



St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers, Governors, Staff and Pupils

I can't believe another year has flown by so quickly!

The end of the summer term is always difficult as we say goodbye to our Year 6 children. We are delighted with what they have managed to achieve and they can all be very proud of their SATs results.

We are also saying goodbye to a number of staff members: Miss Clark is retiring after 42 years at St Anthony's, Miss Thomas and Miss Nolan are moving on, having secured jobs in Yorkshire and Liverpool. Mrs Enright will also be leaving us this year to work in North Manchester, as will Mr Sutcliffe, and Miss Cavey from the office. We wish all our leavers a great deal of success and happiness for the future.

In September, we will welcome five new teachers: Mrs Foulstone, Mrs Cook, Miss Hulse, Mr Lonsdale and Miss York. Also, a few weeks ago, Miss Gagon joined our team of teaching assistants.

I hope that your child has had a good transition experience, getting to know their new teacher and environment. Hopefully, they will feel more prepared for September.

As always, we want to share with you some of the highlights of the Summer Term so please read on.



Mrs C P Fox
Headteacher

St Anthony's Art Walk

As part of our close links with Manchester Airport, the Airport hosted an exhibition of our children's art work this term. On 22nd June, a formal opening ceremony of *St Anthony's Art Walk* took place in Terminal 3 which was attended by governors, former staff members, a local artist, directors from Chiesi who sponsor the school Breakfast Club and children representing Year 5 and Year 6. They proudly held the ribbon as Mrs Fox cut it to mark the opening of the exhibition which included work by pupils from Nursery to Year 6. The showcases displayed art work and writing inspired by the books children were studying. They had worked in a wide range of media, including clay, paint, collage and pencil. Groups of children from Years 1 to 6 had the opportunity to visit the Art Walk and view their work on public display.



Art Week

St Anthony's Art Week took place in July. Every year group from Nursery to Year 6 studied different artists and their work, producing a display based on the style of their artist, including Albers, Arcimboldo,

*"Journeying together with Jesus Christ
We learn to love and love to learn"*

Seurat, Kandinsky, Mondrian, Lowry, Voorwold and Warhol. The children had fun using a wide range of media to produce beautiful displays.

Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the Summer Fair. It was busier than ever and with your help we raised over £4,000 towards another school minibus!!

A big thank you to everyone who took part in St Anthony's Summer Bake Off. The standard was exceptionally high and it was an incredibly hard job for the judges to choose a winner! There will definitely be another cake competition next year so, if you didn't enter this time, make sure you do when the next one comes along!

Winners

1st Place — Shaya Wilson, 1HJ
2nd Place — Maisie Foster, RKM
3rd Place — Olivia Hollingworth, 4AI
Well done everyone!!



Nursery News

The Nursery staff and children cannot believe it is the end of the school year! Time flies when learning is so much fun. We have enjoyed all our learning in Nursery this year.

Highlights have been the Christmas Concert in Church, our class assemblies, World Book Day events, a wonderful Easter Bonnet Parade and "Going on a Bear Hunt" in the school grounds.

The staff and children are all looking forward to enjoying the summer holidays and the children are very excited about starting Reception in September.

Reception News

Reception have a lively time. During the first half term, we found our classes had had a very large visitor who knocked over tables and chairs. We even found enormous footprints! On the CCTV we discovered that the visitor was an orange dragon called Zog! Luckily he turned out to be friendly and wanted to find out about St Anthony's. The children enjoyed writing letters to Zog and learning lots of new things about dragons, knights and castles.

This half term, we found a message in a treasure chest from a pirate called Captain Redbeard. We have had great fun drawing treasure maps and looking at features of islands. Our recent Pirate Fun Day was exciting and we were allowed to dress up for the occasion.

Year 1 Events

Victorian Day. Last Friday Year 1 travelled back in time to the Victorian era. We arrived at school in Victorian clothes to find that our classrooms had been transformed into schoolrooms and our new Victorian teachers were very strict. Each child was given a new Victorian name and asked for a penny to pay for their education.



The lessons we took part in were very different to what we do today. We had to do lots of fancy handwriting and drill which is like PE and nature study. We were very surprised that the boys and girls were separated for some lessons. The boys took part in gardening whilst the girls learnt embroidery.

Two Victorian visitors came to join our day, bringing lots of Victorian toys. They told us that rich children had beautiful shop-bought toys whilst poor children had to make their toys from old clothes and any rubbish they could find in their home.

It was great to bring history to life. Although we had lots of fun, Year 1 all agreed that they would not like to have been a school child during the Victorian era and were relieved that no one had to wear the dunce's hat!

Amazing Animals. In Science Year 1 have been learning about animals. We couldn't believe it when Sir David Attenborough wrote to us asking for our help. He sent us some films of wildlife which we needed to narrate using lots of descriptive vocabulary. We also invented our own new species, producing fact files about our new wacky animals.

Later in the week, we helped Sir David with one of his recent studies about British birds. First of all, we needed to recognise and name different types of birds. Once we were experts, we went outside and sat very quietly looking and listening for signs of birds. We were surprised how many different birds flew over our school field. Later, we made birdfeeders to encourage more wildlife to nest in our school grounds.

The highlight of our Sir David Attenborough challenges was a very smelly task. Each class was sent some animal poo samples! Unfortunately, the zoologist had forgotten to label which animal each poo belonged to! To find out, we had to look very carefully at what was inside. We looked for fruit, nuts, seeds and leaves to see if the poo belonged to a herbivore, bones for a carnivore and both leaves and bones for an omnivore. Once we had figured what was in each sample we were able to match up the sample to the correct animal. It was a smelly task but lots of fun!

Year 2 News

What a wonderful final half term we've had in Year Two! Some children had the opportunity to visit Manchester Airport to view 'The Art Walk' (see front page). The children thoroughly enjoyed both the tram ride and seeing their art work on public display.

The Fire Service came into school to teach the children about being safe during the summer holidays, and they talked about the different aspects of their job. The children found it very entertaining when Mr Stevens dressed up in full fire fighters' uniform!

The children who achieved 100% attendance throughout the year were invited to the BBC studios at Salford Quays to participate in the filming of Swashbuckle. They dressed up as pirates for the day and had a marvellous time!

Father Nick has visited us to explain to pupils the different parts of the Mass. The children learnt the responses and the importance of the Eucharist. We concluded the day with a Year Group Liturgy, where some children acted out a story from the Bible and others read their own prayers. It was a lovely day for all and Father Nick praised the children's maturity and engagement.

We also had a History day based around the Great Fire of London. The children dressed up in costume from the Tudor era and participated in a range of historical activities throughout the day.



Year 3 News

It has been a busy term for Year 3. We ended the half term with a Roman Day and Banquet. Children enjoyed the gladiator training school, Roman mystery maths and learning the story of the missing gladiator. This half term, the children have studied volcanoes and created some excellent shape poetry, and they wrote their own adventure stories about escaping from Pompeii.



Our end of term trip to Wythenshawe Park saw the children engage in a fun run, a visit to the farm, practise their tennis skills and do a nature walk. Everybody had a good time in spite of the bad weather!

Year 4 Highlights

This term Year 4 have worked hard in different areas of the Curriculum. We have enjoyed learning about Mayan culture and tasting different Mayan food as

well as playing Mayan ball games. We have also learnt about how sound travels and about the important contributions of various scientists. The children were fascinated by the novel *The Water Horse*, and they produced fabulous informative leaflets about the Loch Ness Monster. This term in swimming, we learnt about water safety and we even wore our pyjamas in the pool! It was great fun! A fantastic year had by all! #year4rules

Year 5 Activities

In Science lessons, Year 5 learned about living things. One particularly enjoyable lesson was when we dissected owl pellets to learn about the feeding habits of owls, their hunting techniques and how to classify animals based on their remains. We found lots of bones in the pellets and some of us were lucky enough to find the skulls of various prey.

We also took part in the noble sports of worm charming and snail racing. Our worm charming competition was a success, everyone managing to charm a worm out of the soil. Snail racing was truly a 'blink and you'll miss it' affair. Before the race, we had to ensure our snails were given a good diet and plenty of training. We found our own snails and enjoyed learning about how they moved so easily along rough terrain.



Year 5 even found time to get involved in the **Young Readers project led by the National Literacy Trust**. For the final event, pupils explored the Nick Sharratt Exhibition at Manchester's Central Library and took part in an engaging workshop led by children's storyteller and author John Hughes. As part of the project, pupils received three FREE books. We hope they enjoy reading them over the summer holidays!

Year 6 News

What a busy and exciting Summer Term for Year 6: SATs results, competitions, Masses, assemblies and transitions into Year 7!

The Year 6 team are extremely sad to see the Year 6 pupils go but know they are ready to face all the fun challenges that high school will bring. We wish them the best of luck and we hope they'll come back to visit and let us know how they are getting on!

Year 6 Manchester Airport Apprentice Competition

All the Year 6 pupils took part in an advertising competition organised by Manchester Airport, involving the creation of a poster and radio advert on the topic of 'Sun Safety'. Six lucky pupils went to present their ideas to a panel of judges from the

Airport. Unfortunately, we missed out on the top spot but the children were a credit to the school and still got a special visit to the Airport's control tower.

Cheerleading Team

Our cheerleading team attended the Manchester Cheerleading Festival on Thursday 28th June. A total of 19 teams took to the stage, including St Anthony's Angels, who put on a fantastic performance and received many compliments from other teams. Their stunts and tumblers raised loud applause.



A special mention must go to our Year 6 members: Holly Ferguson, Chloe Casey, Zanthé Bowker, Kayleigh Thomas, Savannah McConville and Skye Bowdler who will be missed next year. As St Paul's stunt team were at the festival, we hope they won't be putting down their pom poms just yet! We are proud of you, say we are proud of you!

Raft Building

Mr Roberts, Mrs Lindsey and Mr Lowe took ten children to Chorlton Water Park for a special day out. Following a quick briefing, the children set about building two rafts without any help from the adults and they managed it superbly. They then rowed around the lake learning how to work together to control the rafts.

After lunch they played games around the lake. Some of them even walked the plank and everyone had a paddle in the water getting thoroughly wet, including the adults.

The day was a great success; it was one of those memorable occasions for the children that involved real life skills as well as solving academic problems.

Information for Parents

School Meals

The cost of a school meal is going up by 3 pence in September from £2.20 a day to £2.23. Payment needs to be made in advance via SIMS Agora, as the school will operate a completely cashless system from September.

If there are any parents wishing to find out if their children are eligible for **free school meals** or if they wish to apply for school meals, there is now a way of doing this online via the following link:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/>.

Before starting the application, please go to the school website and read the instructions on how to apply. The information is on the **School Meals and**

Menus page under the tab called **Parent Information**.

Special Awards

This year, teachers were asked to nominate a **Worker of the Year**. These children have stood out to the class teacher and have really engaged in the life of the school, showing tolerance, determination and giving their best – could you be the Worker of the Year next year?

| Key Stage 1 | Key Stage 2 |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Rory Keelan | Amy-Louise Fitzpatrick |
| Adriel Alex | Aurora Platt |
| Julia Walczak | Mateusz Steczkiewicz |
| Takudaishe Musungwa | Lola Staniforth |
| Filip Koziel | Joshua Shaji |
| Amelia Hooks | Hope Chiororo |
| Daisy Entwistle | Alan Matthews |
| Shay Keelan | Dilichukwe Ukaigwe |
| Ciara Marsland | Patrycja Osinska |
| | Rylan Griffin |
| | Riva Musungwa |
| | Julia Maciejewska |

Former Pupil Success

Lukas Nmecha, a former pupil of St Anthony's, has led England's under 19 footballers to success in the European Championships. He scored the winning goal in the semi-final against the Czech Republic before scoring the deciding goal in the final as England beat Portugal 2-1.

Other successes we have heard of include degrees for former pupils Adam Marsden, Ben Keeling, Mathew Cummins and Kerry Murphy (all 2:1). In fact, Kerry Murphy is doing a PGCE to become a Primary School teacher!

School Uniforms

Details of the new uniform are on the school's website under the tab "Our School".

Dates for the Diary

- On 4th and 5th September we have two teacher training days.
- The new school year starts again on **Wednesday 6th September 2017**.



Next year's term dates are already in the calendar on the school website.