

St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



Newsletter – Friday 27th May 2022

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We reach the end of another busy half term which, as usual, has seen lots of opportunities for your children. It was pleasing at the start of the month that work was able to start on our 'Forest School'. We are leasing approximately 650m² of land in the woodland area of our school. Miss Killian has recently undertaken a week long training session and is now qualified as a Level 3 Forest School teacher so we are making good progress with this. There is still a lot of work to do and our aim is to officially 'open' the Forest School in September 2022. I will keep you updated with our progress. Don't forget that we return to school on **Tuesday 7th June** due to the additional Bank Holiday for school on Monday 6th June.

Class and whole school attendance updates (up to and including Friday 20th May 2022):

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
YR:KB	94.03%	Y1NT	94.86%	Y3LK	93.65%	Y5HJ	91.91%
YR:TK	93.69%	Y1/2TL	95.09%	Y3/4CS	93.77%	Y5/6NC	95.65%
		Y2JY	93.46%	Y4CB	94.09%	Y6AM	93.75%
Whole school attendance: 93.99%							

Pictures from Year 5 and Year 6 American Diner and Art Experience Day earlier this half term:



'Green Room' projects – More classes have recently made 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:



Reception: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jp08CyEnpJk>

Y1:NT: <https://youtu.be/gf97wCMxpIs>

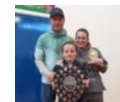
Y5HJ: <https://youtu.be/ZttFzkDjNvc>



Pictures from the VE Celebrations in Tyldesley that our children took part in:



Alan Murgatroyd Award for Outdoor Education – Congratulations to Rhia from Year 5 and Lucas from Year 6 who were recently presented with awards for Outdoor Education from the residential trips to Brathay Hall earlier this year. The attitude and determination from both children whilst away from home was brilliant to



see. Click this link to see highlight of the Year 5 trip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-2Z4AF88js> and this link for the Year 6 trip: <https://youtu.be/0XDywmXtks>

Musical performance – Parents/carers were recently treated to our usual half termly musical performance. As well as hearing the choir sing, it was really good to see all the children who learn instruments in school perform for everyone. The next choir and musical performance in school will be the final one of the year on **Wednesday 20th July**.



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Pictures from Nursery, KS1, Year 3 and Year 4 walk through Tyldesley and visit to St. George's Church:



'Early Years Workshops' – This week in Early Years we have had our Transition Workshops with our parents/carers. It has been really beneficial to all work together towards supporting our children to be ready for their next challenge, which could be in a new room in our Lancaster Ave Nursery, moving to our Darlington Street Nursery, starting Reception or going into Year 1. Thank you to everyone who visited our Lancaster Ave Nursery, our Darlington Street Nursery and our Reception classes during this week, it was a lovely end to the half term.

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations – Over this past half term there have been a plethora of events in school to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Before we broke for Easter, we made a card for the Queen that we posted to her. It was lovely to receive a response from her as we returned to school after Easter. This morning, a whole school worship service took place in school and our Jubilee Garden (at the front of school) was formally opened by our Chair of Governors, Mrs Taylor. Each class has recently planted a tree and the children have all helped to design the garden too. We will continue to develop the garden over the next few months. This afternoon, everyone enjoyed the Garden Party on the playground. The winners of the 'Jubilee Challenge' were: Rosie Pearson, Chloe Farrimond, Kayden Casey and Thomas Sincup.



During this half term, the children in their year groups have been focusing on a decade of the Queen's 70-year reign. The work the children undertook was collated and a 'Jubilee film' has been created. Click the link to view this:

https://youtu.be/RjBW_aloKtw

This has been a fantastic team effort....and there is more to come as our children have been invited to be involved in the Jubilee themed market in Tyldesley on **Saturday 4th June**. Mrs Davies and Miss Gray have recently sent out information about this – I hope to see some of you there.



Class based Worship themes – During the second half of the Summer Term, children will focus on the following:
School Value: Hope **Reflective question:** Is a situation ever hopeless?

School Books and presentation – In order to support our transition activities across school and ensure that children make an effective start to their learning in September, when they return to school on Tuesday 7th June, every child from Year 1 – Year 5 will be starting their new 'September' exercise books in each subject area. Children in Reception are ahead of the game as they have already started to make use of their new 'Year 1' books in the 'Early Years Workshops' earlier this week. Starting 'September' books after half term will support your child's new teacher in September as they will be able to look back at the standard of work your child has produced in their final weeks of their previous year group. This approach has worked well for us over the last few years. As usual, exercise books will be sent home at the end of the year, with a sample of school books being kept by class teachers.



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Sun Protection in school – There are some steps you can take to help protect your child from the sun when they return to school after the half term break. As children will be outside for a relatively short period of the day we advise that they should come to school with a water bottle, a sun hat and sun glasses and that any sun cream should be applied at home before children come to school so that re-application in school will not be necessary. We will adapt any outdoor activities within our Early Years and PE sessions and children will be encouraged to drink from their water bottles on a regular basis throughout the day.



Assessment Week (including Y1/2 Phonics tests) – During week beginning **Monday 13th June**, children in Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will undertake end of year assessments in Maths, Reading and Spelling Punctuation and Grammar. During this week, all children in Year 1 and some children in Year 2 will undertake a phonics test. This will be delivered by staff in school and will involve the children being tested on their knowledge of the sounds of letters, and groups of letters, within words. The children are typically asked to say the sound/word from a given list. In the same week, children in Year 4 will also be undertaking the new national 'Multiplication Tables' check. All your child's results will be included in their end of year report that will be sent out in July.

KS2 end of year production – Rehearsals for Y6 children have started and children now know the part they will be playing in the end of year KS2 production – The X Factory. Y6 children will now need to spend the half-term break learning their lines so that, upon their return to school, they can 'polish' off their performance by practicing on stage without the need for scripts. Although Y6 make up the main cast for this performance, the children from Y3, Y4 and Y5 play a major role in making up the choir that sing all the songs during the play (which is a key aspect in telling the story). Live performances will take place the week beginning Monday 11th July and a filmed production will be uploaded to YouTube on **Friday 15th July 2022**.



Sports days

Our sports days this year will take place on the following days:

Monday 20th June – Key Stage 2 (9:30am start on the school field)

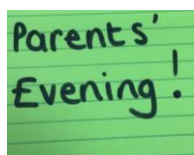
Tuesday 21st June – Key Stage 1 (9:30am start on the school field & playground)

Wednesday 22nd June – Reception (9:30am start on the school field)

Thursday 23rd June – Nursery (9:30am start on the school field)

You are very welcome to attend these events

All sports days are weather permitting



NEW Parents' Evenings – This year, we have planned for there to be an additional parents' evening during the Summer Term. This will involve you coming into school and listening to your child as they 'present' their learning to you. The approaches year groups across school take may vary slightly, however the consistent element will be that the speaking will be led by your children. As well as yourselves, and the class teacher, I will be present at all Year 6 presentations as the children not only reflect on their time in Year 6 but also their time at our school. The dates and times for these are on the key dates letter (see the link on the opening page of the website) and letters will be sent out on Monday 13th June.



Football teams – it gives me great pleasure to announce that **BOTH** our girls' football team and our mixed football team have won the ATSA football leagues! Both teams won **ALL** their games, securing maximum points to be crowned **ATSA Football 2021/2022 champions!** The girls have recently received their medals and trophy. The



mixed team will now go on to play the winners of the Atherton Section of the football league (Atherton St. George's) in the annual 'play off' match in July. They receive their medals and trophy at this event. Well done again to both teams.

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KS2 Mini Water Polo Competition – Our Mini Water Polo team took part in a competition on Wednesday 4th May against five other schools. The children played really well and reached the **semi-final** where they were narrowly defeated. Well done to the children who represented our school at this event.

Kick Golf Taster Session – Thursday 5th May saw 4 children from Year 5 and Year 6 take part in a Footgolf Taster Session at Boomers and Swingers Golf Range in Astley. You are able to make use of the Footgolf facilities with your family. Contact Nick Solski at Boomers and Swingers on 01942 889436 for more information.



KS2 Girls' Football Cup Competition – On Monday 9th May, the girls' football team took part in an ATSA competition involving six schools. The children from St. George's Central played very well, winning two of their matches Well done to the girls who made up the team.

Zumba Taster Session – Wednesday 11th May saw six children from Year 1 and Year 2 children take part in a Zumba Taster Session, led by Anna Collins from Astley Zumba.



KS2 Tag Rugby Competition – Our tag rugby team took part in a competition on Thursday 19th May against ten other schools. Well done to the children who represented our school at this event.

ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision – Don't forget that next week, sporting activities have been organised for children in **Y2 – Y6 for £4 a day (with lunch included)**. I hope to see some of our children taking part in these sessions during the May half term holiday:

Days	Provision	Venue	Time
Monday 30 th May 2022	Boxing Fun and Fitness	St. George's Central	9:00am – 3:00pm
Tuesday 31 st May 2022	Wigan Athletic FC Community Trust	Hindsford CE Primary School	9:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday 1 st June 2022	Water Polo and Fun Swim	The Pelican Centre	9:00am – 3:00pm

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

Y5/6 Crown Green Bowling Taster Sessions *KS2 Netball League* *Y6 Cycle Speedway Taster Session* *Y1/2 Yoga Taster Session*

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 24th June. On this day I will also email you a link to our annual '3 stars and a wish' online survey – your feedback with this is crucial if we are to continue to develop and move forward as a school. This day will also be the final day of extra-curricular clubs for the school year. As well as being on the school website, there are paper copies of all newsletters available in the letter holders in the entrance area in school and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery. I will see you all in school on **Tuesday 7th June**. Have a great half term break with your family.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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