

# St Wilfrid's CE Primary School

At St Wilfrid's, our Christian school exists to provide a welcoming environment in which everybody is cherished and challenged to fulfil their potential.

At St Wilfrid's we all Belong, Believe, Become

Friday 6th October 2017

Newsletter 5



## MR GOODWIN

As many of you might know, Mr Goodwin is expecting his second child with his partner Nicky. Mr Goodwin has started his paternity leave today, and as soon as we find out more information on the safe arrival of their new addition, we will let you know. Mr Goodwin will return to school on Wednesday 18th October. Rachel Mather will be covering the Year 5 class.

## PSHE: ANTI BULLYING WEEK COMPETITION (from Mrs Stevenson)

Last year the national slogan for Anti-Bullying week was 'Power for Good!' One of our talented pupils, Macy Smith came in 3rd place out of all pupils in all Manchester schools with her poster design.



This year the focus of Anti-bullying week (13th - 17th November) is 'All Different, All Equal'. At St Wilfrid's anti-bullying is very important to us so we are already beginning to consider what this means. We started this in an assembly this week and will continue to discuss this in our classes. Our response will be to

create a poster for the Healthy Schools Manchester competition. Children will be beginning these in class, however they may wish to bring them home to spend longer on them. Please ensure this is the work of pupils and not others as it is a competition. All designs must be submitted to your child's class teacher by **Monday 16th October**. The School Council will be voting on the best design for each class and the one we will submit as a school. It's a fantastic opportunity for you to continue the conversations with your child, celebrating our differences and understanding equality for all. If you require any more information then please speak to your class teacher or Mrs Stevenson our PSHE Lead.

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance is essential to your child's academic success. We aim for an overall attendance rate of at least 97%, and attendance levels below 90% give us serious cause for concern. Routine medical appointments should be made outside school hours wherever possible. Punctuality to school and to lessons is also important as it is indicative of a child's general motivation and commitment towards school. This week our whole school attendance has been 96.8%, which is below our target.

This week the following correspondence have been sent out as hard copies:

Individual and Family Photographs.

This week the following correspondence have been sent out electronically

## THE BIG QUESTION?

At the start of the year we have introduced a weekly big question. We would like our children to be reflective about their own beliefs, religious or otherwise and to develop their own perspective on life. It is also a way to encourage children to have an interest in and respect for people's different faiths, feelings and values. This week's question has been: **Would the world be a better place if we all looked the same?**

## DOJO Points (Reception to Year 6)

Many of you may have heard your child/ren talking about being awarded Dojo points. Class Dojo is all about creating a positive classroom environment, encouraging children for any skill or value from working hard, showing kindness, to helping others. You will soon be able to share these moments at home. Letters will be sent home on Wednesday, providing you with instructions on how to download the app and connect with what is happening in the classroom.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

07.10.2017	Cross Country at Wythenshawe Park. Arrival at 9:40am and meet Miss Bartlett
09.10.2017 11.10.2017	Year 5 Residential to Conover Hall for 2 nights
12.10.2017	Reception Class Dirt Day
19.10.2017	Break Up for October Half Term
20.10.2017	School Closed: INSET DAY for Staff
30.10.2017	School Re-Opens for Autumn 2
01.11.2017	Parents' Meetings 3:30—5:00pm
02.11.2017	Parents' Meetings 3:30pm—7:00pm

## **Extra—Curricular Activities**

02.10.2017	7:45am-Breakfast Club 3.15-4.00: Homework Club 3.15-4.00: Paper Craft 3.15-4.00: Library club 3.15-4.15: External Provider: Gymnastics 3.15-4.15: External Provider: MCFC Football.
03.10.2017	7:45am-Breakfast Club 3.15-4.00: Cross Country Running 3.15-4.00: Cookery 3.15-4.00: Kiddi Choir 3.15-4.00: Lego 3.15-4.00: Computer Coding 3.15-4.15: External Provider: Junior Sports Stars Football.
04.10.2017	7:45am-Breakfast Club  Lunchtime: School Council and Rights Respecting Action Team.  3.15-4.15: MCFC Girls football
05.10.2017	7:45am-Breakfast Club 3.15-4.00: Year 6 Maths 3.15-4.00: Board Games 3.15-4.00: Forest Art Club 3.15-4.00: Multi-Sports( Bench Ball and Hockey
06.10.2017	7:45am-Breakfast Club 3.15-4.15: External Provider: Street Dance Lunchtime: Choir.

## FOOTBALL STUDS

A polite reminder to all parents, **metal studs must not** be worn during football clubs after school. We have our newly-built AstroTurf pitch which is being used for football clubs therefore trainers, rubber (AstroTurf) football boots are appropriate. If children have **metal studs** they can bring them in a bag alongside their other trainers in the event of matches taking place on our school field. Permission will be given by the coach as to whether they can be worn. If children are taking part in tournaments at other schools, Miss Bartlett will specify in her letter whether metal studs can be worn. This decision will be made by the hosting school or venue.

Jenna Bartlett  
Year 5/6 Teacher and PE Coordinator

## GOLD AWARD ASSEMBLY

*Gold Award Assembly is on Friday 13th October at 2:30pm. Parents/carers are welcome to join us. The Gold Jumper theme is for Presentation across all subjects; The Gold Badge theme is linked to our Christian Value of Thankfulness and Growth Mindset (Nursery will award their children in class)*

	Gold Jumper Award	Gold Badge Award
Reception 1 Miss Swinburn	Rosie Jones	Robyn Boswell
Reception 2 Mrs Peters	Casper Pearson	Raphael Obichukwu
Year 1 Mrs Doyle	Dougie Caswell	Aaminah Rehman
Year 1/2 Mrs Argles	Thomas Keogh	Millie Collins
Year 2 Miss Deeley	Yohanan Praveen	Paige Birchenough
Year 3 Mrs Taylor	Chloe Antia	Oliver Harrop
Year 3/4 Mrs Dhaliwal	Jasmine Kaur	Emily McCarthy
Year 4 Miss Clark	Katherine Fletcher	William Pannett
Year 5 Mr Goodwin	Karamveer Sher-Gill	Victory Obichukwu
Year 5/6 Miss Bartlett	Lucy-Jo Howarth	Joud Alshakoush
Year 6 Miss Vermeulen	Olivia Kaleta	Aviah Barrett

## STAFF LED EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**A reminder that staff led extra-curricular activities finish at the end of this week and will commence the week beginning 6th November. If your child attends a staff led club on Tuesday 7th November, no clubs will be on due to the PTA DISC GLO event.** More details to follow from the PTA.

## School Photographs

By now you will have received your School photographs.

Braiwicks our school photographers will be collecting the proofs on 16th/17th October. If you wish to purchase your photo's please make sure you return them before these dates.

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

Since we have been back in school we have been busy observing lessons and carrying out a book scrutiny in all year groups to monitor the quality of teaching and learning. It has been brilliant to see our pupils so engaged in their learning and we are pleased with the excellent teaching seen across the school. Next week we will be meeting with all members of our teaching staff to review their performance in the last academic year and to set objectives for this year. Pupil achievement and school improvement are always a focus for these meetings as well as the professional development of individuals which is highly valued at St Wilfrid's .

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Any planned absence must be requested in writing, in advance, for the attention of Mrs Miller. You will receive a reply stating whether or not the reason given allows for the absence to be authorised or not. If there are grounds for deeming the reason to be 'exceptional' then you may be asked to meet with Mrs Miller to discuss the matter further and the Local Governing Body may be consulted before a final decision is made. If the absence is unauthorised and you choose to proceed with the absence, then the school has a duty to inform the Local Authority who may impose a Fixed Penalty Fine. Our school has an outstanding attendance rate and the vast majority of parents recognise the importance of good attendance and punctuality. A few reminders about what is expected:

Pupils may enter school **from 8.40am** and the register is taken at **8:55am**. Any pupils arriving after the register is taken will be marked as late. Parents of children who arrive so late that they come in through the main entrance must provide a reason for their lateness to a member of the School Office Team. Please ensure that your child arrives on time in order to make the best possible start to their day. Absence from school should be avoided whenever possible. If your child is too ill to come to school then please inform the School Office as soon as possible and ensure that they return to school as soon as they are fit enough to do so. If your child has had a contagious illness e.g. a sickness bug then please show consideration for the health of others and adhere to the **48 hour** rule in order to reduce the spread of germs and infection. **Routine medical appointments should be arranged outside of the school day.** At the very least appointments should be made for the start or end of the school day so that disruption to learning is kept to an absolute minimum. It is not necessary for a child to miss an entire day of school in order to attend a routine appointment. I appreciate your support in ensuring we maintain our outstanding record.



## OUTDOOR LEARNING

On Thursday, both Reception classes are looking forward to their outdoor 'dirt' day. The Early years department have already been busy with their outdoor learning and staff were keen to share these photographs.



## YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

The Year 6 children have had a wonderful time at Kingswood, Colomendy this week. Miss Vermeulen and Mrs Lowe will share some pictures next week, but due to the incredibly poor mobile and wifi connection, it has been very hard to keep updated. We hope the children have a good sleep this weekend and feel refreshed for Monday!

## CROSS COUNTRY

Good luck to you all if you are going to Wythenshawe Park on Saturday. Miss Bartlett will be there to greet you and we look forward to hearing more about your successes.

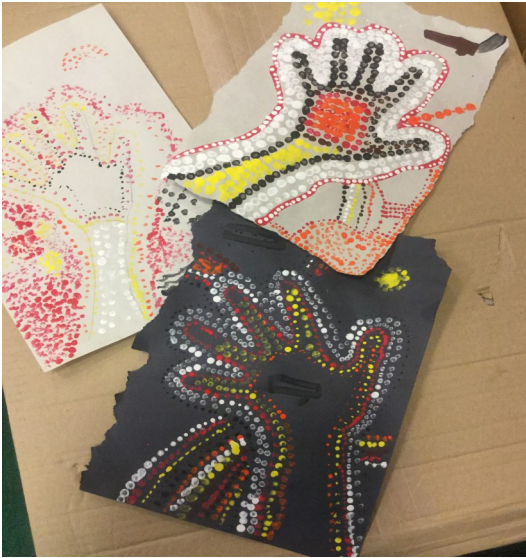
## PARKING

Once again we have had a number of complaints from local residents and some of our parents about inconsiderate parking. Please be aware and consider when parking your vehicles, especially on Elmfield road as some parents with pushchairs cannot access the pavements due to very poor parking. Whenever possible please could you park a little further away from the school so we can try to resolve the problem.



## GIFTED AND TALENTED ART WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 2

'On Wednesday, we welcomed some of our Year Two friends from Rack House, Sandilands, Button Lane and Northenden Primary Schools to take part in our Gifted and Talented Art Workshop. Children learnt about the culture, history and traditions of Australian Aborigines, including a Masterclass on Aboriginal Symbols and the spiritual meaning of different colours. They each created a hand silhouette in the 'dotted' style using earth colours, including their favourite symbols. Miss Swinburn would like to thank Niamh, Abdullah, Chloe and Ibrahim from St Wilfrid's for their superb behaviour and talents!'



## EFFECTIVE WAYS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S LEARNING

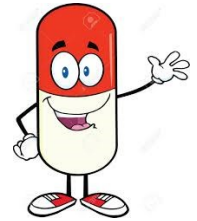
*(from Mrs Stevenson)*

Many parents have asked our advice on effective ways to support children's learning at home. Many schools recommend 'Exemplar Education' home-based tuition programme as a valuable resource to raise attainment in literacy and maths. If you wish to know more about these resources and the benefits they could bring for your children, look out for the flyer which will be distributed on the 11th.

## MEDICINES

A reminder to parents about our medicines policy - we have had a couple of cases recently where medicines have been placed into children's bags. Any medication prescribed by the child's GP should be brought to the school office and a form completed.

Please see the attached poster for our coffee morning next week on Thursday 12th October at 9am.



## MacMillan COFFEE AFTERNOON

We managed to find a little spot of sunshine in between the deluge of rain last Friday for a quick coffee and a cake sale in aid of MacMillan.

We almost abandoned it due to the weather but thanks to the enthusiasm of our parents we went for it!

Great decision folks, as we managed to raise £186.39 in just an hour outside, bringing our

Grand Total to

**£384.04**

Once again, a **MASSIVE** thank you for your continued support with our contributions towards charity.



**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING**

