

# St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



## Newsletter – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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I hope you had an enjoyable Easter with your family. Hopefully you have seen the recent email regarding the new outdoor PE kit for children in Year 1 – Year 6 from September 2022. Thanks to our school governors for agreeing with the school contribution 'idea' so that you are able to purchase the full school tracksuit at the reduced rate of £15 from both Icon Embroidery and Wendy's Uniform shop. If your child was recently offered a place for our September 2022 Reception cohort, then please ensure that you notify us in school that you are accepting the place by contacting our school office: We have sent out letters today to all our 2022 new starters (Darlington Street Nursery and Reception) with details about our 'Welcome Sessions' which will take place throughout June and July.



**UEFA Women's Football Anthem** – Miss Gray and some of our Year 5 children recently went to Leigh Sports Village for a music event where they worked with members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra to help compose the anthem that will be sung during games in the upcoming UEFA Women's Football tournament. The children worked with children from other local schools to compose lyrics and perform them to the rest of the group. They had a fantastic afternoon.

**Trip to RHS Bridgewater** – Last week, members of our Eco-Council visited RHS Bridgewater in search of inspiration for our Common Lane planter project and our future Forest School. The children looked at a community garden, a well-being garden and a learning garden. They sketched some design ideas which will be shared with the wider school and a vote will be taken on which to be used for Common Lane. The children also visited a Woodland area and made notes on how RHS Bridgewater have created learning stations using mostly natural resources. The Eco Council were most impressed with a bird feeder station that the public helped to create – they are keen to set a similar project up at our school.



**Indian Experience Day** – On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April children in Key Stage 1 took part in an Indian experience day to start their topic 'Where would I prefer to live: Tyldesley or Chembakolli?'. Children were treated to an Indian dance session and learnt all about the history of Bhangra and how the actions tell a story. Children also got to sample a variety of Indian food kindly donated by local restaurant 'Rema'. Many thanks to Mrs Sharma who also came to speak to the children about Indian culture and the clothes they wear.

### Pictures from our St. George's Day celebrations last week



### Brathay Hall assemblies



Earlier today, children from Year 5, who went to Brathay Hall in February, led a short assembly to feedback on their experience of their week in the Lake District. It was good to see so many of you here to listen to the children as they shared stories about the residential. Children in Year 6, who went to Brathay Hall in January, will have the opportunity to do the



same in their assembly on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Look out for the letter that will be sent home soon from Mr Cooke about this. The assembly will start at 9:15am in our school hall, and will last approximately 30 minutes. I hope to see you there.

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**VE Celebrations in Tyldesley** – On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, some of our Year 5 and 6 children will be taking part in a VE Day market and afternoon tea celebrations on Tyldesley Market Square. They will be joined by many members of the local community, all wearing 1940's style fancy dress and will listen to some war time songs. The children will be dressed up as evacuees from WW2 and will deliver a short presentation on what they learned about evacuees in World War 2 as part of their recent history topic.

**During week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, all Year 6 children will be undertaking KS2 National tests – a timetable for the week will be sent home to children in Year 6. This is the first time since 2019 that Year 6 children will be undertaking these test. Tests are externally marked with the final outcomes being returned to school in July so that results can be sent home in your child's annual report. Please ensure children arrive at school in good time each day, well rested and ready to do their best.**

**Children in Year 2 will undertake their KS1 tests during week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May.**

**ADVANCE NOTICE: Queen's Jubilee Celebrations** – To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school the children in their year groups will be focusing on a decade of the Queen's 70-year reign with Year 6 learning about the first decade of her reign down to our Early Years children who will be concentrating on the most recent decade. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May we will be having a celebration day with a Worship in the morning and a Garden Party in the afternoon. Children can wear their party clothes on this day. Each class will also be planting a tree, as part of our Jubilee Garden, to commemorate this important event in our history. We have also made a card from the whole school which has been posted to the Queen. Look out on Seesaw for the 'Jubilee Challenge' where the children will be asked to design a crown or hat for the Queen to celebrate her 70 years of service. The children will also be learning a new song for the occasion: 'Rise Up and Serve'. On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June there will be a Jubilee themed market in Tyldesley and we will be wanting some children from school to be involved with this event so please look out for details nearer the time.



The Easter holiday 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 Rookie Lifeguard and Fun Swim) 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 May half term 2022 has been finalised and letters will be emailed out in the coming weeks.



**Golf Taster Session** – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April saw 3 children from Year 6 take part in a Golf Taster Session at Boomers and Swingers Golf Range in Astley. The children enjoyed a variety of different golf activities under the watchful eye of golf coach, Ian.

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

- \*\*KS2 Mini Water Polo Competition\*\*
- \*\*Y3/4 Kickgolf Taster Session\*\*
- \*\*KS2 Girls' Football 'Cup' Competition\*\*
- \*\*Y1/2 Zumba Taster Session\*\*
- \*\*KS2 Tag Rugby Competition\*\*
- \*\*Reception Kickstarterz Taster Session\*\*
- \*\*Y3/4 Yoga Taster Session\*\*
- \*\*Y5/6 Rounders Competition\*\*

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May (paper copies will be available in the letter holders in the entrance area in school and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery). Have a great month with your family.

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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