdoors especially the farm animals on site.



Future Dates

Friday February 9th last day of term 3
Monday February 19th start of term 4
Thurs March 1st World Book Day – dress up
Wed March 8th Open Afternoon
Monday March 12th Training Day – no pupils in.
Thursday March 29th last day of term 4
Monday April 16th start of term 5

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