



# St Anne's Newsletter

## July 2015

### Centenary Celebrations



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We are extremely proud that our school has reached its hundredth birthday and have really enjoyed sharing some amazing experiences with all our pupils. Thank you to everyone who made these events possible and for helping us celebrate our centenary in style!! We know the children and staff will always remember this special event and thank you for your support in making it so memorable.



#### Garden Gang



The gardening club spent a lot of time growing plants from seed in the greenhouse. These plants were ready just in time for the centenary. The children were also thrilled with the wildflowers they had grown in the Science garden including cornflowers and poppies. The little gardeners designed the way they wanted the planters to be filled and enjoyed starting the planting!! A massive thank you to Glendale for donating so many beautiful plants.

#### Make St. Anne's Shine!

As part of the preparations for our centenary, Miss Garner organised a community playground clean up. We were thrilled with the amount of children, parents and staff who gave up their valuable sunny Saturday to make a difference! They spent the whole day tidying the playgrounds, cleaning equipment, gardening, painting fences and planters and putting up bunting and new signs. Mrs Ellison spent the whole day providing refreshments for the workers! We think the playground now looks wonderful! A huge thank you to all those who turned up to make St. Anne's Shine!!

We would like to say a special thank you to the following children:

Lucy Jones  
Joel Lang  
Phoebe Cantwell  
Maisie Burns  
Isabella Wilson  
Scott Clark  
Abbie Fitzpatrick  
Faye Fitzpatrick



Isabella Innes  
Abigail Ndebu  
Maisie Powell  
Alan Nuttie  
Evan Lovell  
Lexi Liu  
Robyn Jones  
Faye Pownall

## WW1 Workshops

During our centenary week the children were involved in a wonderful WW1 history workshop. They all listened carefully to some very interesting facts about life during this time and really enjoyed looking at a variety of artefacts. Some of the children got the opportunity to dress in costumes from the period and take on the roles of famous people including nurse Kitty Wilkinson. The children discovered what life was like for the soldiers in the trenches and how women's lives changed as a result of the war. Later in the day the children had real fun playing games related to life in the trenches. Throwing beanbags at toy rats was definitely amongst the favourite!! A big thank you to Mrs Ashby.

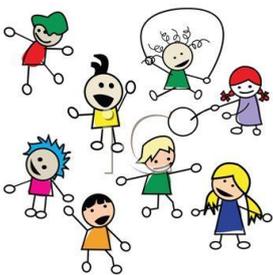


## Victorian Classroom Experience



We had a special visit from a very strict Victorian teacher called Mr Thomas!! He visited each class and introduced the children to life in a Victorian classroom. He checked some of the children's nails and hair and asked everyone to stand as he entered the room. He explained that girls should walk around school with their hands joined in front of their bodies and boys' hands should be joined behind them!! The children really enjoyed finding out about the discipline used. Lots of them volunteered to stand with their nose against the board, stand in the corner wearing a 'dunces' hat and some children even volunteered to have the cane!! We are certain the children were very happy to see their own teacher at the end of the session! Yes Sir!

## Playground Games



Miss Quinn and Mr Kelly arranged for the pupils to try some playground games that were very popular in the past. These included hop scotch, queenie eye, skipping games, two ball games and marbles. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are still playing the games during their playtimes!

## Beautiful Bunting

A big thank you to Miss Search and Marj from Playdays who spent hours making beautiful fabric bunting for our special celebration. This really brightened up the playgrounds and added to the whole experience!



## Centenary Art Work



Pupils from year three, four, five and six visited Broadgreen International School to take part in a very special art project. The children produced a wonderful time line of famous Liverpool art and artists through the past century. These famous paintings were recreated using glass paints on large



sheets of perspex. They have now been displayed in the hall for all to enjoy! Thank you so much to Sonia Cross, Kerry Mahon and our very own artists for all their hard work and amazing talent. This masterpiece was unveiled by the Lord Major of Liverpool as part of our celebrations.

## Centenary Stone

To mark this extremely special occasion we had a centenary stone erected alongside the original 1915 foundation stone. This was unveiled by Reverend Emma and The Lord Mayor of Liverpool on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July. We are very proud that our school has enriched the lives of children in Old Swan for one hundred years! Don't forget to take a look at the stone next time you're in the front yard!



## Photography



Mr Whittaker and Mr Jones have produced some wonderful photographs to help celebrate our centenary. Mr Whittaker took an aerial view of all the pupils in the shape of 100 from the top of a cherry picker!! He also spent the day as our official photographer on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July capturing lots of special moments that we will never forget!!

Mr Jones took photographs of the children, staff and building now and cleverly merged these with some original black and white photographs of the school in the past. The results were fantastic and a real hit with our visitors, staff and pupils! We can't wait to display these photographs on our school website for all to see! Thank you to Mr Whittaker and Mr Jones for their hard work and excellent photography.



## The Big Day - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015

What a magical experience for all involved!

### **1915 Costume**

We decided that the children and staff would really enjoy recreating the day the school originally opened in 1915, by dressing in clothes from this period. The effect was amazing as everyone turned up to school in great costumes. Thank you to everyone for making such a great effort, we really appreciate your support.



### **Church Service**



The whole school paraded along Prescott Road to St. Anne's church. The year six children led the way with a giant 100<sup>th</sup> birthday banner. Old Swan stopped and smiled at the sight of over three hundred children dressed in 1915 outfits. We all felt very proud and emotional.

Once at church the children delighted their special visitors by singing their way through the century. Each year group confidently talked about a decade they had been researching and performed their favourite song and dance from this era. The children as usual were a real credit to the school and made the day unforgettable! Thank you to all our special guests for your lovely comments.

### **Special Menu**

The kitchen staff decorated the hall with bunting and dressed the tables for the occasion. They provided the children with a special menu of Victorian stew and dumplings and jelly cream. Both the kitchen staff and lunchtime assistants dressed as maids to really add to the experience. Thank you so much for all your hard work.



## Party



In the afternoon, the children enjoyed playing traditional games outside. The P.T.A organised a garden party and the children listened to music from different decades as they ate their party food. Each class was given its own birthday cake with their class photograph on the top. A big thank you to the P.T.A for organising the party and cakes.

## Balloon Release

Towards the end of the day the parents were invited to school to watch all the children release a balloon. What a wonderful sight as the balloons took to the sky. So far we have been informed that our balloons have reached Sunderland and Blackpool! We can't wait to find out where else they have landed and whose balloon has travelled the furthest. Thank you to the P.T.A for inflating all the balloons on the day.



## Special Keepsakes



To celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday all the children and staff were presented with a special centenary coin and pencil from the school. The church kindly gave all the children a medal. We hope these gifts will help the children remember they were a big part of a very special day at St. Anne's.

## Special Visitors

During the evening we opened the doors to past pupils and staff. We were thrilled with the number of people who turned up to look around the school and share their wonderful memories with us. Some of the past pupils that visited had attended our school in the 1920's! Our visitors really enjoyed looking at our display of old photographs and record books.



It was a very emotional time for our visitors, staff and governors. Thank you so much for sharing your memories with us, the children have really enjoyed hearing all about them. Thank you to all the staff and governors who supported the event.

## Church News



**Toddler Group** - Takes place in the Church Hall **every Thursday from 9.15am until 11.15am**. The group is aimed at children aged 0 to 4. Children 50p (under 1's go free!) and adults £1.00. Please note toddler group is only held during term times and has now finished for the summer. It will start again on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September.



## **St. Anne's Day - 26<sup>th</sup> July - 11am Service**

All our families are welcome to come along to church and celebrate St. Anne's Feast Day with us.

### **Year One's Trip to Dobbies**



The children had a fantastic time when they joined the 'Little Seedlings Gardening Club' for the morning. The children had a great time planting beans. They enjoyed looking at strawberry plants and then tasted strawberries - yum! Please visit Dobbie's website if you wish to become involved in their FREE children's gardening club on the first Sunday of every month. A big thank you to Angela for providing the children with this great experience.

### **Sports Week**

The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to take part in Judo and Athletics sessions. They had a fantastic time and we can imagine lots of the children have asked their parents if they can join a local club during the summer.



### **A Fond Farewell**



Goodbye and good luck to all our Year Six pupils as they make the exciting transition to secondary school. We are very proud of their achievements and wish them well for the future. They really will be missed next year. We are looking forward to being part of their special Leaver's Service in church.

*We hope you have enjoyed reading our centenary newsletter and finding out about all the lovely activities the children have been involved in. We feel certain the children and staff will always remember being a part of this wonderful occasion. It truly was a day to cherish. Thank you for all your continued support, it really is appreciated. We hope you all have a lovely summer holiday.*