



St Rose's Newsletter



MAY 2019

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Another busy half term has whizzed by with a huge number of activities both on and off site. As the weather has improved, needless to say, so have the number of trips out increased. All classes have enjoyed additional trips out as well as the weekly visits they make to our local community. This term the topic for SR1 was Transport and the class visited Gloucester Docks, Staverton Airport, The Jet Age Museum and Cam Train Station. SR2 visited Gifford Circus in conjunction with their business enterprise topic and project based on 'Around the World in Eighty days.' SR3 have been learning about fish and water incorporating trips to an aquarium and Slimbridge Wetlands Centre. SR4 have been involved in preparing for the SEN music fest and met with other musicians at Betteridge School this term. As this goes to print, students from St Martin's are enjoying a week at the Calvert Trust and we look forward to hearing what they got up to when they return.

We were pleased to welcome our Trustees who visited just before we broke up for Easter. Sister Pauline, Chair of the Trustees wrote, "It was a joy to walk round the school, meet with the enthusiastic staff and the students and see the great improvements that have taken place in the last few years. The hard work you have all put in has produced much fruit and that is an achievement you can be proud of."



On 22nd May we joined with the Rosary School to take part in the Journey of the Cross service. We welcomed the Cross that was made by students from St Edward's School in Hampshire (you can read more about this further on in the newsletter).

Behind the scenes the admin team and maintenance team work hard to ensure the smooth running of St Rose's. I am thankful for all of the hard work and support they and all staff put in on a daily basis to make St Rose's the great place that it is.

Sheila Talwar, Principal



SR4 FUNDRAISING FOR CAFOD

On 4th and 5th April, SR4 carried out FISH themed fundraising activities to raise money to purchase seeds, livestock and ponds for raising fish stocks in Bangladesh whose rivers are empty of fish following droughts. We raised £86.39 through selling Fishfinger sandwiches and Cheese Toasties. The students decorated their own paper fish and had fun playing 'Flip a Kipper' games which involved 'racing' their fish across the school hall! Chocolate prizes were given for the fastest fish!

Rachel Moody



Journey of the Cross – 9:30am – 11:00am

Wednesday 22nd May 2019

**Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and then a procession of the cross to
The Rosary and around St Rose's School's grounds**

We are delighted that St Rose's were able to take part in 'The Journey of the Cross service' on Wednesday 22nd May 2019. It commenced at the Church of the Immaculate Conception and then proceeded to The Rosary School and St Rose's.

As part of the Year of Prayer, the pupils from St Edwards School, Sherfield English, made a copy of the Lampedusa cross which was blessed by the Bishop at the Education Mass last June. Since then the cross has travelled from school to school around the Diocese. We hope that the cross will serve as a focus for prayer and remind pupils of the plight of refugees. It began its journey with Wardour School who took it to their parish, Sacred Heart, Tisbury to share with the wider community. Along the way it has been shared with different groups, dances have been created around it, poetry and prayers written.

It will be brought back to the Clifton Cathedral on October 22nd by the Gloucester Partnership when we once again return for our Education Mass.

Cherith Baxter-Steele

MY TRIP TO LOURDES BY DYLAN

I have been to Lourdes three times with a charity called HCPT, my group was 205. They take children with disabilities away to France for a week long religious holiday. It's a really nice break for the parents, as they don't go on the trip and I like having a break from my family as well.

We go to cafes and go on trips out, for example this year we went Pont d'Espagne. It is a place where views are really nice. The masses are really nice and not all the people who go there are religious.

The hotel is comfortable and the staff are really friendly. The hotel is accessible and has a lift.



We are looking for volunteers to help run the session and we are looking for children to go on the trip. If we can't get enough volunteers we might not be able to run the trip again.

SR2 TRIP TO GIFFORDS CIRCUS - 13TH MAY

SR2 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the circus, here are some of their comments:



'I like it because threw water' - LT

'I happy. Happy clown' - GB

'I really enjoyed it. My favourite part was the horses because the people stood up on the horse and I just thought the horse was really well behaved' - OW



ORCHESTRA TRIP TO BETTRIDGE SCHOOL - MONDAY 13TH MAY

Orchestra members Thomas and Joe went to Bettridge School to meet some of their orchestral players and to put together some music for the SENFest that we will be taking part in on June 20th at the Bacon Theatre from 6pm.

Both played really well using music from Pachelbel's famous Canon in D. Lee from Music Works then entertained them on electric guitar and Rachel and Thomas join in with a bit of a jam!

On 21st May, Lee was back with us again along with Ceilidh Jo Rowe and Salo to continue practising the songs and narration. Shrubberies school joined us for this rehearsal. It's all shaping up to be a very exciting event, featuring St Rose's pupils and other special schools in the area with a particularly lovely selection of songs

Tickets will be on sale for SENFest soon from the school office at a cost of £5.

Rachel Moody

ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE - SUNDAY 28TH APRIL

It was a proud day for our Scouts and Explorers to participate and lead the procession for St George's Day parade especially as we are celebrating our tenth year as being a troop. A special thank you to staff, parents/carers and our Scouts & Explorers for manning the bases to promote disability awareness in the Scouting world.

Steve, District Commissioner for Stroud & Tetbury District emailed to thank St. Rose's for hosting the St George's day event and allowing them to use the facilities and equipment.

Steve said 'Everything went as planned and it was great to see so many young people, leaders and parents enjoying the event and activities'.

Nicki Burcher
Group Scout Leader



INTERNATIONAL WEEK

20th - 24th MAY

We celebrated the rich diversity and cultural heritage of the students during International week. Each day Spain, Romania, Syria, Russia and New Zealand will be showcased and celebrated through food, music, dance and other learning experiences. A full write up and photographs will be presented in the next Newsletter.

Louise Goode
Curriculum and Assessment Lead

CAKE SALE IN AID OF CAFOD

SR4 organised for a cake sale on Wednesday 15th May and raised £52.92. Thank you to everyone involved in the organisation of this event.

Thank you from The Bristol Children's Hospital

Frazer in St Martin's arranged a Tombola after Christmas and raised £114.00 for The Grand Appeal at Bristol Children's Hospital. Frazer chose the hospital as both he and his some of his college friends were cared for there when they were younger.



Well done Frazer
for all your hard
work
fundraising for
Bristol Children's
Hospital.



MOTOR SHOW - SUNDAY 5TH MAY

The 15th "Wheel Nuts" Car show was held at St Rose's School on Sunday May 5th and once again the show attracted a record number of entries and large crowds.

The show now celebrating its 15th year owes its success to the dedication and commitment of the staff, The Friends Committee and their families who work tirelessly to ensure the day goes well and that the hundreds of visitors are all catered for. This year was particularly sad for the organisers as they had sadly lost one of their team members earlier this year, but the show must go on and they are determined to continue their hard work in raising funds to support the work that the school does.

This year's show, once again, saw the return of many 'show regulars' as well as some new faces. Possibly the most unusual vehicle this year has to go to the 'Zimmer Golden Spirit', a car belonging to P J Shanley from Cirencester who has only just managed to get the car on the road. The car has a fascinating history - originally purchased in 1983 by Frank Sinatra.

Visitors were able to browse the stalls selling everything from plants, autojumble, books and crafts. There was fresh food being cooked and served by a hard-working team throughout the day to feed visitors. A special thank you to all the parents who sent in cakes; the cake stall sold out! In all, a great day out for all the family, helping to raise over £8,000 for St. Rose's.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event in any way.



Fundraising

Tony Hickey, our Governor will be doing The Cotswold Way Challenge on 29th June walking 50k, hopefully in 14 hours, with his wife Ann who is doing it for Missio. Tony hopes to raise a minimum of £400 for St Rose's and St Martin's. All monies will be raised through a Just Giving site.

FUNDRAISING

Our next fundraising event is the Garden Fete on
Saturday 15th June, from 1 - 4pm.

There will be lots of family entertainment - Woodford silver band will be playing and there will be games, stalls & refreshments of BBQ, Ice cream and more.

We would be grateful for any homemade cakes, good quality toys & bric a brac, soft toys, books (paperback only), raffle prizes, toiletries and bottles.



Please come and join us in our lovely grounds and help us to raise some more money towards a new accessible vehicle.

Elaine Fernandez



Jumble Sale

Clothes Toys Bric-a-Brac Books DVDs

Saturday 29th June 1 – 3pm at St Rose's

50p entry

Refreshments available to purchase

Donations of items for sale welcome

Please drop at St Rose's reception

on Friday 28th June 9am – 3pm or in the morning of 29th June

Please no electrical items, cassettes or videos

All proceeds will go towards St Rose's School fundraising activities

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NURSERY NEWS

Nursery have had a fun and busy term! Our focus has been on new life and growing this term and we have enjoyed getting out and about in the increasing sunshine. We are also extremely pleased to say that we have again achieved the Bristol Standard Quality Assurance award for another year.

We started the Summer term by continuing our Easter Celebrations. We enjoyed trying hot cross buns, making Easter nests to take home and talking about the donkey and sheep we met last term.



We have planted sunflower seeds to see how high they will grow and have been helping to ensure they are watered well! It was great fun exploring the soil that we used, scooping, pouring and feeling it in our hands.



We've been out and about bug hunting to see what we could find hidden under rocks and in the leaves in the woods. The children had fun painting some of the bugs that they had seen.



There was lots of excitement when we had some brand new wooden blocks delivered for outside. They have been a fantastic addition to our outdoor equipment and the children have enjoyed using them for construction in a variety of ways. The children have also enjoyed constructing ramps and dens in the nursery garden too.



We had a fantastic trip out to Snakey Park in Eastington. The children had great fun, climbing, swinging and sliding around the park. We took a picnic lunch with us and ate our lunch in the sunshine before playing some more and then returning to nursery on the big blue bus! A great day out.



Lisa Taylor

CALVERT TRUST 20TH - 24TH MAY

As our Newsletter goes to print a group of St Martin's staff and students are at The Calvert Trust in Exmoor.

The Trust enables people with physical, learning, behavioural and sensory disabilities to experience exciting, challenging and enjoyable outdoor activities.

Staff are able to see the students in a different environment, trying out activities with them and everyone is having a wonderful time. Photos to follow in July newsletter.

EASTER CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY— WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL

It was lovely to all come together on the first day of the new term. A great celebration of the student's work and a lovely way to moving into the Easter season. We watched SR3's Slideshows, heard St Martin's poems, found out about SR4's fundraising, shared SR1's beautiful artwork and admired SR2's amazing Easter Garden. Everyone joined in the joyous songs, reflected over the prayers and shared the news that 'Jesus is Risen'. This news brings 'Hope' to the world and we focus on this over the Summer term as it is our core value.

I 'Hope' everyone has a restful break.

Warmest wishes,

Cheri Baxter Steele



ST MARTIN'S

St Martin's had a visit from two new-born lambs belonging to Katrina's father. News of the visit spread fast and lots of people came to see them. The lambs were happy to be held, stroked and fed by staff and students.



In St Martin's we are still trying to do our bit to reduce plastic waste by collecting empty crisp packets and toothpaste tubes, which will be taken to the Stroud Valleys project for recycling.

Juliette Oliver