



St George's Preparatory School

Preparing children for *life*

Headmaster's Week Ahead

Monday, 27th March 2017

Pupil Success

Congratulations to:

Gymnastics

Daisy Moon (IM) – for competing in the JGC Gymnastics Gala

Felix O'Connor (IIF) – for competing in the JGC Gymnastics Gala and winning a gold medal for the bars

Willow Carro (IIIL) – DMGA gymnast of the month

Love Hearts Appeal

The Love Hearts Appeal was set up by local girl Catherine MacLachlan following her heart transplant at the age of 15. Catherine attended St George's Prep. School from Nursery to VI, and was Head Girl in her final year. The appeal is raising funds for exciting research into reducing problems that can occur in children following heart transplantation. For more detail see www.gosh/lovehearts

St George's is happy to support this appeal by selling raffle tickets from the School Office at a cost of £10 a ticket. Top prize is a VIP trip for two to London to see Les Miserables with back stage passes.

For information on how to help or make a donation, please contact Polly Ashton-Barnett familyashton.barnett@gmail.com

National Autism Awareness Week

St George's will focus on the National Autistic Society's World Autism Awareness Week this week. Mr Timothy will lead an assembly, after which children will be involved in various activities throughout the week during Form Time and PSHE lessons. Pupils in Forms V and VI have been making loom band bracelets in the NAS colours of pink, purple and white. These will be on sale in the office throughout the week, for a suggested donation of £2. Thank you for your support.



Headmaster Colin Moore

Senior Production

'The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents'

Once again our pupils delivered a masterful performance at the Arts Centre when they brought Terry Prachett's Amazing Maurice to the stage with his Educated Rodents. Under the skilful direction of Mrs Moore, the children enthralled packed houses on two consecutive nights with song and dance. Well done to all of our boys and girls for such an entertaining show. Thank you to all staff for the hard work that goes on behind the scenes. Thank you to parents for the support given to the teachers and to the children. Special praise must go to Mrs Moore for being able to get the very best out of such young children.

Please see the School Office to order your copies of the DVD.

School Tours

On Wednesday 29th March the school will be open for tours from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Please tell anyone you know who might be interested in considering St George's as an option for their child.

End of Term

Please be aware that the spring term finishes on Friday 31st March at 12 noon for the Easter break. The summer term will start on Wednesday 19th April.

Please help us find

Ava Bourne's (IV M) tracksuit bottoms – possibly missing from the Arts Centre.

Sports

Fixtures:

Netball:

St George's/St Peter's v Pembridge 29th Mar.

St George's/St Peter's v Cheadle Hulme

School 1st April

St George's Cross Country

We were treated to an afternoon of fierce competition on Thursday. Despite the high spirits there was a strong theme of sportsmanship amongst all the runners – congratulations one and all. A full report will be posted on the website.

Form I relay:

GREEN TEAM

Form II relay:

RED TEAM

Form Group Winners

III Dawson De Gruchy and Anna Gardner

IV Sydney Smith and Lara Spary

V Zac Mallinson and Olive Smith

VI Jasper Lilley and Melanie Dixon

The winning House of the Cross Country will be announced on Friday.

O'BYRNE INFANT CUP

Patrick Sandlant and Victoria Pinel

SCHOLEFIELD BROTHERS' CUP

Sydney Smith

THE DRECOURT SENIOR CUP

Jasper Lilley

ST GEORGE'S JUNIOR GIRLS CUP

Lara Spary

ST GEORGE'S SENIOR GIRLS CUP

Melanie Dixon

Assemblies

Mon. 27th Mar. Autism Awareness Assembly

Tues. 28th Mar. Form V Assembly
(parents welcome to attend)

Wed. 29th Mar. Form II H Assembly
(parents welcome to attend)

Fri. 31st Mar. House Assembly
Farewell Assembly

Club News

Next term's club list has been sent out. Please return the reply slip to the office by **Friday 31st March**. **Please note there are NO clubs running this week.**

Sports Person of the Week

Jonathan Trant (VI M) for his outstanding performance as goal keeper in the football cup final victory.

Art Eisteddfod

Congratulations to the many Form I pupils who entered the Art work – we have seen a lovely collection of certificates for their efforts.

George Certificates

Congratulations to:

Form IV H

Caspar Ballands for super piano practice

Lunchtime Football League

Well done to Team Whirlwinds for winning this year's Lunchtime League.

Times Table Award

Congratulations to –

Form III L

Willow Carro for completing Silver Level, India Chatterley and Oliver Campbell for achieving the European Champion Award (60 questions in 3 minutes), Aoife Tarpey for gaining the Gold Award and Sonny Barrow for gaining the Bronze Award.

Art Morning – Iain Alexander

Forms IV – VI had an amazing time with Iain Alexander last Fri. 24th Mar. Iain lead an assembly before working with different Forms to create pieces of art featuring George the Dragon using paints, glitter and diamond dust. Iain will host his Alter Ego Icon showcase at Victoria College Great Hall on Thurs. 30th Mar. and would like to invite all of our parents to attend.

Red Nose Day

Our stock of Red Noses ran dry by Wed. lunchtime raising over £220 for Comic Relief. Various other collections were made on Friday raising a further £235 – thank you!

GA News

The next GA Committee meeting will be on Weds. 19th Apr. at 7:30pm

House News



Will St Andrew's finish the term on top?

St Andrew's	Mrs J Moore	594
St George's	Mrs S Huelin	520
St David's	Ms R Morris	517
St Patrick's	Mr C Timothy	462

Easter Party

Non-Uniform Day

The Easter party on **Thursday 30th March** courtesy of the GA will include a party lunch followed by a 'Talent Show'. Regrettably it is not possible for parents to attend the show but please do come along for the **Easter Egg Hunt** (Forms II – VI) at the end of the day. Our Little Dragons, Reception & Form I pupils will hunt for their eggs during the school day.

Egg Competition

Don't forget to decorate your hard boiled eggs for Thursday's competition:

Egg rolling – better without appendages

Decorated Egg Character – decorate your egg as your favourite character from book, film or television, create a magical creature or even your favourite football team. We'd like to see decorated eggs from children throughout the School, including our Little Dragons.

Please do not allow visiting friends and siblings to participate in the egg hunt – a number of our pupils went home empty handed in previous years due to the loss of eggs to visitors.

For Your information

Easter holiday Chinese - 'Think Chinese' 10th - 14th April, 9.00am - 12.30pm, suitable for ages 7+ (language, calligraphy and painting). For more information please contact Briony Sun on 01534 864873.

Dance - The Jersey Academy of Dancing is performing 'Seasons' at the Opera House on 23rd – 25th March.

Football - The 43rd Jersey Primary Football Festival takes place Sun. 9th – Fri. 14th April at FB Fields 10.15 & 11.15

and finally...

Friday's cross-country event encapsulated much of what is so very good about St George's and reminded me why I have been happy to lead the School for thirteen years when I had only intended to stay for six months. What could be better than to share an afternoon of healthy competition with supportive parents within an atmosphere of sportsmanship and camaraderie? I still experience a shiver of pride when I witness the whole school come together to cheer home stragglers who are joined by classmates in the home stretch. I remain in awe of the achievements of our children and am particularly inspired by the courage and fortitude shown by those who have to work hardest. I went into teaching because I like working with children. I decided to focus on the early years because I believe this is where you make most difference. I have enjoyed every moment at St George's and I hope we have made a positive difference in the lives of the children with whom we have worked. All children are equally worthy and all children deserve the very best. I am extremely proud that St George's remains an inclusive school where all children are made to feel welcome. The time has come for Mrs Moore and me to return to the UK to seek out fresh challenges. While we are sad to be leaving so many friends, we are excited at the opportunities and prospects that lie ahead. We take with us many fond memories which we will cherish and I would like to thank you for your good company over so many years. I would also like to thank you for the tidal wave of best wishes Mrs Moore and I have received from parents and pupils. The strength of sentiment and warmth of affection expressed has been overwhelming. If we are ever brought to mind in the days to come then I hope we are remembered for having the best interests of pupils at heart and for always trying to do the right thing. Remember, integrity is doing the right thing even when no-one can see you. So it's time to say goodbye....please don't wait up.

Colin Moore, Headmaster