

St. Giles' & St. George's Academy

Newsletter

7th June 2018

Dear Parents,

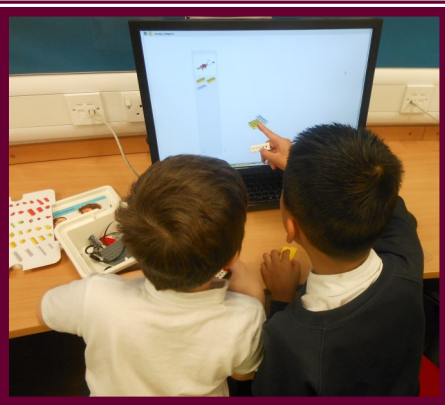
We have been so lucky with the weather so far this summer; it was such a shame that the only day full of thunderstorms was our sports day! I am sure that the cancellation was a real nuisance for families but we do hope to try again on 6th July with Bee Active.

Courage Day

What fun the children had trying out their courage! I am sure that they will remember our Christian value next year. Challenges took place in the afternoon and we had lots of fun.



Lego Project at Newcastle College



Year 4 were fortunate enough to take part in a marvellous Lego robotic workshop at Newcastle College. During their time at the college, the children were able to build and program a variety of Lego robots ranging from scary crocodiles to super spinners.

For the big finale, the children had to design a robotic spinner and compete against their classmates. It proved a challenging task for such a competitive year, with various modifications taking place moments before the competition. However, after a tough final round Neng, Eli, Joshua and Connor were crowned victors of the Lego challenge and received their own Lego creations to build. Well done Year 4!

Reception Project for Parents



Reception parents had the chance to come in and have a look at work from the children's latest project. We were delighted that so many could attend and the children really enjoyed sharing their work.

Nursery - Transport Day



In nursery, we celebrated the end of our Transport topic with a bikes and scooters day. We had lots of fun riding in the sunshine!

Planting at the Roebuck Centre



It was a privilege for me to join Year 4 in this planting event. The public also helped the children with their planting expertise. The head gardener from the Dorothy Clive Garden was also helping the children, which was a treat – a garden well worth a visit.

The children are now very experienced planters and will be able to see how their plants are growing when they visit the town centre. I was so impressed by the behaviour and friendliness towards the Borough staff and to the public.



Magic Carpet

On Friday, we have the annual visit from the Magic Carpet theatre group. They have been coming to us for at least 25 years and continue to enthral the audience. All of the children come into the hall in two sessions, one for the younger ones and one for the juniors – a treat not to be missed.

J2E Launch

Digital Learning platform and email system

This is a very exciting development for us and teachers are already using it to support teaching and learning in the classroom. So that parents can find out more about how to use the system at home, we are holding a session on Friday 15th June at 2.30pm with Mrs Gray and Mrs Winder.

Hairstyles

Traditionally the academy has asked children to tie their hair back to reduce the spread of head lice, particularly for younger children. This does work well and I am grateful that you help us to reduce the number of incidents.

We pass our children onto a variety of high schools who have different rules about dress and hair. As part of the older children's journey towards this, I am relaxing the rules on hair for Year 5 and Year 6 (they are less likely to catch head lice). It is important for families to help children to decide what hairstyle is suitable for the academy in preparation for high school.

High school do have a sensible rule concerning tying hair back for PE, art and design and cookery because of health and safety aspects. We will do the same so that children are safe when taking part in these activities. If your child wears their hair down during the day then he or she will need to have a bobble to tie it back for the specialist subjects. This will help the older children prepare for the expectations of high school.

I would be very interested in your views on this matter so do let me know what you think. We will have a trial period for this to gather views and work out the practicalities of the change.

General Data Protection Regulation

Due to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) brought into place in May, could parents please complete the attached form and return to the academy by Friday 15th June.

Dates for the diary

Week beginning 4th June 2018

Tuesday 5th June

Year 4 Mrs Winder's Class help the Borough to plant out summer bedding by the Roebuck

Wednesday 6th June

Team photos with Academy

Thursday 7th June

Year 5 Visit to Liverpool as part of their Geography project.

Friday 8th June

Magic Carpet theatre

Nursery international week -

Children dressed in red, white and blue

Dates for the diary

Week beginning 11th June 2018

Tuesday 12th June

Year 3 - Year 5 E safety
workshop

Keele concert band playing a
mini concert for KS1 and KS2

Wednesday 13th June

Year 2 and Year 3 Scooter
training

Thursday 14th June

Open morning for the
community who have not been
into the academy before.

Year 2 and Year 3 Scooter
training

World cup themed lunch

Friday 15th June

Scholastic book fair in the
entrance hall before and after
school

Non uniform day
bottle donations for the
summer fair

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training

Star Performers



KS1 Star Performers



KS2 Star Performers



KS1 Star Performers



KS2 Star Performers