

St. Anthony's School

a specialist SEN-BESD provision



Feb 2019 Newsletter

Uniform

Thank you to those parents and carers who ensure that our pupils are correctly dressed for school in the correct uniform.

At the start of Term 4, we will be checking to ensure that all pupils are in the correct school uniform, as we have seen a decline this term.

Our school uniform consists of black shoes or trainers, black or dark grey trousers/shorts, black or grey appropriate length skirt, white shirt (button or polo) and the school fleece or sweatshirt. We appreciate your support with ensuring that your child is correctly dressed and ready for school.

Parking

May I please ask those parents who drop off and collect their child from school to consider where they park their cars. We have a number of people parking on the turn into Adisham Way which is causing issues. I have recently had neighbours of the school contact me expressing their concerns.

I know it is difficult to park but can I suggest that parking on St Anthony's Way is easier and safer for pupils.

I have asked PSCO's to monitor parking around the school.

I thank you for your support with this.

Reading at St Anthony's



The school's Reading Hub continues to develop. Classes now have timetabled slots when they can use the Reading Garden for groups to have time to enjoy relaxed, informal reading sessions taking advantage of the range of new books we have purchased using the Red Eagle donation.

Teachers can now access prepared packs for their guided reading groups, which ensure that all students have access to texts that are suitable for their reading ages.

Guided Reading takes place twice weekly across the school. The enjoyment of reading is spreading rapidly at St Anthony's. Please encourage your children to read at home. Don't forget to visit your local library!

Romans



This term Milton Class have been learning about The Romans. They have investigated life as a Roman soldier and researched the equipment that they would have carried with them to battle. Mosaic designs have been created for display in the classroom and, in Food Technology, they worked together to make Roman Honey Cakes, using a recipe from Roman times.

The above photo shows the Roman shields designed by the students in Milton Class.

Attendance

I am pleased to report that our school's overall attendance is currently 87.24% this year, which is slightly above our target. We know that when pupils attend school each day we have much better results with supporting their social and emotional needs and then helping them to achieve their academic potential. Thank you for your efforts in getting your child to school every day.

Online Safety

St Anthony's celebrated **Safer Internet Day** on **Tuesday 5th February 2019** but classes also used their Prep for Life lessons to look at ways to improve their online safety.

The week provided an opportunity to engage with children about their digital lives. The school, like every other school, has seen a significant increase over the past couple of years with pupils struggling to understand the demands of social media, online gaming and their own online safety.

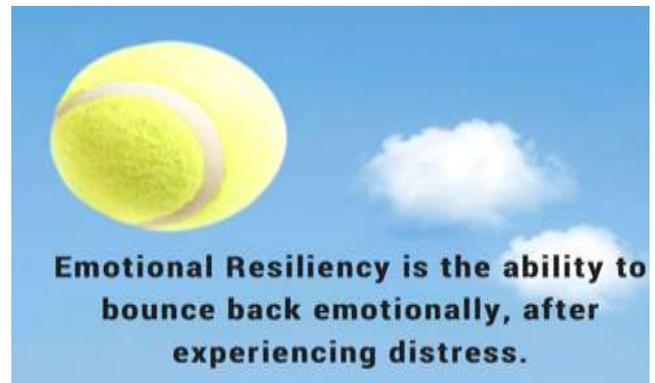
The school seem to be dealing each week with pupils bringing issues from outside school into school such as - pupils gaming all night and not

being ready to learn the next morning, pupils banning each other on Fortnite, sharing of inappropriate photos and young pupils playing 18+ games.

The school website has an up to date range of resources that can support parents in developing their knowledge to support their children. If some of the above difficulties are of a concern to you please contact us through the website or talk to us.

Headstart

As you may already know, St. Anthony's is a HeadStart school along with 5 others in Thanet. This means children can access a range of other services through HeadStart funding; mentoring, peer mentors, safe spaces, and talents and interests grants, with the aim of developing resilience for children and families in Thanet.



There are now several pupils receiving weekly support from a Salus mentor, supporting them with anxiety, confidence and managing worries. 14 children are receiving weekly training to become peer mentors. Two children have received grants which will enable them to attend a boxing club and to cycle safely at a cycle park. Staff have had a workshop on wellbeing.

Future projects are to build outdoor safe spaces within the school grounds, train staff in mindfulness, and build a confident team of peer mentors in school.

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Cake Sale



The Key Stage 4 Food group organised a cake sale at school to raise money for our local Pilgrims Hospice. They made and iced all of the cakes ranging from: Tyler's carrot cupcakes, Holly's confetti cupcakes, Lloyd's shredded wheat nests, Ethan created a double chocolate cake, Justin made some peppermint and lemon flavoured cupcakes, Henry baked and decorated salted caramel cupcakes and last but by no means least Daniel's super coffee and walnut cake.



We raised approximately £65.00 which we will present to Caroline from Thanet's Pilgrims Hospice in our next term's assembly. A BIG thank you to all the staff, children and parents that supported this great cause and of course to KS4 food group for organising it. Well Done!



Sport @ St Anthony's.

It has been another successful term of sport at St Anthony's despite the weather and conditions playing a major disturbance. We have seen the primary football team travel to Orchard and bring

home a 4-2 win! Next up is Garlinge Primary who are coming to St Anthony's for a home fixture.



In addition Blyton were able to go to Laleham Gap and participate in a multi schools event in which the pupil's behaviour was impeccable and all of them enjoyed the event.



In secondary we have seen both KS3 and KS4 travel to the Kent FA football tournament. It was KS4 chance to shine on this occasion where they played some spectacular football and managed to finish 2nd in the league of very strong competition.

Next up we have Milton class taking on Learning Ops in both football and dodgeball.

Boxing



The photo shows three of our KS4 students receiving their Award Certificates for

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Boxing. Two achieved a Bronze Award, which is not easy. One will now be attending the club, independently on a twice a week basis to continue to develop their boxing skills, keep fit and manage their emotions. These additional sessions will be funded by Headstart.

Making a splash

This term two primary classes have continued their weekly swimming lessons at the Blue Wave swimming pool.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities with their instructor Callum, from improving their swimming skills through to fun and games.

It has been wonderful to see their confidence and technique in the water grow. Most are now swimming a length unaided in freestyle and backstroke. Keep it up.



Dates

Friday 15th Feb Last day term 3 finish 2:36

Monday 25th Feb First day term 4

Friday 5th April Last day term 4 finish 1:15pm