



Newsletter - December 2019



St. Rose's
Inspiring Education, Therapy & Care

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Christmas is less than a week away and end of term is just one day away! As usual I don't know where the time goes, it certainly flies by at St Rose's.



We have had a busy term with many exciting activities in the build up to Christmas. A particular highlight was when the children in SR1 performed the Nativity. We were joined by friends, family and students from the Rosary School. Special thanks go to Cheri Baxter-Steele and Karen Childs (SR1 class teachers) who worked so hard to make this happen.

Yesterday we held our annual Christmas Party Day which has been a long standing tradition. It begins first thing in the morning and goes on until the evening. This year Aiden and Frazer from St Martin's were in charge of the disco. Our thanks go to them for providing such great music.



Behind the scenes Carol, Chris and the catering team (with a few co-opted members of staff) produced a fantastic Christmas lunch for one hundred and fifty members of staff, students, governors and trustees. They are valued members of staff who work tirelessly to support our students with their nutritional needs and special diets, not to mention the meals they produce to keep staff well fed!

As well as all of the fun and parties at this time of year, our students continue to work hard and make good progress – we are so proud of all of their achievements which we celebrate every week when we have our Star Moments Assembly. Even the tiny steps make such a difference.

In the New Year St Martin's students will take responsibility for improving our carbon footprint as we work hard to establish ourselves as an eco-school and college. Watch this space as we ask for your help to collect recyclable items. We have begun with recycling toothpaste tubes and pet food pouches – who knows what will be next!

This term we say goodbye to Tom from SR3 who has been a student at St Rose's for four years. He is moving to the Star College and we wish him well for the future.

As ever, there are so many things that I could include but there are far too many to mention, so this is just a snap shot of the last few days!



As we come to the end of 2019, I would like to thank all of the staff who work so hard to support our students to provide them with a rich learning experience. A special thanks go to all of you as well, we really appreciate your continued support.

Sheila Talwar, Principal Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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check our website
www.stroses.org.uk

EDUCATION MASS AT CLIFTON CATHEDRAL TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER



Students and staff joined all of the schools in the Diocese at the Education Mass at Clifton Cathedral, Bristol to celebrate the Extraordinary Month of Mission and hand over the cheque for the money raised for Missio (Mission Together) at Harvest and over the year.

A huge thank you to everyone for their generous donations and continued prayers to help Christian communities all over the world.

Cheri Baxter-Steele

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - 2ND - 6TH DECEMBER



The St Rose's tree looked beautiful at the Christmas Tree Festival in St Lawrence's Church.



The tree and heart decorations made by the students were a great representation of the hard work achieved by our students. It is always lovely to visit, which we do as part of our RE work, and see all of the beautiful trees decorated by so many different organisations. The people that are there are always so welcoming and supportive of us all at St Rose's.

Well done to all the students involved in making decorations and setting up the tree for this amazing event.

Cheri Baxter-Steele

CHILDREN IN NEED - FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER



A big thank you to all the pupils and staff who helped raise £145.00 for Children in Need. We enjoyed a sensory massage story all together in the hall and then had a peaceful guided meditation. Children dressed up and decorated cakes in the morning.

Another successful fundraising event, thank you.

Lea Anne Ewing



FLAMINGOS (POST 19)

Led by Ali, staff and students from Flamingos painted a mural on the wall in the activity room in the residential house.

We are delighted with the results.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER



Thank you to everyone who supported this event which raised an amazing £1,500.

We had a lovely morning supported by St Rose's community. Santa was busy, as were all the stalls including the refreshment stall. Thank you to everyone who sold or bought raffle tickets, we sold every ticket we had printed! Thank you to everyone who made cakes, we would not be able to hold a stall without your help.

Thank you to Parents and staff for all your ongoing support with fundraising.



A huge thank you to the Friend's of St Rose's committee who work tirelessly throughout the year to raise money for St Rose's.

Elaine Fernandez

CRAZY HAIR DAY - FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER



Some of the staff and students had very good hair and some people looked very very silly! Thank you to everyone who donated money for Bristol Children's Hospital. Together we raised £95.90, which is fantastic! Also, thank you to everyone who took part.

Frazer, St Martin's



BBC GOOD FOOD SHOW, BIRMINGHAM

As part of the Living Skills curriculum we had a great day out at The BBC Good Food Show. Freddie, Joe, Lochlan and Dylan thoroughly enjoyed the day. We spent the morning visiting lots of different food and kitchen stalls, some of which were offering samples of the food they were selling. Students particularly enjoyed tasting the cheese, mashed potatoes, fudge and chocolate! Joe and Dylan did some of their Christmas shopping. We also saw Dale Edwards the Masterchef winner making some Christmas food. After lunch we saw Nadiya Hussain, British TV chef, author and television presenter who made a Thai curry and Indian sweets.



A great day was had by all.

Elaine Fernandez



SR1 KURLING AT ARCHWAY - FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Five students went to Archway School on Friday 29th November for a New Age Kurling event organised by Stroud Schools Sport. After an initial briefing, St Rose's were raring to go! John Henry delivered the first stone brilliantly and Lucas soon followed. Wilfrid released his stone accurately with the help of a ramp and knocked all of our opponents stones clear of the target! St Rose's finished 2-0 in the first round with Khadija using all her strength to glide her stone into position.

Poppy was first to play in our second game and watched carefully as her red stone headed towards to scoring board, Wilfrid chose to deliver his second stone from standing and John Henry effortlessly sent his down towards the target. Lucas waited patiently until his turn came around but unfortunately, the opposition won the second round. Play continued and all of the St Rose's team showed great team spirit throughout the morning and we also made friends with many other children from around the district. We were not fortunate enough to get through to the final round but we came away with huge smiles on our faces and some fabulous certificates. Well done to everyone involved.

Karen Childs



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE - 16TH DECEMBER AT OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Monday 16th December the whole of St Rose's gathered together for our Carol Service at church. With the classes sharing the poems they had been working on in RE, SR1 performing the loveliest Nativity and The Rosary Choir performing a beautiful song. Many thanks to all who made it such a wonderful occasion.
Merry Christmas everyone!

Cheri Baxter-Steele



ROSARY SCHOOL VISIT - 9TH DECEMBER

SR3 were joined by members of The Rosary Chaplaincy Group on December 9th for an Advent Reflection. Our students explored the Nativity figures and listened to the prayers shared. Such a lovely thing for SR3 to be able to do as a part of their work on Celebrating Christmas.

Cheri Baxter -Steele



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Staff and students wore colourful Christmas jumpers to raise money for Save the Children. We had a get together in the hall where we sang Christmas carols.



We raised £62.73.



ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL - MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER

A lovely musical afternoon was had when St Edward's, Cheltenham came with eight students who entertained us with piano solos, beautiful singing and some very funny poems. In return SR2 performed a piece they have been learning in Orchestra, Lullaby - Based on a piece of music by Italian composer, Monteverdi.

To finish the musical part of the afternoon, St Rose's taught St Edward's some simple Makaton signs and we all sang the Christmas song 'Do you hear what I hear?' St Edward's were fantastic entertainers and really enjoyed learning Makaton.

We look forward to next time.



Rachel Moody

FUNDRAISING - NEAL'S YARD AND SHOPPING EVENING

Thank you to everyone who supported the Neal's Yard evening which raised £253.20.

Kelly Durkin, St Rose's former Teacher, treated us to an evening of wonderful samples and smells of some of the wonderful products for sale.

Raffle and 'Lucky square' winners received Neal's Yard goodies. Guests were also able to do some Christmas shopping.

Thank you to Carol Goverd who helped me to organise this evening.

Elaine Fernandez



NURSERY

Nursery have had a great term getting to know all the new children and families that have joined us as well as doing lots of exciting things.

The autumn leaves have been of great interest to the children and we have enjoyed being out in the autumn sunshine exploring. We celebrated Bonfire night by making sparkly, colourful pictures and used junk to make models. The children have also enjoyed mark making in various ways and baking!



We have also enjoyed our weekly visits from Gary, Reaching Thru Music, the children are always really engaged and some have been brave enough to stand up and sing in front of everyone.



To end the term we have decorated a tree for the tree festival at St Laurence's church which the children have enjoyed visiting we are now looking forward to lots of Christmas fun over the next couple of weeks. We also had a trip to the Everyman theatre to watch a special performance of The Owl and the Pussycat which the children thought was brilliant and very funny.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone in Nursery.

Lisa Taylor

RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS ICE SKATING IN CRIBBS CAUSEWAY

The residential students and staff had a great time enjoying the festive scenery and Ice Skating at Cribbs Causeway.



POP UP SHOP TO RAISE MONEY FOR ALLSORTS

As part of an Asdan Business Enterprise unit, Emily had the idea and together with SR4 they organised and ran a shop on the afternoon of 20th November.

SR4 chose what they wanted to sell and which charity to raise funds for. They ran a very busy shop selling clothes, shoes, toys, jewellery and books raising £94 for Allsorts. On Wednesday 4th December, Emily presented Andrew from Allsorts with the money.

Thank you to everyone who made this event such a success.

Elaine Fernandez

ECO SCHOOL/COLLEGE AWARD

St Rose's has held a meeting and will be applying for The Eco-Schools Award which is internationally recognised for excellence in environmental action and learning.

In the New Year, we will be forming a committee including Parents and students from School, College and Nursery. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact Sheila Talwar.

In the meantime we will continue to collect the following:

St Martins: Empty and unfolded crisp packets, stamps, toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes.
SR4: Cat and dog food sachets - Emptied and washed out.
SR3: Bread bags.

The first parcel of 5.5kg of empty crisp packets has been packed up, sent off and accepted by the scheme. We are well on the way to sending off a second batch.

Thank you for your continued support.

ACTIVE IMPACT - 12TH NOVEMBER



St Rose's and St Martin's students met with Caroline Eardley from Active Impact and Andy Dorman from GCC to voice their opinions and choices about the Of Course We Can short breaks programme for next year.

We look forward to welcoming the students back
on **Wednesday 8th January 2020.**