

St. Anthony's School

a specialist SEN-BESD provision



April 2019 Newsletter

Comic Relief at St Anthony's

Friday 22nd March was Red Nose Day. There was a range of fundraising activities including a sponsored walk by Milne Class and cake baking. Overall we sold 120 Red Noses. The final total raised was £262.50 Milne's sponsored walk saw Keaton raise £23 and T-Jay raise £22. We would like to thank all those involved for their generosity.

This term we have also had another hugely popular cake sale organised by Charlotte and the KS4 students, which raised over £70 for Pilgrims' Hospices.

Coming up the school council are planning a sponsored walk for Pilgrims' Hospices to help a group of staff who are training for a 26 mile walk in support of the charity.



Another amazing literacy event was enjoyed by Rowling Class, at the end of term 3 pupils entered the Children's book festival book cover competition and Daniel B and Amy N were both runners up, winning a free entry to the book festival.



World Book Day

World Book Day on March 7th was a huge success, so a BIG thank you! It was fantastic to see even more pupils dressed up this year.



Next term, St Anthony's are starting a new 3 year literacy project in partnership with other Ksent Schools. Pop Up Literacy will involve meeting children's authors and experiencing a huge range of activities- so keep an eye on the school website for more info!

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The Sound of St Ant's



St Anthony's School recently took part in a KSENT Schools Musical Event at The Vine Centre, Maidstone.

The Morning was spent in various workshops with groups from other regions throughout Kent, whereby we took part in a collective 'Singalong' to Ben E King's 'Stand by Me'.

We were then invited to sing our song 'Happier', by Bastille, which we have been rehearsing for several weeks. The group gave a tremendous performance which was met with rapturous applause.

Very Well Done!



KS 4

This term our year 11 students will be sitting both Mathematics and English examinations. There will be a selection of Early Entry exams for both English and Mathematics, and for the students in the higher sets, there will be Functional Skills examinations in Mathematics and English. We should like wish them the best of luck.

Earlier this term, 5 year 10 students sat their Level 1 Functional Skills Mathematics examination. All passed and we are extremely proud of this achievement as

they sat the examination early. They are now working toward Level 2.

Functional Skills are the essential skills needed for English, Maths and ICT, and are vital for young people and adults to participate in life, learning and work.

Level 1 Functional Skills are equivalent to a GCSE Grade E-D.

The problems that need solving are related to 'real life' scenarios such as: -

1. Mick makes cheese flan in a local cafe. He knows that one cheese flan is enough for 8 people. Each flan contains 5 eggs. Mick is making cheese flan for 80 people. He needs to know how many eggs to use. He thinks he needs to use 45 eggs. Is he correct?

2. Mr Smith wants to buy a hot tub. There are two options to pay for the hot tub. Mr Smith decides to go for Option 2, how much extra will Mr Smith pay in total using option 2 instead of option 1?

Hot tub.

Option 1 - Cash price £5000

Option 2 - pay 20% of the cash price now and pay £183.80 each month for 2 years.

Global Studies Day - 27th March

All classes participated in Global Studies Day and enjoyed a range of activities encompassing Geography, History, RE and Art. The highlight of the day was the Food Tasting session in the afternoon. The students (and staff!) had the opportunity to taste a range of foods from India and it proved to be very popular for those students who took part!

Thank you Naz for the delicious food.

Viv Wright

Lead Practitioner – Global Studies

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Thank You Gifts

On Friday 29th March all pupils were invited to choose a 'thank you gift' to take home to the person who cares for them. This was our 8th year of doing this event and as ever it was heart-warming to listen to the children as they were trying to decide which item to choose. Their politeness and good manners were commented on by staff.



We were lucky to have been able to collect 120 gifts which were wrapped and displayed ready for the pupils to make their selection. We had been collecting items throughout the year from staff, their families and friends.

We were particularly grateful to one of our friends from the Mother's Union at Holy Trinity Church for once again saving the day by delivering a box of wrapped items which ensured we had sufficient items.

Many thanks, *Lesley*

AFTER SCHOOL SALE – FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 2019

As most of you know I have a store cupboard full of items of bedding, and clothing which are always available to you.

I would like to have a big tidy up and to do this I am going to have items for sale in the primary playground at the end of the day on Friday 26th April. No item will cost more than 50p.

Please come along.

Lesley

Enrichment

Enrichment is a scheduled part of the school curriculum which over 30 pupils participate in each week. Sessions involve a range of activities such as music lessons, gardening, cooking and DIY.



During KS3 and KS4 enrichment time this term pupils have been learning to 'Upcycle'. Pictured are Lewis and Bradley who upcycled an old dresser into a new useable piece of furniture.

Milton Class – Term 4

Milton Class have had another busy term! In Literacy, they have enjoyed studying 'Billionaire Boy' by David Walliams and have completed numerous activities including character descriptions, letters and menus.

In Maths, they have been learning different methods of addition and subtraction and have made good progress with their multiplication tables which they have used to solve word problems.

They spent an exciting morning at Tag Pet Rescue Centre where they met with the Education Officer, Pat Orpwood, to find out about the rescued animals and to develop their Science 'Habitats' learning.

They saw rabbits, guinea pigs and lots of cats, as well as more unusual and exotic pets including degus and bearded dragons. Pat is pictured here, holding one of the bearded dragons so that the students could touch it.



Milne Class

They have been learning about 3D shapes in Maths and Taylor, Archie and Jayden made their own 3D shapes out of everyday objects.



Milne have been working this term on 'getting along' and trying to create a team in the classroom.

We have been carrying out social skills activities such as Lego-Based Therapy and visiting the local park.



Sports Update

Football - This term St Anthony's pupils have been involved at KS2/3 and KS4.

Both KS3 and KS4 teams took part in the Kent FA tournament. Both teams were fantastic and played some great football, this saw St Anthony's top of both leagues respectively.

KS2 were at home for a fiercely fought match against Laleham, both teams battled well through-out the game and played with a great attitude, final score 0-0.

Gymnastics - As a part of Ksent the school were offered the opportunity to attend an event at Pegasus in Maidstone to show off some of their gymnastic skills, the day was full of fun which was helped by professional coaches supporting the pupils through-out the day. Well done Bernice, Kate H, Leo, Holly G, Clark H, Oliver M, Jack D, Amy N.

Dodgeball - St Anthony's inter house competition saw all four houses playing to their utmost ability.

A great atmosphere was created in the sports hall and even better was the competition that was played with great spirit.

Every team played each other twice with pupils from across the whole school taking part. After an afternoon of fun it was the Romans that took the win!

Next up - primary dodgeball match Vs Laleham.

I wish you all a safe and Happy Easter!

Mr Robert Page
Headteacher

Dates

Last Day Term 4 Fri 5th April 1:30pm

First Day Term 5 Tues 23rd April

Inset Day Friday 3rd May

KS2 SATs Week 13th May

Last Day Term 5 Fri 24th May

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