

St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



Newsletter – Friday 1st March 2024

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In our school entrance area, there is the following sign:



St. George's-Central Church of England
Primary School was opened by
His Worship the Mayor
Councillor Sam Little
and
Dedicated by Bishop William Pwaisiho
on
Friday 23rd April 1999



This means that on Tuesday 23rd April 2024, St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery will be **25 years old**! You may or may not know that our school was originally two different schools, St. George's School and Tyldesley Central School, which amalgamated in November 1998, with St. George's Central officially opening on the current site on St. George's Day in 1999.

St. George's School



Tyldesley Central School



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We have already started to plan the celebrations to mark this occasion and over the coming month, we will email you information with the finer details about our planned events for this special week in April 2024.

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Class attendance updates:

Attendance



Class	%	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
YR:KB	92.8%	Y1NT	95.1%	Y3ES	94.3%	Y5HJ	93.3%
YR:OB	94.7%	Y1/2TL	96.3%	Y3/4EH	94.8%	Y5/6GC	95.2%
		Y2VG	94.6%	Y4NC	95.0%	Y6AM	94.5%
Whole school attendance: 94.8%							

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*%s are up to and including Friday 16th February 2024

If ever you are unsure about sending your child into school please click: [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

Nursery places for September 2024

It is never too early to have your child's name on our nursery lists for either our Lancaster Avenue Nursery or our Darlington Street (school based) Nursery. If you have a 2 or 3 year old child who will be needing a nursery place at either of our nurseries for September 2024 then please contact Mrs Smith at our school site (01942 883773) who will add you to our lists so that you will then receive letters in April/May inviting you to our 'Welcome Sessions'.



Tree planting on Cutacre Country Park – On Thursday 1st February, Miss Cohen took some of our Year 6 children to Cutacre to work alongside the Lancashire Wildlife Trust. They spent the afternoon planting hedgerows on a new part of the reserve and learnt about the importance of hedgerows for nature, wildlife and preservation. The Lancashire Wildlife trust were so impressed with our work that they are writing about us in their upcoming blog. Click [here](#) to view this.

On Friday 2nd February, we came together as a school to mark 'Heart Month'. It was lovely to see children honour this by wearing something red. We learned about babies and children who require heart surgery and how we can show support as a community. On this day, we raised **£283**, which was donated to 'Healing Little Hearts' charity. Thank you all for your support.



Children's Mental Health Week – We celebrated Children's Mental Health Week around this year's theme 'My Voice Matters'. The children learned about the tools we need to express ourselves, no matter who we are or where we are in the world. As part of this celebration, we held a 'Dress to Express' Day where children were welcomed into school wearing an outfit to express their individuality. It was wonderful to see such diversity within our school.



Brathay Hall – Recently, 25 children spent a week at Brathay Hall in the Lake District for the annual Year 5 residential. The children spent the week exploring the countryside, orienteering, ghyll scrambling as well as many other outdoor and adventurous activities. I am sure the children had a great time away from home, experiencing all these different activities. Family members of the children who attended are invited to a short 'Brathay Hall assembly' at **9:05am on Thursday 21st March** where the children will share their experiences with you. On this day, the winner of the 'Alan Murgatroyd Award for Outdoor Education' will be announced and presented with their award.

'Lunar New Year' 2024 – On Friday 9th February, we celebrated Lunar New Year – the 'Year of the Dragon'. Each class experienced a range of activities throughout the day to develop their understanding of Lunar New Year. All children enjoyed a Lunar New Year dance experience to celebrate the festivities and different culture. It was a wonderful way to join in celebrations for the year of the dragon!



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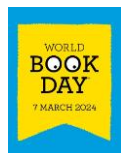
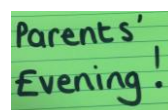
Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 13th February saw us celebrate Safer Internet Day. Even though internet safety is taught throughout the year in school, this day always provides us with an opportunity to remind ourselves of how best to stay safe online. As part of this work, our school was visited by 'Altru Drama' who undertook some online safety workshops in class with children in Key Stage 1. Children in Key Stage 2 took part in the assembly, 'Play, Post, Share, Repeat'. Click the link should you wish to find out more about [E-Safety at our school](#)

On Thursday 15th February, we came together as a school to mark **International Childhood Cancer Day**. It was heart-warming to see children honour this by wearing something orange. We learned about the brave children, adolescents and families that are affected by cancer and how we can show support as a community. On this day, we raised **£266**, which was donated to The Azaylia Foundation to support the fight against childhood cancer. Thank you all for your support.



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 on Wednesday 27th March 2024.

Spring Term parents' evening – Thanks to everyone who attended our Spring Term parents' evenings earlier this week. It was great to see so many of you meet with our teachers as we reach the 'half-way' stage of the school year. This year, we will be continuing with the additional Summer Term parents' evenings, which we introduced last year. Information about these evenings will be sent out to you nearer the time.



World Book Day – On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. The theme this year follows the message: 'Our mission is to promote reading for pleasure!' To celebrate this in school, children can come to school in non-uniform and bring in their favourite book to share. We will be receiving a visit from poet, Dominic Berry who will work with classes delivering some creative reading and writing workshops.

British Science Week – Our Science leader, Mrs Malley, will be arranging a variety of Science based activities during week commencing Monday 11th March to celebrate British Science Week.



Red Nose Day – We will be supporting Red Nose Day on **Friday 15th March** by having a non-uniform day for a £1 donation for all children and staff.

Easter Worship/Service – On Tuesday 26th March, there will be an Easter Worship for our school nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 children in school. Due to space in school, we will be unable to accommodate any parents/carers for this. Our Key Stage 2 Easter Service will take place in St. George's Church at 10:00am on Thursday 28th March. All members of the St. George's Central community are invited to this service in church. We hope to see you there.



Easter Bingo in school – At 6pm on Tuesday 26th March, there will be an Easter Bingo event taking place in school. Tickets will be priced at **£3 per person or £10 for a family of four**. They will be on sale from the school office from **Monday 11th March**. Please note, you must bring your ticket with you on the night. To support this event, there will be a non-uniform day in school on **Friday 22nd March**, for a donation of an Easter Egg.

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'Kickstarterz' Taster Session – On Monday 29th January, some of our Reception children took part in a fun, fitness 'Kickstarterz' Taster Session. This was a great opportunity for some of our children to take part in their first ever 'after school' ATSA event alongside children from other schools.

KS1 Kurling Competition – Thursday 1st February, saw our KS1 Kurling team take part in a competition against nine other schools. Well done to the children who represented our school at this event.



Zumba Taster Session – Some Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in a Zumba Taster Session. The session was led by Anna Collins from Astley Zumba.

Flag American Football Taster Session – Thursday 15th February, saw some of our children take part in a new ATSA event...Flag American Football. The session was led by James Higham from Leigh Miners American Football Club. There is a further Flag American Football Taster Session taking place in May which will prepare children for the ATSA Flag American Football Competition that will take place in June.



All Sports Holiday Provision – February half term saw children from our school join with children from seven other schools to attend the ATSA 'All Sports Holiday Provision'. A varied programme of sporting opportunities 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 the Easter holiday has been finalised and will be advertised next week to children in Year 2 – Year 6.



Good luck to all our runners taking part in the Graham Jackett Cross Country event at Leigh Harriers tomorrow morning.

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

- **First Aid for Sport** **KS2 Swimming Gala** **'Access to Success' Event (Football)**
- **Everton FC Year 1 5-a-side Football Competition** **Kickstarterz Taster Session**
- **Everton FC Year 2 5-a-side Football Competition** **KS2 Dance Competition**
- **Y1/2 Yoga Taster Session** **KS1 Poetry Performance** **Y6 Orienteering Competition**

The next newsletter will be sent out on Thursday 28th March (paper copies will be available in the letter holders in the entrance area at school and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery). This will be the last day of the Spring Term and our school site and Lancaster Avenue Nursery site will close on this day and re-open to children on **Tuesday 16th April 2024**. Have a great month with your family.

Mr M Grogan

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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