

St. Anthony's School

a specialist SEN-BESD provision



July 2018 Newsletter

We have reached the end of another successful school year at St Anthony's. This newsletter captures some of the wide range of things we do.

Enjoy the newsletter and have a safe summer break and we look forward to seeing you on 4th September for the start of the New School Year.

Winners –

Watson Cup - Isaac M - Blyton

Burney Shield - Lewis S - Morpurgo

Attendance

Well done to all pupils for improving their attendance at school as we have achieved 85.45% this year. Three pupils improved their attendance greatly, well done to them.

Taio H- Dahl **50% to 90%**

Mason W Donaldson **49% to 85%**

Isaac M Blyton **58% to 88%**

Mr Robert Page
Headteacher

Copper Coin Challenge

This week we completed the Copper Coin Challenge that we have been running to raise money for Pilgrims Hospices. Each class had a

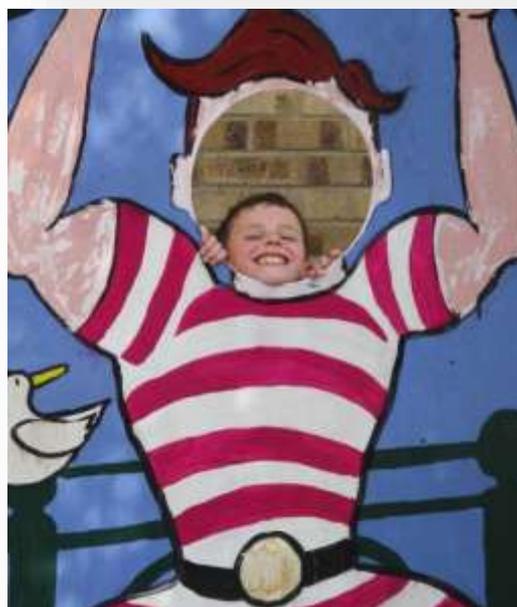
Pringles tube which they were attempting to fill up with coppers. The class that collected the most would receive a prize. Caroline Dixon from



Pilgrims came in to our Friday assembly where children brought their coppers in to add to the big tube we keep in reception.

We succeeded in our aim to fill the tube. Potter were the winning class collecting £12.57 altogether. When this money is added to that we have already raised for the charity, we expect the total to be over £200.

We would like to thank all the children, parents and carers who have contributed to our fundraising efforts over the year.



Summer Fair

This year's Summer Fair was an amazing success and everybody at St Anthony's would like to say thank you to all of those who helped make it happen.

Our local community helped us with a great deal of donations which made the raffle and tombola a fantastic success. The candy floss machine was a hit with adults and children alike and the guess the name of the huge cuddly toy was very popular too so we hope to see them again next year! We also had real life birds of prey for the children to

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hold and have their photograph taken with, which was an amazing experience for all those who had the courage to do it.

Our grand total profit raised was £623.23 which will be going straight back in to making our school a better place for all the children which attend it. This was my final fair as Chairperson of the PTFA and I am glad it was a good one and that the children will have memories of good times to cherish as they grow up.

The Day of the Triffids!

After 3 Months of watering and caring for his plants, Connor begins to reap the benefits. This year's Courgette crop is yielding nicely. Considering each sapling was less than 6 inches in height, the plants have grown to an enormous size. Very well done, Connor.



READING AT ST.ANTHONY'S

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we are raising the profile of reading across the school. In order to ensure that all of our pupils become competent readers, we have spent a lot of time carrying out in-depth assessments. This has enabled us to establish existing skills and knowledge, as well as identifying barriers to learning. This in turn has had implications for resources and intervention. It quickly became apparent that we needed a central area with relevant reading materials. It also revealed that we have a huge range in terms of attitudes towards Reading- ranging from 'I hate Reading, it's boring/hard' to 'I like reading and I do/don't read for pleasure'.

The idea behind creating a designated reading space- 'The Reading Hub', is that pupils will have a quiet place to receive Reading Intervention (The Reading Garden) as well as a place that they can choose to come to and relax with a book.

We reached out to a new local charity, 'The Red Eagle Foundation'. They have kindly donated £2,000 for us to transform an existing room. Staff and pupils are excited about creating a unique learning space that we hope will become an integral part of St. Anthony's.

We will keep you updated on the progress of this project. We are also setting up a system for bringing books home to share with you. Thank you in advance for supporting your child with their reading.

Girls Group Treat!

We had the pleasure of treating our Girls Group to a day out at The Powell-Cotton Museum and Gardens. They spent the day exploring the exhibitions and losing themselves in the history and beauty of the place. They learnt so much and took part in the interactive activities on offer. We were lucky enough to have access to Quex House where the girls had a tour and were able to ask questions and talk with the guides. They had a lovely day and were fantastic ambassadors for St Anthony's!



Forest School

This term our Forest school group visited Minnis Bay Beach, to learn about the different animals we may see on our coast. We went rock pooling and found some amazing fish, crabs and even a rare Anemone.

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Sports Day



KM Teacher of the Year Awards

The Kent Teacher of the Year Awards were created to mark the vital contribution that teaching staff make to the community.



The awards recognise the expertise and dedication that is the hallmark of an outstanding teacher. We are very proud to announce one of our teachers, **Adela Granger** pictured above with her PGCE tutor, Justine Earl, won the overall Kent NQT of the Year Award.

Nominations are open each January, any member of staff in the school setting can be nominated at:

<http://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/schools/teacheroftheyear/>

Winners of the 2018 event were announced at a ceremony in mid May at the Mercure Great Danes Hotel, Maidstone.

Adela said "I was inspired to become a teacher because I love working with children and wanted to make their educational experiences positive and enjoyable. Having worked in a school before I trained to become a teacher, I have always loved how each day is completely different, presenting a range of challenges but also rewarding. I have always enjoyed the challenges that come with working in a school and love how enthusiastic the children are! Working with children with SEN, I aim to help them develop and improve their levels of self-esteem and

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confidence and provide them with opportunities to achieve."

St Anthony's also had a number of staff receive honourable mentions

Linda Samson – Governor

Kate Ford – School Business Manager

Katy Wren – Specialist Teacher.

This follows Catrina Jones winning an award the previous year.

Sports News

Kent School Games Football

On the 27th June 14 pupils took part in the Kent School Games Football event at the University of Kent. All pupils demonstrated excellent effort and behaviour with Team A finishing 3rd in their group. Team B finished top of their group getting through to the final. In a very hard fought final, Team B lost 3 – 1 and were awarded a silver medal. Well done to everyone that took part.



Kent School Games Cricket

On the 20th June 12 pupils took part in the Kent School Games Cricket festival at Kings Hill Cricket Club. Pupils played a number of cricket matches against other school and produced some excellent batting and fielding. Well Done.

Wooden Spoon Tag Rugby Festival

After 4 Tag Rugby coaching sessions in school, 10 pupils attended the Tag Rugby festival at Canterbury Rugby Club. Pupils had the opportunity to participate in a variety of Tag Rugby drills before demonstrating the skills they had learnt in matches against other school. A special mention must be given to Kieran B and Harrison E who assisted other sports leaders with the running of the event.



Secondary Basketball v Rowhill

Pupils in Lampard class played a basketball match against Rowhill School. Pupils worked extremely hard against a very talented Rowhill side, and scored some excellent baskets. Pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork and resilience as well as excellent behaviour.

Primary Football v Rowhill



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9 pupils in primary participated in the return football fixture against Rowhill School. St Anthony's demonstrated some excellent teamwork and passing skills to score some excellent goals whilst having a solid defence. All of the pupils represented the school very well with excellent effort and behaviour.



We introduced free fruit pots to all the secondary students at break times, and we invited parents in to taste and discuss fruit as a healthy alternative to sugary snacks.

We will continue this ethos next year, and expand the fruit pots to our primary students! There will always be toothbrushes in school for our students to use within school time should they wish to.



Horseriding

This past year, many pupils from the Primary Department have been able to access 6 sessions of horse riding at the Riding For the Disabled stables in Broadstairs.

They have taken part in games in the sand school, and all have passed their road safety, for which they received a certificate. The pupils are well behaved and listen well to Nora and her team. The pupils all seemed to enjoy this activity and look forward to it each week.

I look forward to taking the next group of pupils for this fun activity in September

Claire Furlong

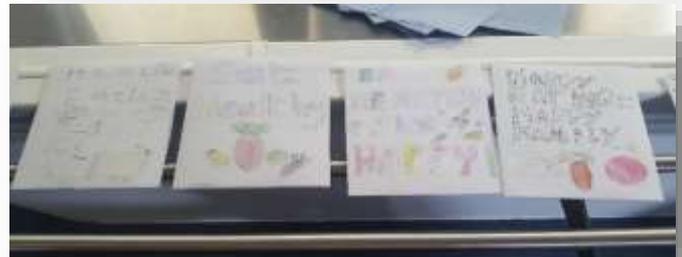
St Anthony's Food Champion School!

Over the past academic year the school has been working towards achieving the status of 'Food Champion School'. We have completed three goals and been judged on the success of them in order to pass the NHS criteria and gain the award.

The School Food Champion Programme has been developed to support the specific actions identified in the School Food Plan commissioned by the Department for Education.

Our goals centred on providing the knowledge and skills to develop healthy eating initiatives within school.

We had workshops on tooth decay and how to brush our teeth and every student in the school was given a toothbrush!



Dates for the diary:

Monday 3rd September – Inset Day

Tuesday 4th September - First Day Back for pupils

Monday 9th October – Inset Day

Friday 19th October – Last day of Term 1

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ARTS WEEK 2018

Last week saw our first Arts Week in school and a range of new experiences for our pupils and staff.



Milne were one of the classes to visit Turner Contemporary.



Kwame from African Activities showed us how to do some Adinka printing and told us the meanings and stories behind the symbols used in their beautiful textiles.



We all had a go at learning some circus skills and everyone participated in the drumming.



The 'Young Arts Advocates in Special Schools' Project sent Jodie from CONFIDANCE to work with us. We are all Superheroes!



Diana, an Artist and Maker, made pendants with us using the lettering she uses on her own jewellery.

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