



St. Rose's
Inspiring Education, Therapy & Care

Newsletter July 2020

Our Value for the term: Inclusion and Understanding

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our lockdown newsletter!

Even though some of our students have been working from home during these very strange times, we thought it was more important than ever to share our news with you. We have definitely tried to use the motto of 'Keep calm and carry on' though sometimes it has been unclear of what that means!

I am pleased that we have been able to remain open throughout the lockdown period apart from a few days at the beginning when we frantically searched for PPE. Since then we have had students on site and this number increases by the week. Students who have been shielding at home have been supported by staff to 'Keep calm and carry on learning' and my thanks go to all of the staff who have planned and 'Zoomed' constantly.



All of our values have been even more important than ever and I am proud to witness the high level of respect, compassion and understanding for each other that our whole community has demonstrated. Our students have persevered and met the challenges they face with courage and we have hope for better times ahead.

This term we say goodbye to Sophie, Leah, Frazer, Steph, Nathan, Tomas and John Henry. We wish them well for the future and hope they will keep in touch. We say goodbye to Mike Steed who has been Registered Manager in St Martin's for the last 3 years. We also say goodbye to Sue Cartledge who has worked at St Rose's for many years and is now retiring.

We would normally be celebrating our students' achievements at the end of term but normal does not exist at the moment. Instead we are holding our first ever Virtual Awards. I have my fingers firmly crossed that the technology works!



We are very excited to launch the St Rose's Big Bounce. We are aiming to raise £1,500,000 over the next year to update our residential facilities. Please do contact us if you are able to support our appeal and help us to reach our target.



Sheila Talwar,
Principal

Please check our website www.stroses.org.uk for information on dates, holidays, events etc.

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March



Students and some staff came to school dressed as a character from one of their favourite books.



Students participated in writing a class story massage, listening to musical stories and participating in a God who speaks drama activity.



All money raised will go towards new books for our school library.



Lent Mass - Thursday 27th February

On Thursday 27th February we were able to come together as a Community to have Father Gary celebrate Mass for Lent. I feel this was such a blessing to be able to have this time together, especially in light of what has happened since. It really is occasions like this that let us see how wonderful our community is and although we are having to do so much to ensure we all stay safe, hopefully everyone knows that we are all here for each other, just as we were on this wonderful day. God bless everyone and keep you all safe, until we come together to celebrate again.

Cheri Baxter-Steele



Hardwicke Scouts - Tuesday 25th February

On 25th February, St Rose's Scouts joined with Hardwicke Beavers and Cubs to make pancakes and play games as part of their teamwork badge. The picture below is Emily, one of St Rose's Scouts together with her siblings Georgia and Connor who belong to Hardwicke Scouting group. A good time was had by all.

Hardwicke group would like to thank St Rose's for hosting this event.

Nicki Burcher

Group Scout Leader for St Rose's and Hardwicke



SR1 Trip to St James City Farm - 3rd March

As part of our topic on New Life, SR1 went to visit the City Farm in Gloucester. We had a really wonderful day out, the weather was dry and we met many different farm animals. A kind volunteer showed us the pigs and cows and then we made our way over to the heavily pregnant sheep. We've since heard that they've all had healthy lambs, SR1 are delighted!

After a tour of the farm we were able to revisit some of our favourite animals including Fatboy, the popular owl, ducks, horses, goats and chickens. All of SR1 had the opportunity to feed the animals fresh vegetables and the volunteers at the farm were extremely kind and helpful.

A great day out for all.

Karen Childs

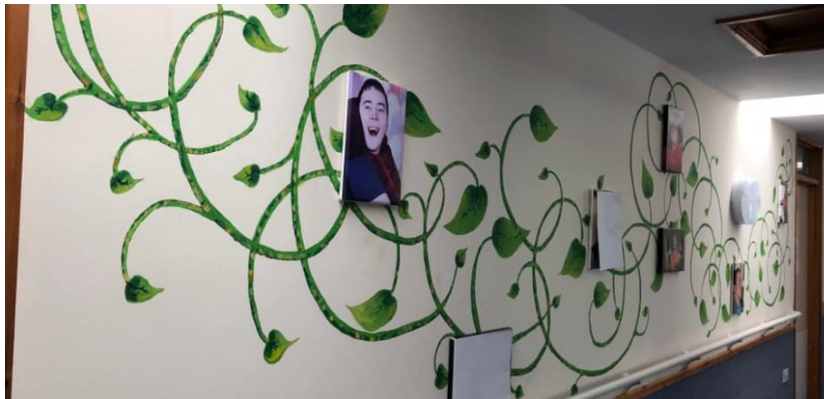


VE DAY CELEBRATIONS - 8TH MAY

Staff and students had a wonderful time celebrating VE Day.



Ali, our resident artist has been at work again, this time in the St Martin's bungalow. We really love it, it has brightened up the bedroom corridor. Thank you



Gloucestershire Virtual School Games Challenge

Some of the students (and staff!) in school have been participating in the Gloucestershire Virtual School Games Challenges. The first challenge was to see how many times we could pat a balloon in the air in 1 minute. This proved very popular with several practices before the timed event. Joshua managed 17 pats in one minute, Lucas 7 and Oliver 16 – this placed us 5th within the inclusive category in Gloucestershire schools.



The second challenge involved rolling a ball to try and hit down as many plastic bottles as possible. This challenge was thoroughly enjoyed with Lucas knocking over an incredible 10 bottles! Josh and Oliver both knocked over 4 bottles and we are awaiting the county results.

A huge well done to all the students and staff involved...! wonder what the next challenge will be!

Karen Childs

ST GEORGE'S SCOUTING CHALLENGE - 23RD APRIL

Thomas and Nicki clapping for our amazing NHS on Thursday 23rd April which was also St George's Day.



NURSERY

The end of the academic year seems to have come around all too quickly this year. We have really enjoyed all of the experiences we have had with the children, from our trip to Westonbirt, the theatre at Christmas, to our many forays down to the 'woods' behind St Martin's to explore! I have been so proud of the nursery children who seem to have taken the current situation in their stride and I am grateful for the wonderful support of our nursery families. It has been fantastic to see all the things the children have been accomplishing at home and we have seen fantastic progress from the children who we have been supporting in nursery. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the nursery team for their enthusiasm, commitment and the way in which they have, as always, been brilliant at adapting to ever changing situations and overcoming any challenges.

As it's the end of the year we are sadly saying goodbye to our pre-school leavers, some of whom have been with us since they were very small. It has been our privilege to watch them grow and develop but we know that they are more than ready for their next adventures in big school! We are really looking forward to our virtual leavers party in the next couple of weeks and to also welcoming our new children and families in September.

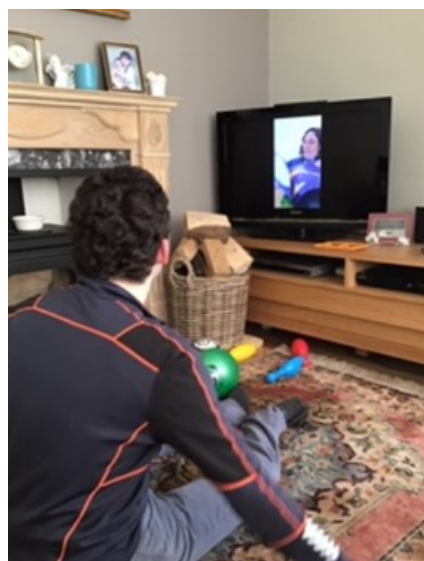
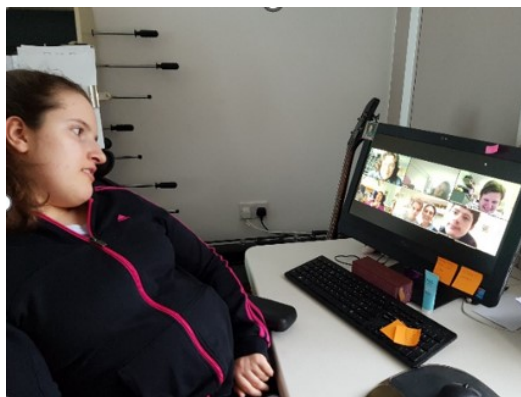
Here are some photo's of some of our adventures, have a lovely summer everyone.

Lisa Taylor
Nursery Manager



St. Martin's students have continued to work hard at home, completing work for science, maths, cookery and creativity – as well as listening to stories related to their projects on the St. Rose's YouTube and joining in with zoom chats with each other.

Rachel Gale



Some of the students in St Martin's have been working hard to create a video about how to be safe in the home and the community.

Rachel Gale



SR1 ZOOM LESSONS

Some of the students in SR1 have been enjoying some of their lessons on Zoom. Each week the students have worked with their teacher and their speech and language therapist to learn new Makaton signs related to a story or theme. Participation in the lessons has been brilliant, the welcome song brings everyone together and the story at the end has encouraged great listening skills and has given the students a chance to apply the new signs that they've learnt.



Homework is set and we've even had family members involved and helping which has been great.

Well done SR1, keep up the hard work – we're really proud of you.

Karen Childs

'Our Planet, Our World' - IncFest 2020

Thursday 18th June 2020 would have been the Inclusive Festival at The Bacon Theatre, Cheltenham, so instead of that event, the organisers put together a plan to hold a live online rehearsal hosted by Ceilidh Jo Rowe and Lee Holder. The students in school that day thoroughly enjoyed a rehearsal of all the songs from the festival 'Our Planet, Our World' with songs from every season. There was singing, signing and smiling for the full 40 minutes and everyone involved felt happy to share what would have been a very special event. Some students from home also attended the live rehearsal via YouTube and reported a 'sense of togetherness' as a result. We are very grateful to the organisers for sharing their talents and skills.

Karen Childs

Orchestra Members were looking forward to playing at the live INCfest concert that had to be cancelled but the organisers, The Music Works, are planning to hold the event next summer. There will be other online rehearsals and events in the lead up until we can all be together again. I'd like to thank Ben, Salo, Lee and Ceilidh Jo from The Music Works for their hard work in keeping things rolling on at this time!

You can find out more about their work and their amazing plans to build a new music hub in Gloucester on their website and on their crowd funder page if you would like to support them.

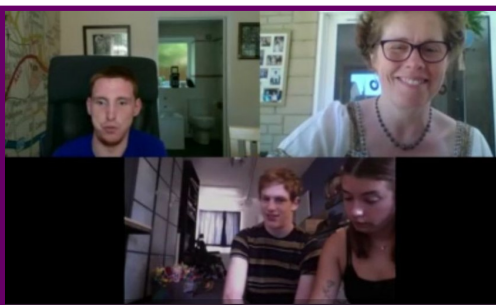
<https://www.themusicworks.org.uk/>

Rachel Moody



ORCHESTRA

Despite being apart, members of the orchestra have continued to meet virtually by zoom call for some small group sessions. We have explored the music of Smetana, who wrote a piece about a famous river in his country called the Vltava all the way from high in the mountains to the city of Prague. We have been creating our own river music with the fantastic software from Open Orchestra's called Clarion.



Working via Zoom has not been entirely straight forward. It is not possible to hear each other as clearly as if we were in the same room but everyone has shown real patience and maturity, listening and supporting one another.

Each week, the students have been deciding what kind of river we are creating...slow, fast, small, big, busy, quiet and we have thought about how the music can create an idea of that kind of river. Will the music be loud or quiet what type of instrument will be best etc.

We have even had the dramatic idea of a whale getting stranded but being saved by some plucky ducks! All these fabulous ideas have been ably supported by not only TAs but by parents at home and I would like to thank them all for helping our young musicians so well. Everyone has been on a steep learning curve!

Those students working towards Arts Award have had to put that on hold for the time being but I am really looking forward to "getting the band back together" in the near future so we can continue to make some amazing music!

Rachel Moody, Music Co-ordinator



Important: This is a Big Shout Out for Bouncers!

Students at St Rose's are warming up and getting into practice for the Big Bounce 2020 to raise a whopping £1.5 million pounds to build Quentin House a very special place providing residential accommodation and a place where they will learn key life skills and enjoy their time after school.

The young people will bounce every day for the next 12 months on St Rose's outdoor trampoline. On wet days they will be bouncing on the indoor trampoline.

For the children at St Rose's this is an extraordinary undertaking. Please sponsor them with as much as you can afford. You can sponsor a child per bounce or by the number of minutes. Just go to the St Rose's website and follow the link ('Get Involved' then 'Donate') to the JustGiving page

Or, why not join us and organise your own bounce. You don't have to have a trampoline you can bounce in any way you like; on a space hopper, a bouncy castle, a pogo stick or even your bed..... well maybe not!!



You can build your own dream team and bounce with your friends.

It's a great way to exercise it's good for your heart and builds strong muscles and bones and it's a great stress buster.

If you do have a trampoline why not do your favourite bounces such as tuck jumps, straddle jumps or seat landings counting how many you achieve. You might find even 10 minutes of straight bouncing can give you a pretty good work out.

To register your Big Bounce or to talk to us about a fundraising idea call Gail in the Appeals Office on 01453 763793 ext 225.

Your support means so much to the children at St Rose's school and will make a huge difference!

Oh! and one last thing....if you bounce, **don't forget to send us pictures!**

Gail Mattocks
Fundraising Manager

VIRTUAL AWARDS - FRIDAY 17TH JULY

Due to the current unprecedented time, our Virtual Awards ceremony was held on Zoom on Friday 17th July.

Congratulations to all our students at St Rose's and St Martin's who have worked extremely hard this academic year.

THE BIG BOUNCE IS ON!



You can sign up to join the team on Just Giving and get others to support you, be creative and email or message us your photos and bounces, or simply post to social media with the #strosesbigbounce, we really want to keep the momentum going over the summer with lots of news on the progress on social media.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/BigBounce>

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Thank You

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DECEMBER 2020						JANUARY 2021						FEBRUARY 2021					
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JUNE 2021						JULY 2021						AUGUST 2021					
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IN SERVICE DAYS ARE INDICATED IN PURPLE (STAFF ONLY)
 OPEN WEEKENDS ARE INDICATED IN RED

Term 1: 3 Sept – 23 Oct 2020
 Term 2: 2 Nov – 18 Dec 2020
 Term 3: 6 Jan – 12 Feb 2021
 Term 4: 22 Feb – 1 Apr 2021
 Term 5: 20 Apr – 28 May 2021
 Term 6: 7 June – 21 July 2021

In Service Days
 1 & 2 September 2020
 4 & 5 January 2021
 19 April 2021

Bank Holidays	25 December 2020 28 December 2020
New Year Bank Holiday	1 January 2021
Good Friday	2 April 2021
Easter Monday	5 April 2021
Early May Bank Holiday	3 May 2021
Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2021
Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2021

* 195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2019/20 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend).