



Newsletter – Friday 19th November 2021



Over the last few weeks, it has been great to see our children start to extend their learning by going on trips and visits. Children in Year 5 and Year 6 recently visited a Mosque as part of their 'Golden Age of Islam' work and our Nursery children went for a walk to the local park. It was also good to see all our children take part in a national #litterlesscampaign as part of our Eco Schools work. Before the 'first lockdown' in



January 2020, we started to pencil in dates each term for all our classes to go out in the community to pick up any bits of litter and ensure the area around our school and local community was maintained – maybe we look at re-starting this in January 2022?

I have also recently enjoyed watching our children make use of our 'Green Room' facilities to produce YouTube clips to share their learning. Click the links below to watch some of the recent 'films' created:



Y3/4CS – Digestive System: <https://youtu.be/6uxpe3tCMg4>

Y2JY – Animal Classification: <https://youtu.be/oJinTpsB-o>

Whole School – Black History Month: <https://youtu.be/FGbaH1YaXQ>



Class attendance updates:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:KB	94.14%	Y1NT	94.80%	Y3LK	95.24%	Y5HJ	92.73%
YR:TK	95.95%	Y1/2TL	95.55%	Y3/4CS	95.05%	Y5/6NC	95.43%
		Y2JY	93.14%	Y4CB	95.28%	Y6AM	93.94%
Whole school attendance: 94.7%							

**%'s are up to and including Friday 12th November*



Remembrance Events – Wednesday 3rd November was a special day for school as we received our now traditional visit from members of the British Legion. We would like to thank the members of the Tyldesley British Legion for, yet again, providing an informative talk to the children, helping to ensure that future generations continue to



remember the bravery that members of the armed forces demonstrated in the past and continue to show today. Our week of Remembrance events was rounded off with a fantastic turn out of children and staff at the Remembrance Sunday parade. Again, thank you all for your support with all our Remembrance events.



United Utilities visit – Monday 8th November saw staff from United Utilities come into school to work with children in Year 5 and Year 6 as part of their 'Will I ever see the water I drink again?' Geography topic. Children studied the water cycle and the journey of water from its source to their water bottles. Children also looked at water usage, making water promises to help reduce their impact on the environment.

Poet visit – On Tuesday 9th November Poet, Matt Goodfellow came to visit school for the day. He performed some of his poems in a special assembly and then spent time in each class working with the children. He helped each class create a special poem and talked about how they can find their own voice and use poetry to communicate their feelings. He will be returning to school in the next few weeks to sign copies of his book so look out for a letter about this.



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Titanic Workshop – Children in Key Stage 1 were recently involved in a Titanic experience day which was delivered by Yellow Brick Road History Workshops. The children created a soundscape of the Titanic, wrote a senses poem, made a human timeline and created a Titanic representation using 'Physical Theatre'. Children will be continuing their learning about Titanic over the next half term and will be showcasing their learning on school Twitter accounts.

Lancaster Avenue Nursery and Reception 'Stay and Plays' – It has been great to welcome parents/carers into our Lancaster Avenue Nursery and Reception classes over these last two weeks to spend some time learning alongside their children. Thank you to everyone who visited. Please see the Spring Term (1st half) dates letter (emailed to you on Friday 17th December) with the dates of our next planned 'Stay and Plays' sessions across all our early years classes.



Brathay Hall – Meetings have recently taken place with parents/carers of children in Year 5 and Year 6 who will be going on the annual residential to Brathay Hall in January and February 2022. We will be undertaking two trips this year so that all Year 5 and Year 6 children are able to spend a week in the Lake District. The children will spend the week exploring the countryside, orienteering, kayaking as well as many other outdoor and adventurous activities. I am sure everyone is looking forward to the experience away from home.

Autumn Term assessments – During the week commencing Monday 29th November, children in Year 1 – Year 6 will be undertaking end of term assessments in Maths, Reading and SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). Should you have any questions about these assessments, then please see your child's teacher. During the same week, children in Year 2 will also be undertaking the National Phonics Screening check. Meetings about the Phonics check took place in school last night. If you were unable to attend the meetings last night, again, please nip into school to see Mr Young or Mrs Leech.



A Bingo Night is planned to take place on Tuesday 30th November (6:30pm start), see the flyer about this being sent home



Musical Performances and school choir events On Tuesday 14th December at 6pm in St. George's Church, our choir will be taking part in the Community Carol Service. There will also be our half termly musical performance in school for you on **Wednesday 15th December at 9:15am**, where not only will our choir perform, but also children who have music lessons in school. Please note, for our musical performance in school, you



will only be allowed into school to watch if you have completed and returned the letter indicating the names of the two people who will be attending. This is so we can organise chairs and other classes in the hall. Please do not just turn up. Miss Gray will be sending out the letter for this musical performance on Wednesday 8th December.

Meetings for Y6 parents/carers to discuss the 2022 Y6 SATs will be taking place on Thursday 9th December at 3:30pm – 4:00pm & 6:00pm – 6:30pm. Mrs Malley will be sending a letter out soon for you to select which session for you to attend



Reception starters 2022 – The link on the Wigan Council website for 2022 Reception places opened recently. If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, you can now submit an application for your child to start our Reception class in September 2022. The closing date for admissions is **Saturday 15th January 2022**. Should your child attend either of our nurseries and you have any questions or if you require any support with completing the form, then please do not hesitate to contact us in school. Should you know anyone with children starting school in September 2022, please let them know that, like every year, I am continuing to show people around school safely on an **individual basis**. Please ask people to ring or email and we will make an appointment to meet with me and have a look round our school.

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October half term saw children from our school join with children from 4 other schools to attend the ATSA 'All Sports Holiday Provision'. A varied programme of sporting opportunities (Boxing with 'Boxing for Better', Multi-skills/Football with Wigan Athletic and Dance with Abigail Bibby School of Dancing) were on offer over 3 days with children being able to sign up for different days for £4 a day (with lunch included)! The programme for February half term 2022 has been finalised and will be advertised early in the new year to children in Year 2 – Year 6.



KS2 Kurling Competition – Friday 5th November saw our KS2 Kurling team take part in a competition against three other schools. The children played really well and I am pleased to inform you that once all the scores were collated, our team was crowned **KS2 Kurling Competition winners 2021!** Well done to the children who represented our school at this event.

Y5/6 Basketball Competition – On Monday 15th November our Basketball team took part in a competition against three other schools. The children played really well and I am pleased to inform you that after an exciting final match, our team was crowned **Y5/6 Basketball Competition winners 2021!** Well done to the children who represented our school at this event.



Smite! Taster Session – Children from St. George's Central recently took part in a taster session of the inclusive sport, Smite! This is a game similar to ten pin bowling as the aim is to knock down 10 different numbered pins and get to a score of fifty. A big thank you to Ian Crosby from 'AllinclusiveSports' for leading this session.

Before the next newsletter, children from St. George's Central will be taking part in the following ATSA events:

****Y6 Table Tennis Taster Session** **Y3/4 Yoga Taster Session** **KS2 Dance Competition** **Y5/6 Zumba Taster Session****



Information about Christmas performances at St. George's Central



Date	*Performance dates/times
Monday 6 th December	Darlington Street Nursery Christmas performance: 1:30pm start Reception Christmas performance: 2:30pm start Year 1/Year 2 Christmas performance: 6pm start
Tuesday 7 th December	Darlington Street Nursery Christmas performance: 9:30am start Reception Christmas performance: 10:30am start Year 1/Year 2 Christmas performance: 2pm start
Wednesday 8 th December	Darlington Street Nursery Christmas performance: 9:30am start Reception Christmas performance: 10:30am start Year 1/Year 2 Christmas performance: 2pm start
Thursday 9 th December	Lancaster Avenue Nursery (pre-school children) Christmas performance in the nursery: 2:30pm start
Friday 10 th December	Lancaster Avenue Nursery (pre-school children) Christmas performance in the nursery: 11:00am start

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Area of School	*Ticket information: all tickets available from Monday 29th November
Lancaster Avenue Nursery	2 tickets per child/family available across both performances: ticket will be available from Miss Cowley in the nursery office from 9:00am
Darlington Street Nursery	2 tickets per child/family available across all 3 performances: numbered tickets will be available from Mrs Davies in nursery from 8:50am
Reception	2 tickets per child/family available across all 3 performances: numbered tickets will be available from Mrs Tuffin in Rec: TK classroom from 8:45am (please head to the external Rec:TK classroom door on playground at the rear of school)
Key Stage 1	2 tickets per child/family available across all 3 performances: numbered tickets will be available from Mrs Hupton in the library from 8:45am (please head to the external library door on playground at the rear of school to see Mrs Hupton)

In terms of the allocation of tickets for school based performance, you could:

*receive two tickets for one of the three performances *or*

*receive one ticket for one performance and one ticket for another performance.

Please keep the tickets you receive and bring them with you as the number on them is your seat number for the performance.



Babies and other children – Please note that tickets for the **school based** performances are for older siblings and adults **ONLY**. For those who need to bring children, babies or toddlers, a crèche will be provided. This also includes all children from St. George's Central who will have seen all dress rehearsals.

Photographs and digital recording – Under no circumstances are you to use your phone/camera in school or take any photographs during any of the performances, including at the end. We will have already have taken individual/group photographs of the children in their costumes which we will upload to our school Facebook page and my Twitter page (@MrGSGC) so that you can save and print images yourself, in your preferred style at your leisure.



*****Please note: all the school based performances on Tuesday 7th December will be filmed by school with final versions being uploaded to our school YouTube page before we break for Christmas. Final links will then be emailed to you and sent via Seesaw. Please let us know if you would prefer your child not to be filmed****

Costumes – We are hoping to provide costumes within school. If any additional support with costumes is required individual class teachers will let you know.

There will be a raffle at each school based performance with tickets on sale for £1 a strip.

Other Information about Christmas at St. George's Central



Christmas cards – This year we are asking that **no Christmas cards are sent into school**. Over the last few years, very few cards have been sent into school and so we are aiming to reduce the environmental impact and think it is appropriate that we start to make the change this year. You are of course free to make your own arrangements in terms of Christmas cards outside of school.

Christmas dinner – Christmas dinner will be served to all children and staff in school on **Thursday 9th December**. Should your child be on packed lunches and you would like them to have a Christmas dinner then please let the school office know by **Friday 3rd December**. There is **no need for you to send any Christmas crackers into school** for Christmas dinner this year. School will provide everything for your child on the day.



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Christmas gifts – Like last year, we are also saying that there is **no real need for you to provide any gifts for our staff** as many of you do at Christmas time. I know that staff do truly appreciate any items that are sent into school, but things have changed in the world, and I feel that this is an ideal opportunity for us to look at how we show our thanks to people in school without a financial implication. I do know that our staff appreciate the amount of support you provide for your child at home with their learning and development. So, for me, you are ‘showing your thanks’ to us by:



-listening to your child read each night (their reading book or through accessing Reading Eggs/Reading Plus);

-undertaking any other home learning activities (spellings, maths or any other work set);

-ensuring that your children show respect and behave appropriately within the Tyldesley community and through

-promoting the use of manners with your child.



Your continued support with the above is the greatest gift for us all in school, at all times of the year.



Christmas jumpers and Pantomime in school – We have organised for ‘Hobgoblin Theatre’ to come into school on **Friday 10th December** for a performance of ‘King Arthur. Performances will take place throughout the morning and will be **FREE** for your children. **On the same day**, all children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper/non-uniform. We will look to see if we can ‘re-start’ our annual trip to the Theatre in 2022!

Christmas ‘class based’ party days

Monday 13th December: Year 5 and Year 6 party day

Tuesday 14th December: Year 3 and Year 4 party day

Wednesday 15th December: Year 1 and Year 2 party day

Thursday 16th December: Reception and Darlington Street Nursery party day

Thursday 16th December: Lancaster Avenue Nursery party day

Non uniform for children when it is their party day



KS2 Carol Service – On Thursday 16th December, all KS2 children will be walking to St. George’s Church to take part in our very own carol service. This will start at **10:30am** and will involve the children re-telling the story of the first Christmas through a mix of narration and songs. All members of the St. George’s Central community are invited to this. We hope to see you there.

Christmas disco details: Thursday 16th December 2021

Year 1 & Year 2	3:30pm – 4:30pm <i>Children to bring their disco clothes to school and remain in school at home time to get changed.</i> The disco will be £2 per child (cash brought to the school office beforehand). There will be some light refreshments included and children will not need to bring any other money on the night – just their dancing shoes!
Year 3 – Year 6	5:00pm – 6:30pm The disco will be £1 per child (cash brought to the school office beforehand). ‘Tuck shop’ available for children (£2 maximum will be sufficient). All children are to be collected by an adult at 6:30pm and so there is no need for children to bring a mobile phone with them to the school disco

The next newsletter and Spring Term (1st half) dates letter will be emailed out on **Friday 17th December**. On this day we break up for Christmas. Have a great month with your family.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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