

St. Anthony's School

a specialist SEN-BESD provision



May 2018 Newsletter

Term 5 has been another busy term at St Anthony's, read about the range of learning and activities we get up to.

Margate Mayor Making

This term two of our pupils, Ellie Dyer and Clark Hill, represented the school at the annual Mayor Making ceremony of the Margate Charter Trustees.

It was a grand occasion, attended by representatives from schools, youth groups, local civic groups and businesses.

Our pupils were fascinated to see the chain of office and feel how heavy it is. They were able to meet and chat to the new mayor, whom they invited to visit St Anthony's.

After the ceremony, they very much enjoyed the refreshments that were served.



Science

Term 5 has been a busy period for Science across the school. First, we have set up a new after school Science Club for our KS2 students which will involve students doing all sorts of weird and wonderful experiments each week. The aim of this club is to engage students with Science through a series of short and snappy experiments such as making slime or blasting homemade rockets up in to the sky.

KS2 and KS3 are studying plants to make the most of all the flowers, trees and plants springing to life.

Some classes will be dissecting plants to identify all the main parts of a flower whilst other classes will actually be growing their own seeds to test out the optimum growing conditions for a plant.

For all the students growing Sunflower seeds Mr Evans will be hosting a competition to see whose is the tallest with the winner getting a prize!

Remember students, if you put what you learn in to practice whilst growing your Sunflowers there is no reason why they won't be HUGE! Happy growing fellow Scientists!

Reading at St Anthony's

Due to the success of 'The Reading Doctor's work in Blyton class, it has been decided to implement a whole school Reading Intervention programme.

To that end we have recently completed a reading audit of the whole school. This involved carrying out an in depth assessment on every pupil. As a result pupils will be receiving intervention on either a 1:1 or small group basis in the emergent Indoor Reading Garden. This is in addition to the reading already going on in class and during DEAR time.

There is a real buzz about the school with pupils asking when it's their turn to come out and read. In time we hope that pupils will want to bring books home to share with you.

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Currently we have an application to Foyle's (The London bookstore) and a local charity (The Red Eagle Foundation) for further funding of this project and we will keep you informed of developments.

We aim to implement 'Reading Buddies' across the school where adults/older pupils share a book with a child to promote reading for enjoyment.

If you are interested in becoming a 'Reading Buddy' please contact Sandra Cochrane either via the office or directly on: sandra.cochrane@st-anthonys.kent.sch.uk

Girls Group 'Lonely Flowers Project'



Our secondary girls come together every week in order to support each other whilst engaging in a variety of activities which they have chosen and enjoy.

This term the girls participated in an initiative inspired by Lesley Gray called 'Lonely Flowers'. The girls created some beautiful bouquets of fresh flowers and distributed them in different locations around the periphery of our school. The note attached to the flowers invited whoever found the flowers to enjoy them, and send us a note to let us know!



Design Technology

The Design Technology Department can celebrate another successful year at St Anthony's School.

Once again, students' response to the subject area has been, by and large, excellent. It has been genuinely pleasing to see their imaginations bearing fruit, within the realms of the National Curriculum.

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As well as learning a range of new skills and processes, students have been able to demonstrate that working with a variety of materials, tools, equipment and machinery can produce excellent rewards.



Arts News

St Anthony's pupils have enjoyed success in a range of competitions this term.



Harrison Edwards and Crystal Knight were both shortlisted from a countywide entry of 1700 young people in the Turner Contemporary's annual art competition 'Art, Animals, and Us.

Harrison showed his picture of an eagle, painstakingly cut from Lino and printed, and Crystal showed her considerable talent in mosaic art with a beautiful tiled fox.

The pair attended a prizegiving ceremony with their very proud teachers and got to see the work of young people from across Kent.



We again had work on show from 20 pupils at the Rotary Art competition displayed at Sainsburys in Westwood Cross, across a weekend earlier this month. There were some beautiful Robot collages and Dahl class showed off their drawing skills. Lucy Sheringham from Cowell class was awarded a merit for her excellent pencil drawing. The theme this year was 'Our Changing World'.

Golf Lessons

St Anthony's pupils in Lampard class have taken to the golf course in recent weeks. As part of their PE lessons pupils visited Stonelees Golf Centre where they have had the chance to get onto the driving range and tweak their putting skills in order to take these attributes to the par 3 course.

Mr Page was able to join our talented bunch of golfers in our most recent session and show off his 'incredible' skills.

Our Golf pro Gary will be setting up a skills course next week to test Lampard and see how far they have progressed. Well done so far!



Year 11's

As we come to the end of term 5 we are able to celebrate all of the year 11s in their achievements before moving onto their next steps. 6 students have achieved their functional skills level 1 in mathematics. 4 students have achieved their entry level 1 in English. 6 year 10 and 11s have achieved their entry level 3 in hospitality and all of Walliams class have achieved a Silver ASDAN award in PSHE. Well done to everyone.

As the year 11's have successfully completed their course work, in term 6 they all have opportunity to go out and do a work experience placement.



The first two weeks back after half term will see all of our year 11s engaging with work experience; these placements range from primary schools to local cafes and construction businesses. Due to the health and safety needs of some of their work placements our students needed to provide their own personal protective equipment. **KM Construction** have kindly donated two pairs of steel toe capped safety boots to aid these students in completing their work experience. Our thanks and gratitude to **K M Construction**

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Future Destinations.

All of our year 11s now have confirmed destinations; these include East Kent College, Hadlow College and Liberty training group. One of our year 11s has gained himself an apprenticeship at OFP timber frames in Sandwich; during this apprenticeship Ewan will learn on the job and gain qualifications in bench joinery. We would like to congratulate all of our year 11s for gaining their places at college and wish them good luck for the future.



Boxing

Last Saturday, 19th May, Thanet hosted an evening of Amateur Boxing at the Royal Harbour School. It was a packed event with many clubs coming together. One of St Anthony's Year 11 students, Ewan S, was there as part of The Hornets Boxing Club.

Ewan started training with the school in February 2017 and has progressed, via the GB Boxing Awards to achieve a Platinum Award, and is now competing at Amateur Level.

Ewan had his first bout, he lost to a much more experienced opponent, but showed immense courage,

motivation and determination. It is not easy getting in a ring for the first time in front of a large crowd and Ewan made it look easy!



Please remember that the school Fayre is June 15th and we will be asking for donations early next term for raffle prizes, tombola and stalls. Pupils will have two non-uniform days to support this at the start of Term 6.

Have a safe holiday.

Mr. Robert Page – Headteacher

Dates

Friday May 25th Last Day Term 5

Monday June 4th Start of Term 6

Friday June 15th Fayre 5 – 6.45pm

Thursday July 5th Transition Day

Tuesday July 17th Sports Day

Tuesday July 24th Last Day Term 6

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