



St. Anne (Stanley) C of E
Primary School

Newsletter

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JUNE JULY

We are fast approaching the end of our academic year here at St. Anne (Stanley) and it is that time again when we reflect on what an exciting year it has been! We hope that the children will leave their current year group with many happy memories - it has certainly been a busy year with lots to celebrate and be proud of!

Kindness counts

A massive well done to Elsie from Year 1 on her fundraising effort for Zoë's Place Baby Hospice. Elsie has been working very hard to save all of her pennies for this very worthy cause and has impressively raised £100! We are all so proud of you Elsie - what an amazing thing to do and a wonderful example to us all 😊



The whole school celebrated France's national holiday, Bastille Day on the 14th July. Everyone enjoyed a delicious French breakfast of croissants, pain au chocolat and fresh juice. Pupils across the school enjoyed various French-themed activities and games too whilst our Key Stage 2 pupils got the chance to practice French conversation that they have been learning in their weekly French lessons - très bien!



'Scientific Sarah' from 'Mad Science' paid our school a visit and children across the Key Stages enjoyed an energetic and fact-filled assembly showcasing live demonstrations with practical and hands on experiments that they enjoyed joining in with and trying out for themselves. The assembly was geared towards the core principles of scientific method and enquiry-based learning and was focused on helping the children to develop an understanding of what it means to work and think like a scientist!



Year 6 children have been working hard in swimming lessons with extra sessions provided to some pupils to help them perfect skills and proficiency. Many of the children can now swim 25 metres - a huge achievement to be celebrated and to be proud of! Well done Year 6!



WE ♥ MUSIC



Our school choir have been very busy this half term starting off the final leg of the summer term with a fantastic performance for the 'Link Group' at St. Anne's church. Following on from this performance, our choir went out again in the local community, this time to one of our neighbouring nursing homes. As expected, the children were outstanding and were very well received by both of their lovely audiences - a huge 'well done' to everyone involved, you have brought a lot of smiles to a lot of people's faces 😊

It was lovely to welcome our Nursery parents and families into school to see the children graduate in July. Our nursery children performed an array of songs and dances as they proudly documented their nursery journey at St. Anne's. Congratulations and a huge 'Well done', Nursery. Your teachers, parents and families are so proud of you!



July has also seen more musical performances with a celebration of music from our school choir, samba band, year 6 guitarists and solo musicians. The children proudly performed for their families at St. Anne's Church with Mr Lucas and our guitar teacher Mr. Storey. Well done to everyone involved, we are very lucky to have such talented children in our school!



SPORTS DAY

Our Reception and Key Stage 1 children in Years 1 and 2 also shone at their end of year summer concert in church too. We are so proud of all of our performers and what a truly magnificent, memorable way to celebrate the end of our school year!

Sports Day for our Reception children happened a little later than everyone else's this year, taking place after half term, in July. Parents and family members enjoyed watching the children taking part in a variety of sporting activities and races. A huge 'well done' everyone and a big thank you to our Reception parents for your support 😊



PROFESSOR BUBBLEWORKS

We had another very exciting science themed visitor into school this term, this time called Professor Bubbleworks! Children enjoyed a fascinating assembly where they got to see different demonstrations and hands-on activities with a focus on helping them to learn about the wonders of science. The children loved the Professor's ping pong ball launcher, centripetal force flying platform, Bernoulli's wind bags, light up energy sticks as well as her plasma ball! The children also got to experience different science themed workshops too that were tailored specifically to their year group's science curriculum and learning objectives. The day was full of lots of laughter and excitement with the added bonus of scientific learning too!



SPORTING SUPERSTARS

Congratulations to AJ in Year 4! AJ got the opportunity to play football with his team at Leeds United football ground in a semi final match. AJ brought into school his commemorative coin and medal - we're sure it won't be the last time we see you playing in a professional stadium AJ, a huge well done 😊

Sean in Year 5 has also been very busy, running the Race for Life with his mum and her Tesco work colleagues. Sean takes part in the Race for Life every year and is quite a pro now 😊 Congratulations and well done Sean - we're all very proud of you!



Children from our Reception classes have enjoyed having Mr Gillespie from Bikeability visit our school. Each week Mr Gillespie has been working with the children to help them to gain the confidence and skills that are required to ride a pedal bike. The children have been learning important safety tips as well as basic bike maintenance. They have also been working very hard at developing pushing and gliding skills as well as learning how to safely control their bike and use their brakes correctly too. A big well done to all of our Reception children - your teachers are very proud of you 😊



Our Nursery and Reception children have had a busy few weeks caring for three sets of tiny caterpillars in their classrooms. The children enjoyed observing the caterpillars grow, spin chrysalises and finally emerge as beautiful Painted Lady butterflies. Once the butterflies emerged, the children learned how to feed and care for their new friends by using sugared water, fresh fruit and flowers from our school garden. The children finally let the beautiful butterflies go in our school grounds and have had lots of fun looking out for them in the flowers in our playgrounds! Let us know if you see them fluttering about...!



GOODBYE YEAR 6 WE'LL MISS YOU!

The end of June saw our Year 6 children, parents and families visit the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral to attend the Diocesan School Leavers' Service for year 6 pupils.

A procession of colourful banners held proudly by the children made its way from the Well of the Cathedral through the Nave before a service was held to mark pupils' transition from Primary to Secondary School. All children wrote a prayer about their days at primary school and hopes for the future which were presented during the service for display.



Families were treated once again to a fabulous service at St. Anne's Church on Monday evening as the children performed their final leavers' service for their families. It was lovely to hear the children talk of their special memories, friendships made, and lessons learned during their time at our school. The children dazzled us with their abundance of talent which included record breaking Rubik's cube completion, fabulous footballing, amazing gymnasts, dazzling dancing, magical musicians and super vocalists. Families were also treated to an extremely impressive rendition of the Macarena dance whilst hula hooping! It was certainly a service to remember!



We'd also like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 pupils and their families goodbye for now - we can't wait to see what the future holds for you! Good luck in your new secondary schools. Keep in touch and do come back to see us again soon. We miss you lots already!



As the end of the school year approaches, we say a sad farewell to two very loved and longstanding members of staff as they prepare for not just the summer break, but for retirement too. Our very special teaching assistant Mrs Rainford will be leaving us along with one of our caretakers, Mr Fitzpatrick (affectionately know by so many of us as Joe). Mr Fitzpatrick has worked at St. Anne's as our caretaker for an impressive 21 years whilst Mrs Rainford has served our school for 23 years. We will miss them both lots and wish them lots of love and happiness in their next chapters.

Mrs Kinsella who currently works in Year 2B will also be changing roles in September and will moving to the school office where she will be working full time with Mrs Casey. We wish her the very best of luck in her new role.



Thank you to everyone who donated or came along to our uniform swap shop. We had lots of nearly new items looking for good homes (many still with their labels on too!) Look out for our next swap shop and grab yourself a pre-loved bargain...!



We'd like to take this opportunity to wish our St. Anne's family a very happy and safe summer holiday.

We break up from school on Wednesday 19th July at 1.30pm and return to school for the start of the Autumn term on Monday 4th September ☺