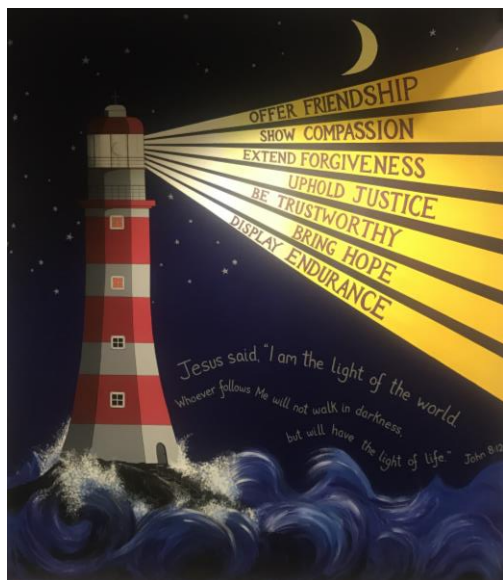




Newsletter – Friday 3rd April 2020



Exactly 12 months ago, artist Wendy Moore finished the artwork mural (pictured left) in our school. It was chosen to be in a place that every staff member and child would have to walk past at least once each day. So, I suppose that given the global and local circumstances we currently find ourselves in, it is fitting that we remind ourselves of our school Biblical Inspiration on this display:

'Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'. John 8:12

It is at times like this that we are reminded of how, as schools, we can be beacons of light in our community, bringing light where there is darkness.

It is at times like this that we are reminded of our School Values. The need to show Compassion with each other and have Hope that we will come back stronger.

And it is at times like this that we are reminded of our School Motto:

'Never settle for less than your best'

During this difficult time, our School Inspiration, School Values and School Motto have been at the forefront of my mind as I have written every email, sent home every letter, met with different staff members, responded to various text messages and made key decisions about our school.

It is very easy for us to have words written on a piece of art work on a display – anyone can have that. It is, however, harder to transfer those words into actions and I pay tribute to every staff member in our school who, over the last two weeks, has done their very best to bring **light** into the community of our school when they themselves may have been going through difficult times.

I thank our governors who have supported our school during this time, providing timely advice as and when it has been needed (*we do still have a parent governor vacancy if anyone would like to be involved with our fantastic school in this way*).

Finally, I thank you as parents/carers of our wonderful children – where would we be without you?

Your support has ensured that we have been able to continue to provide a service (albeit a reduced one) for you all. Your kind emails and positive words of encouragement have kept us all motivated at this difficult time, which has inspired us to continue to serve our community and **never settle for less than our best**.

Mr M Grogan



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Other news from school

Yoga and Mindfulness Days – ‘Toni Marie Yoga’ recently spent two days (and a staff meeting) in school leading age appropriate Yoga and Mindfulness sessions across school. We are currently planning for this to be part of our regular curriculum offer from September 2020. See pictures below for highlights of the days:



World Book Day – Your support with this was fantastic. Many thanks to all our guest readers who came to school. This included a footballer, a Junior Bake-off winner, a school governor, a range of family members plus many others. See pictures below for some of the highlights or click the links to see the full collection of images from the day:

Staff: <http://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/events/19-20/World%20Book%20Day%20Staff%20Pictures%20-%20March%202020.pdf>

Classes: <http://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/events/19-20/World%20Book%20Day%20Class%20Pictures%20-%20March%202020.pdf>

Guest Readers: <http://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/questreaders/World%20Book%20Day%20-%20March%202020.pdf>



'All Being Well' project – Two of our classes started the 'Local Environment' strand of this project through undertaking regular community litter picks in our locality. The aim is that this will become a regular part of what we do within our school community moving forwards. Our children will be leading the way in ensuring Tyldesley is litter free and they will be spreading the message to other local schools and community groups.



The Pop Project – It is always great to welcome 'The Pop Project' into school. These musicians always manage to bring a smile to the faces of the children and staff which is what they did when they recently visited our KS1 children as part of their topic on the 1960's.

Sport Relief – Yet again it was great to see the efforts staff and children went to for Sport Relief this year. With your support, once all funds were collected from Lancaster Avenue Nursery and from school, we managed to raise **£303.70**. Thanks again for your support with this. See pictures below for some of the highlights or click the links to see the full collection of images from the day:

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Classes: <http://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/events/19-20/Sport%20Relief%20Class%20Pictures%20-%20March%202020.pdf>

Challenges: <http://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/events/19-20/Sport%20Relief%20Challenges%20-%20March%202020.pdf>



God and The Big Bang – Monday 16th March saw our Year 5 children make the short trip to Manchester Cathedral for the day to experience 'God and the Big Bang'. Children took part in workshops which were led by scientists and linked aspects of science to Christianity. Thanks to Miss Hodcroft and Ms Mallon who helped on this trip.

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Mini Water-Polo Competition – Eight children from St. George’s Central School recently took part in a Mini Water-Polo Competition at the Pelican Centre against children from three other primary schools. Our team managed to win every game that they played and so I am pleased to announce that we are the **2019-2020 Mini-Water-Polo Champions**. Well done to Jenna Binks, Bradley Graham, Ben Green, Daniel Ivanov, Oliver Marsden, Noah Molyneaux, Mia Riches and Cameron Taylor who made up the team for this event.



Y3/4 Futsal Festival – Friday 13th March saw us take two teams of children from Y3/4 to take part in a Futsal Festival against four other schools. Both our teams played really well, narrowly missing out on qualifying for the final. Well done to Aston Braddish, Flavio Boateng-Carnerio, Pedro Boateng-Carnerio,



Jack Duffy, Toby Fearn, Oliver Houlihan, Oliver Jackson, Jack Lawrence, Freddie Newton, Noah Smith, Lucas Thorpe and Malakai West who represented our school at this event.



Football Leagues – The ATSA football league season will not be extended and no further matches will be played this year. Our mixed football team finished with a record of: played 3 matches, won 2 and drew 1. Our girls’ team finished with a record of: played 2 matches, won 1. Well done to all the children that were part of the teams this year.



Unfortunately, all remaining ATSA events for 2019- 2020 have been cancelled until further notice! I know many of our children had been training hard in preparation for upcoming events, however, as with all areas of our life at the moment, ATSA will be guided by government guidelines as to when we can start up again. This will inevitably mean that some events will not take place this year at all. I will keep you updated with the progress with this. Please click the link below to see the ATSA video that has been put together, recording events from September 2019 – March 2020:



ATSA: Sept 2019 - March 2020

<https://vimeo.com/399654111>

Due to the ongoing uncertainty over schools being open, there has been no after school clubs letter emailed home and I have not attached a Summer Term 1st dates letter to this newsletter/email. As I am sending this email, we are making final preparations in readiness for providing care for some of our children within the community over the Easter period. After Easter, we are planning to continue with our ‘staff team’ approach with children who still need emergency care in school working together in key phases with a reduced number of staff in school. I, like the rest of you, will be watching the news and will keep you updated with information regarding any developments affecting schools. Over the recent weeks, whenever I have felt the need to remind myself of the positive things in life, I have clicked the link below and watched the school video that we have put together. Look after each other over the coming weeks:



SGC: January - March 2020

<https://vimeo.com/399121990>

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