

St. Anthony's School

a specialist SEN-BESD provision



October 2018 Newsletter

Pupil Attendance - Term 1

100%	28 pupils
95% - 99%	24 pupils
90% - 94%	17 pupils

We are keen to build on our improving attendance figures so parents/carers could you please help us by encouraging your children to attend school every day. If it is necessary for your child to be absent please call the school office as soon as possible on each day of absence. Our target is above 87% for the school, term 1 attendance was 85.34%

Display Boards

A competition was held to improve the look of the school by updating the display boards around the common areas of the school. Staff and pupils worked hard to design a range of displays on topics such Global Studies, British Values, Online Safety, Careers and Wellbeing. Competition was fierce and Mr Page left the task of choosing the winner to our local MP.



Craig was impressed by the range of display boards and had a hard time choosing. He selected Donaldson

Class's display in the ICT room '**Save our Oceans**' for being not just a topical display but a well thought out display. Donaldson class will have a bowling trip organised in term 2. Runners up were Rowling Class with a display linked to schools trips enrichment activities.

Well done to all.

Craig MacKinlay MP Visits



On Friday October 12th Craig MacKinlay MP for Ramsgate visited the school. During the visit he toured the school and spoke with pupils and staff. The head spoke with him about the many pressures and demands the school and our families are dealing with to support their children with SEND. In the course of the visit he was able to pick the winner of the school display competition. He listened to our issues, but made no promises.

CREST AWARDS

To drive Science forward we have decided to start delivering the Crest Awards across the school.

Crest Awards are an exciting way for children to engage with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) in a hands on

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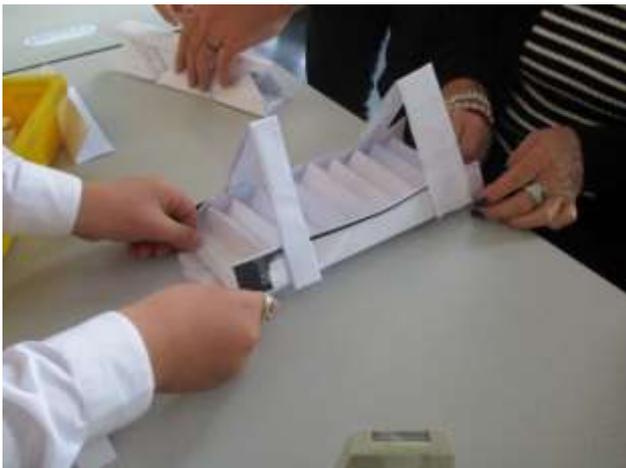
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proactive way by designing, building and testing their items. So far in Term One our students have been using their knowledge of shapes and strength to build a bridge.

They have also been building rafts to see which design holds the most weight.

Next the students will be putting their bird nest building skills to the test but for this experiment they are not allowed to use their hands to make them. The idea behind this is they will be mimicking a birds beak with some chop sticks to see if they can match a real birds nest making expertise. For the students to be successful in this experiment they will need to work as a team like birds do in the wild and they will need to forage for and find all the correct materials used to build a nest from within the school garden.

The picture attached shows one of the amazing bridges that a small group of our students designed.



We may be able to help

Once again our store cupboard has been replenished and I am pleased to say I have some duvets, duvet covers, pillowcases, towels, blankets and single mattress covers available to you if you could make use of them.

I also have some school fleeces, coats and other items of clothing. So please call me if you would like to come in and have a look to see if anything would be suitable for you.

As ever you are welcome to pop in for a chat or to discuss something that may be on your mind.

Lesley Gray
Pupil Welfare Manager

Sports

St Anthony's have started the year with great success inviting Leaning Opportunities over for the first football fixture of the year. St Anthony's took a 5-3 win in this great game that saw many KS3 and KS4 pupils taking part.

Upcoming fixtures:

Primary - Boccia
Secondary - Badminton

HeadStart Kent



For the next 18 months, we are very lucky to have been chosen with several other local schools, to be part of HeadStart Kent programme. The aim of the programme is to help the young people at St.

Anthony's cope better when faced with difficult circumstances in their lives, preventing them from experiencing common mental health problems in the future.

The programme is funded by **The Big Lottery Fund** and this will fund the resources to support our young people to develop their own resilience to cope with the everyday pressures they may face throughout their lives.

The programme is in its third year within Kent and has had success in other areas such as Canterbury, Ashford and Swale.

There will be opportunities for pupils and parents to get involved in HeadStart

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activities. For further information, please look at the parents/carers section on the HeadStart website.

<http://www.headstartkent.org.uk/>

School Enrichment Activities

Autumn in the garden. Wicker making, tree planting, and general maintenance. We are waiting for the pumpkins to arrive!!



Plastic Unwrapped

This term our students have been given the opportunity to take part in workshops called 'Plastic Unwrapped'. The aim is to help the

next generation of citizens to take more care of our environment by reducing littering, using less plastics and looking at a future without plastics. The session this week was located at the Nayland Rock Promenade Shelter and the theme was, 'What's The Problem'.

Students had a presentation from representatives of: Discovery Planet, Kent Coastal Project and The University of Kent about the problem of plastic in our oceans and food chains.

Our students were given the opportunity to help with a big beach clean up to see exactly what rubbish was on our beaches. Every single piece of rubbish found was put in bins and recorded so the information can be used to lobby governments in the future.



The next session is called 'What is Plastic?' and it will be hosted by Dreamland in their Hall By The Sea.

Session 3 is called 'RECYCLING' and session 4 is called 'Plastic Progress'. The final session promises to be

interesting as it will show alternatives to plastic which will be used in future generations.

St Anthony's School Council 2018-19

The school council met for the first time this term. New councillors were keen to share a variety of ideas about charity events and changes within the school that would continue the good work of last year's council. Among the ideas discussed were a school disco; a bring-a-pet to school day; a cake sale; and dressing up days for Red Nose and Children in Need. We will continue our support of the local charity, Pigrims Hospices, as this has been such a mutually



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beneficial association, but we will allow the pupils the opportunity to take part in these two national charity days.

Already this year we have started offering free fruit pots at primary break time in our efforts to encourage healthy eating choices.

The school councillors are: Brandon C, Nicole R, Bethany S, Oliver C, Justice B and Leo R.

The prefects are: Nicole R, Jack D, Bethany S and Lucy S. More will hopefully added as the year goes on.

Potter Class

Potter have made a very good start to the year and are enjoying their weekly trips to the local area and swimming. Keep up the good work.

Girls Group at Garden Gate

On Friday October 5th we had the pleasure of taking a group of secondary girls to the Autumn Leaves Festival at the Garden Gate Project in Northdown Park. The girls had the opportunity to get involved with the seasonal activities on offer as well as tour the beautiful gardens. A very enjoyable time was had by all.



SO, HOW WAS YOUR DAY? TIPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS!

- What was the best thing that happened at school today?
- Tell me something that made you laugh today.
- Where is the coolest place at the school?
- Tell me a weird word that you heard today. (Or something weird that someone said.)
- Tell me about something you've learnt today and which you could teach me.
- If I called your teacher tonight, what would she tell me about you?
- How did you help somebody today?
- How did somebody help you today?
- Tell me one thing that you learnt today.
- When were you the happiest today?
- Who would you like to play with at playtime that you've never played with before?
- Tell me something good that happened today.
- What word did your teacher say most today?
- What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?
- Who in your class do you think you could be nicer to?
- Where do you play the most at playtime?
- Who is the funniest person in your class? Why is he/she so funny?
- Tell me something interesting someone told you at lunchtime today.
- If you got to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you do?
- Tell me about three different times you used your pencil today at school.

Dates

- Fri Oct 19th** End Term 1 school finishes @1:15
- Mon Oct 29th** First Day Term 2
- Fri November 9th** Training Day
- Fri Dec 7th** School Fayre 5-7pm
- Wed Dec 19th** End Term 2 school finishes @1:15