

St. Anthony's SPECIALIST SCHOOL ••••

17th November 2023

As we are now well into term 2, I am pleased to share the wide range of learning that our pupils are doing across the school. It is wonderful to witness the enthusiasm and dedication that pupils bring to their learning, aided by talented staff to support them. I don't wish to mention the holiday at the end of this term so early in the new term but I will bring to your attention that our school winter fayre is coming up quickly on Friday 1st Dec 4:30-6:30 pm so please mark the date in your diary and I hope to see lots you of you there.

Mr Page, Headteacher

Dates for the diary

- Monday 20th November INSET Day (Children do not attend)
- Thursday 23rd November PTFA Meeting
- Friday 24th November Non-uniform day
- Friday 1st December Non-uniform day
- Friday 1st December Winter Fayre 4:30pm – 6:30pm
- Friday 15th December Last day of Term 2 (1:30pm finish)

British Values



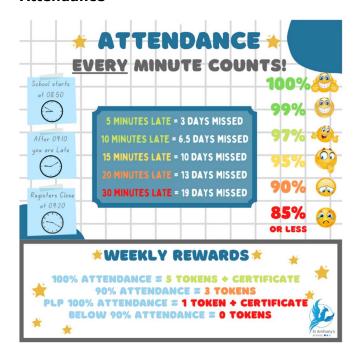
- Democracy have the right to have your voice heard
- **Individual Liberty** Promote freedom of choice
- Rule of Law The importance of law and rules
- **Mutual Respect & Tolerance** to respect those from different backgrounds

Prefects

This term Prefects were announced. The role of Prefect is an important one and chosen students will be accepting a position of considerable responsibility. It is also a very exciting one and will give the opportunity to develop leadership skills and have significant influence on the daily life of the school.

Ty, Ryan, Deanna, CJ, Marcus & Kaitlynn

Attendance



Did you know your child's attendance affects your child's success? Being in school, on time, every day is vital for student's well-being, not just their educational growth but for their development in so many other areas such as social and emotional development. We understand that our students needs are far different from the students in mainstream school, so this year we are aiming for a whole school attendance of at **least 85%.** To achieve this, we are continuing our promotion and praise of individual school attendance.

How is Attendance at St Anthony's rewarded?

We monitor and reward attendance on a weekly, termly and yearly basis with a variety of rewards up for grabs. Our weekly attendance is monitored from a Friday to a Thursday, this allows us to celebrate that week's attendance achievements in our school assembly on a Friday morning.

Students who obtain 100% attendance from the Friday to Thursday will receive a certificate and 5 Reward Shop Tokens. Students who receive 90% attendance in the same period will receive 3 Reward Shop Tokens. We also recognise that our students who have a Personal Learning Plan (or a PLP) will never obtain 100% or 90% attendance due to their learning plan. Therefore, students on a PLP who attend 100% of their PLP during the weekly time-frame are rewarded with a certificate and 1 Reward Shop Token.

The Termly monitoring is based upon the old 3 term school year, Term 1 running until Christmas, Term 2 until Easter and Term 3 until Summer. For every student who achieves 100% attendance for the Term will receive a pin badge and a certificate. The colour of the pin badge is determined by how many TERMS the student has achieved 100%. Bronze will be awarded for all students who have achieved 1 Term of 100% attendance. Silver is awarded to all students who have achieved 2 TERMS of 100% attendance and Gold is awarded to all students who have achieved all 3 TERMS of 100% attendance. Also, ALL students with an attendance of 95% or above will be entered into a draw to win 1 of 3 vouchers worth £20, £10 and £5.

The Yearly monitoring is quite simple, all students who receive 95% attendance or above will be presented with a certificate and medal. Students who receive 100% attendance for the year will receive a certificate and medal to take home and their name will be etched onto our Attendance Plaque.



Illness & Medical Appointments

As a parent, you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a full-time education. Therefore, KCC has given guidelines on how a school must manage absences:

For full KCC guidelines please visit: https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-attendance/school-absences



Trafalgar Dinner

The Trafalgar Dinner was for the pupils that wished to take part having a traditional style meal that sailors had onboard wooden warships in 1805. The plates, mugs and spoons were what the pupils had made themselves in DT, the complete school took part in these lessons over 3 weeks. The table centres of a weather station and wooden bread roll holders and little treasure chests were also made by the pupils. Pupils that took part in the Dinner were -

Joss Class: Archie, Isaac, Kaino Kingsgate Class: Marcus, Corey

Walpole Class: Georgia, Gemini, Alfie P

Palm Class: Josh

A special thank you to **Imogen** for getting in the spirit and dressing up to serve us all as the Galley Slave.









Remembrance Day

On Friday 10th November at 11:00 all the pupils took part in the **Act of Remembrance** in the Dining Hall. **Gemini** also attended on Friday in her Sea Cadet working dress uniform and stood with **Kevin** as he conducted the Exultation and Kohima Epitaph.

The Cenotaph was made by year 10s and 11s last year, this year we made Poppy Windmills and White Crosses to resemble war graves around the monument as last year we did Poppy Wreaths.

A lot of Pupils such as Gemini and Alfie who are Sea Cadets and Ryan who is in the Boys Brigade attended the **Remembrance Parades on Sunday** in Thanet. **Ryan** was at Margate War Memorial as was **Kevin** in his Sea Cadet , RNR capacity, as they missed the chance for a photo due to the busy occasion **Ryan** asked **Kevin** if they could stage one in the school this week, as shown.





Nelson Park

Three of our young people attend Nelson Park Riding Centre on the Changing Lives Through Horses Programme. The course looks at increasing self-esteem, independence and confidence while learning about the care of horses and how to ride them.

The young people are engaging very well and having a great time. **Logan** is even now riding off the lead rein. Well done to **Finley**, **Logan** and **Martin**.







Hunt the Elf

Logan has created a game for all the children to enjoy at forest school. Hunt the elf and solve the mystery message. There could be a prize for the people who take part.

We wondered if it would be good in the newsletter. He was so proud of this and came up with the whole idea himself. He is very much in the Christmas spirit already and is looking to spread the joy **Ame Friend - Forest School Lead**

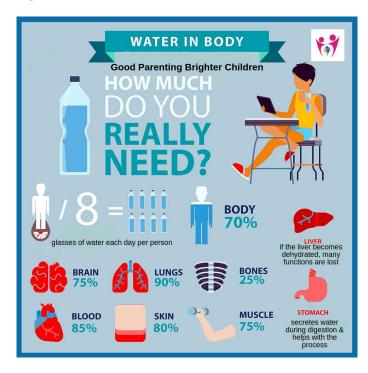




Road Safety Week



Hydration



Whats on...

SPORT FOR FUN – Saturdays (term time) 9.00 - 10.00 at St Anthony's School. A Saturday morning sports club for children with SEND.

BE ACTIVE -SHORT BREAK - Saturdays (term time) 10.30 - 12.00 at Foreland Fields School

BE ACTIVE -SHORT BREAK - Wednesdays (term time) 4.30 - 6.00 at Foreland Fields School

complete the following referral form to declare interest: https://forms.office.com/r/EZwuMEZmEd

CLIP N CLIMB - Thursdays Session 1: 4.30-5.30pm Session 2: 5.30-6.30pm.

To book please clink on this link: https://forms.gle/EHYHiAtxWfE3XYDz6

MARGATE YOUTH FC KICKS 4 KIDS - Tuesdays 5.00-5.45 at Margate FC

Inclusive football sessions delivered by Inclusive Sport. To register please visit:

https://www.margateyouthfc.co.uk/events/kickinclusive-football-sessions

Cost of Living Support



With the pressures of costs around us there is a number of services that can support. If you are having troubles please contact them direct or come and talk with us.

A link below is Thanet councils community hub which can sign post to a range of support functions.

https://www.thanet.gov.uk/infopages/covidcommunityadvice/

DWP - Outreach sessions for families

Outreach sessions are being held in local venues. Support on hand includes, benefit advice, childcare choices and cost, finding work, cost of living, housing and any queries that our work coach can support the family with.

Ramsgate - The Priory Children's Centre, Cannon Rd, Ramsgate CT11 9SQ Outreach available every Wednesday between 9am to 12noon To book a slot to see our adviser at the Priory Children Centre in Ramsgate please contact jayne.conroy@dwp.gov.uk

Margate - Six Bells Children Centre, 201 High St, Margate CT9 1WH

Outreach available every Monday between 1pm to 4pm To book a slot to see our adviser at the Six Bells in Margate please contact

philip.raeburn@dwp.gov.uk or anita.taylor@dwp.gov.uk

Visit Kent Resilience Hub where you can increase your understanding, find approaches and tools or navigate your way to support and services relating to resilience and emotional wellbeing.

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Kooth online support and counselling for 10-25 year olds across Kent and Resilience Medway. Offering 1-2-1 counselling, helpful articles, community discussion boards and daily journals.

MindEd

MindEd is a free educational resource on children and young

people's mental health for all adults.

Find out how to tackle hate online and online trolls with internet matters advice guide for what online hate is and how to support your child. Get tools and tips

to support your child's digital wellbeing on Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp.



Call NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 if you're worried about the safety of a child. Or call the police on 999 if you think a child is in immediate danger.



Mind's Action for Children around self esteem and helping your child. Parents with Confidence help your child to emotionally regulate.



Free and confidential advice from Family Lives on 0808 800 2222 if you're finding it hard at home

with your child and are struggling to cope.



Young Minds have a parent's helpline, information and resources

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