

St. Anthony's School

a specialist SEN-BESD provision



March 2018 Newsletter



As we come to the end of a short term 4, we managed to cram lots in as you can read about in this term's newsletter.

Can I please ask parents/carers who bring their children to and from school to park outside the school gates and walk their child into school? We are fortunate in that there is lots of parking around the school for example on St Anthony's Way which will allow more opportunities for school buses and taxis to enter the school safely. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a safe and happy Easter.
Mr. Robert Page – Headteacher

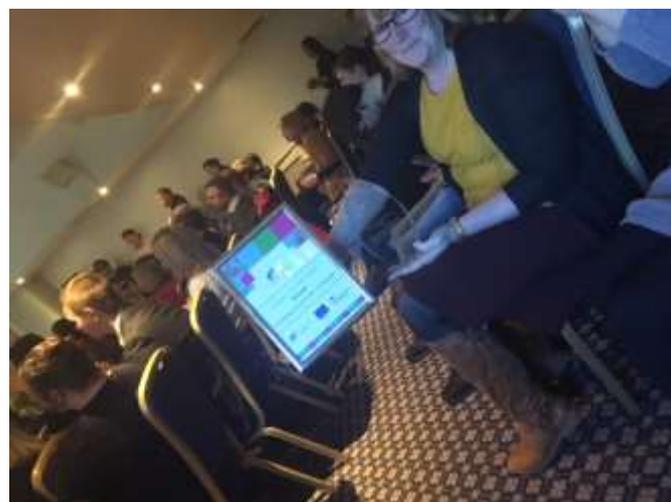
'Skills Training UK - School of the Year Award'.



On Tuesday March 20th we were delighted to be invited to the ESF Skills Support Celebratory Awards at the 'Bridgewood Manor Hotel, in Walderslade Woods. ESF (European Social Fund), is a fund from the European Union, to improve the skills of the workforce and helps people who have difficulties finding work. There are presently 26

groups in Kent running schemes to improve the skills of the workforce and people having difficulties finding work.

Our personal group are GPS (global pathways to success) who work with 10 different schools. All 26 groups were represented at a recent 'Celebratory Awards' ceremony, and everyone was able to nominate one school to be the **'School of the Year'**. A group of our year 11 students attended with staff members and were amazed, and very proud to find that they were the winners of the **'Skills Training UK - training in a different class - School of the Year Award'** - which is a fantastic achievement



Gill with trophy and certificate.

Thank you so much for arranging for the students to attend the awards event in Chatham yesterday. They did so well, sitting through a long session and then were very mature going up on stage and collecting their award.

It represents many weeks of hard work in their classes with EBP Kent, Alec and Janice have often reported how well the group have worked and how much has been achieved by many students. Our thanks to KS4 staff for being so positive and supportive over the weeks,

Congratulations to St Anthony's winning which is a fantastic achievement, we are so delighted with your success.

Chairperson EBP

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DEAR



This term we have initiated a DEAR (**Drop everything and read**) time project, the purpose of which is for pupils to enjoy a text of their choosing, it can be anything they like. Currently our tastes range between football magazines, novels and even comics. It gives students time to read what they want to read, share what they've read, and receive the support they need for further reading.

It is a whole school approach where for fifteen minutes a day, everyone in school - from pupils, to the head teacher, to the school caretaker - drops everything and reads! It is proving very successful and will enable pupils to follow their own interests.



Boccia, Kent School Games

Three pupils represented St Anthony's at the **Kent Boccia Finals** held at the University of Kent on March 8th. In order to get here St Anthony's had to win in the qualifiers which they did convincingly at St Anselm's School. Lloyd, Albert and Liam impressively finished second on the day receiving Silver in the medals department. Well Done!

KS 4 Cake Sale

Key Stage 4 Hospitality group held a cake sale in aid of the local Pilgrims Hospice. Pupils in

Walliams class made a range of lovely cakes in their lessons and raised £64.12. **Pilgrims Hospice** is one of the three school's charities this year. The sale was popular with all classes. The skills that the students were able to display will help them in their assessments for a Hospitality BTEC. So far we have raised nearly **£200** for Pilgrims Hospice this year.



KS4 Qualifications



We have recently received some exciting qualification news. Seven of our year 11 students

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have achieved a 'Certificate' graded pass for Btec Level 1 Applied Science. We also now have 5 year 11 students with a Functional Skills Level 1 Mathematics exam pass and 4 with a Functional Skills Level 1 English exam pass.

ST ANTHONY'S PUPILS SAY, "THANK YOU"



On Friday 9th March all pupils took a gift home for their parents/carers as a token of their thanks for all that is done for them.

Bunches of daffodils were purchased with a donation that we received from a friend of the school and wonderful gifts were donated, all beautifully gift wrapped from another kind friend from Holy Trinity Mothers Union.

We feel so very blessed that our pupils have benefitted from such kindness and generosity.
L Gray

Donaldson Class

Donaldson Class have been studying Volcanoes in Global Studies this term. They have learnt all about the Earth's tectonic plates and how they can cause volcanic activity along plate boundaries. The students really enjoyed this topic so Luke decided to get them making volcanoes for a wall display and eventually they will be making some real volcano eruptions using some of the schools science resources. The pictures show Lloyd and Bernice painting their volcanoes ready for display.



St Anthony's World Book Day 2018

We held our World Book Day 2018 on Wednesday 7th March, after the previous week's snow chaos! No words are really needed, the school photograph demonstrates how many pupils and staff dressed-up and got involved in the fantastic literacy event!



Pupils in Rowling class took part in a book competition and Ethan and Connor won the prize for the most book related questions answered correctly.



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Football Match against Rowhill School

On Tuesday 27th March, a group of primary pupils (supported by Brendon-Lee) visited Rowhill School for a football match. All pupils played well and greatly enjoyed the experience. The score was 3 – 3. However, much to the delight of our pupils, they won a friendly match during lunch, with an amazing score of 10 – 1. We are eagerly awaiting their visit to us for more fun and games! Well done to all who took part!

St Anthony's Snowball fight!

At St Anthony's we take health and safety very seriously, but after careful consideration we decided that in the spirit of fun, we would have a snowball fight. Pupils and staff joined in and the laughter carried around the school!



Staff charity tournament for Crossroads School

Friday 23rd March saw Margate FC play home to a great charity event, one which would potentially settle any old scores between Mainstream and SEN schools.

It started last year with a charity tournament for Crossroads School in Uganda whereby many schools came together to put their footballing ability to the test. Spires and **St Anthony's** got to the final which sparked the start of this mainstream/**SEN** rivalry.

This year to raise as much money as possible and re-ignite the flames in both sets of staff an 11-aside fixture took place instead.

The match was heated from the start and set a very high pace, after the mainstream team were on top of possession to begin the SEN staff began to get a hold further into the game and managed to grab a goal from a well-placed pass and work rate on the left. Not long after and nearly half time SEN staff scored another to make it 2-0.

Legs became slightly heavy into the second half with both teams having to make changes in order to keep the entertainment to a high, mainstream staff starting to get a stronger grip of the game and the SEN defence were playing their hearts out to keep that clean sheet. It wasn't long before the mainstream had stolen a goal. Both teams carried on this glorious battle before the mainstream staff broke through and slotted another goal home to make it 2-2.

The game finished at this result, and with tension still high I am sure we are going to see a similar rematch next year.

The event managed to raise an impressive £273.28 which will go towards the Crossroads School, Uganda. Well done to everyone involved, whether this meant playing or supporting, it all helps.

C. Kelly



Dates

Last Day Term 4 Thurs March 29th

First Day Term 5 Mon April 16th

KS2 SATs week of May 14th

Last Day Term 5 Fri May 25th

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