

St. Rose's
Inspiring Education, Therapy & Care

Newsletter - Summer 2021

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we near the end of this academic year which has been in the shadow of Covid, I am pleased to report that St Rose's continues to thrive.

Despite the restrictions placed on us by the pandemic, St Rose's has remained open throughout the year and staff have worked hard to ensure that the students continue to have the support they need to make progress. Once again my heartfelt thanks go to all of the staff who have risen to the challenge with good humour and dedication.



We are very excited to watch the progress of the building work and are looking forward to completion day on 17th September. If all goes according to plan we will be doing guided tours when we have our Awards Evening on 22nd September.

We continue to find new ways of working and special thanks go to the IT team who have had the uphill task of updating equipment and training staff to use various meeting platforms and remote learning technology. Although we continue to limit the number of trips offsite the students have enjoyed the continuity of attending school and college. Being outdoors and making use of our extensive grounds has been a blessing!

This term we say goodbye to Abi, Tim and Alex from St Martin's. We also say goodbye to Hayley, Tracey and Caroline. We wish them well for the future and hope that they will keep in touch.

This time last year we were looking forward to September when we thought a sense of normality would be restored, how wrong we were! Once again we look forward to the new academic year, however this time are aware that it may be a 'new normal!' As ever, my thanks go to all of you for your continued support and we hope to see many of you in the coming year.



Sheila Talwar,
Principal

GALAXY

News Flash

Under 25's Only!

From 21st Wednesday 2021 Galaxy Youth club will Re-Opening of Galaxy Youth Club!

Entrance: £1 per session

Contact: Mark, Rose and Sophie on 07919691004

Open every week offering Social contact through Activities including, Pool, Arts & Crafts, Cooking, Gardening, Physical Activities, Sport, Game Stations, and any other ideas you would like to add to our extensive programme.

Open Access drop-in for young people with Disabilities

Every Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm

Stroud Youth Centre, Ryeleaze Road, Stroud





SR2

This term SR2 have looked at Still Life and painting fruit and vegetables in Art. They completed a project investigating capsicum peppers, looking at how they are represented in paintings and in charcoal. The class then worked on copying cut capsicums using clay. Students enjoyed manipulating the clay and making it into different shapes, rolling it in their palms, making small seeds, and flattening out larger pieces to make the shapes of a pepper. In another lesson students focussed on the different colours of capsicum peppers and looked carefully at the different colours within the same pepper, before selecting colours to paint their clay pepper. The results were absolutely stunning and the photographs of their clay peppers looked like real peppers.

Louise Harper



CAKE SALE WITH PROCEEDS TOWARDS QUENTIN HOUSE FRIDAY 2ND JULY



The cake sale went very well and we managed to raise a whopping £51.12 for the Quentin House Appeal.



All students (and staff!) enjoyed this delightful end to a wonderful Well Being week. Thank you to all who supported the sale.

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Soundabout Life is a **FREE** music project for young adults aged 16-25 with profound and multiple learning difficulties.

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- New resources to support musical and personal development
- Up to 4 Soundabout sessions a year until June 2022

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

If you are interested in finding out more about this project please contact the Soundabout team.
Email: info@soundabout.org.uk or Phone: 01235 797474



www.soundabout.org.uk



Charity Number: 1103002



Students have enjoyed playing on an Xbox on loan from Special Effect with adapted controls. SpecialEffect is a UK based charity which uses video games and technology to enhance the quality of life of people with disabilities.



ENGLAND DOES THE DAILY MILE - FRIDAY 30TH APRIL



Our young people had a great time taking part in 'England does the daily mile'.



ST ROSE'S FETE SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER WITH ALL FUNDS GOING TOWARDS QUENTIN HOUSE

Weather permitting.

If you have any unwanted toys, bric-a-brac, children's games, books or teddies we would really appreciate any donations.

We would also welcome any home-made cakes.
Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you there.

Well done to Carol, the catering and domestic staff who were recently awarded Food Hygiene rating of 5



Please remember students return on Monday 6th September at 9.20am for 9.30am registration

SCOUTS - We are back!

Scouts and Explorers restarted here at St Rose's after nearly 15 months of not being able to have face to face scouting due to Covid 19.

Thank you so much to everyone for sticking with us! We are glad to be back.



NURSERY

This term in Nursery we have all been busy playing, exploring, experimenting, baking and learning about the world around us. We have grown butterflies from caterpillars, made a bug hotel, bird feeders and grown lots of plants. We had a visit from one of the children's pet stick insects. We celebrated pride month and England making it to final of the Euro 2020, by making lots of resources and watching videos about these subjects.

Hope you all have a great summer!





We had two fundraising events for CAFOD this year. Sheila made a delicious Austerity lunch for staff at the end of Lent which raised £125. Then in May the whole school joined together to do The CAFOD 'Walk for Water'. I was joined by students, staff and families on a 5hr walk around the school grounds. The generous donations from our families raised a further £236.25 amounting to the fantastic amount of £361.25 raised in total. Thank you to all who donated and supported this fun event.

Cheri Baxter-Steele



CRAZY HAIR DAY - THURSDAY 1ST APRIL

Students and staff entered into the spirit of things wearing wigs, crazy styles, extensions, and colours.

We raised a total of £85.50 towards The Quentin House Appeal.



WELL-BEING WEEK 28TH JUNE - 2ND JULY

On the week beginning 28th June St Rose's enjoyed Well - Being week. One of the activities was a gift exchange among students. Each student completed an 'About Me' sheet, which were then all folded and put into a hat. Students pulled out a sheet and thought about what would make an enjoyable gift for the person whose sheet they had pulled out. There were some amazingly creative and thoughtful gifts, each one carefully tailored to the recipient. This enabled students to get to know someone a bit more, to think about what would make another person happy, and to show kindness and generosity.

Students appeared to enjoy the giving equally as much as the receiving, and there were some lovely photos of the gifts being given throughout the week.



We would definitely like to do this again in St Rose's as it cheered everyone up and definitely contributed to our positive well being.

Louise Harper



MUSIC

This term we had a music focus during Well-Being week. We took the opportunity for classes to try out music activities they might not normally have the option for. This meant that SR1 and SR3 had a fun time with Clarion, the software our Orchestra members often use. It was a big hit with all groups and we hope to continue with opportunities to access Clarion in September as part of class lessons. Clarion is effectively a musical instrument with each coloured shape on the iPad screen being a music note that sounds when pressed. Clarion is also accessible using eye gaze on a computer screen.



SR2 and SR4 heard the music of Saint-Saëns in his piece Carnival of the Animals and then created their own versions of two parts of the music: Aquarium and Elephant. We all shared our enjoyment and successes at a short zoom meeting. In the afternoon, classes shared favourite music and tried out some musical games with percussion. Another element to Well-Being week which was fun and a real boost. More opportunities to share music in this way are being planned.

Rachel Moody



FLAMINGOS



We have been busy in Flamingos. We have taken part in rebound, table top cricket, snakes and ladders, sensology and sound beam to name just a few of our activities.



The Willow Tree Club

Fun Online Activities For People With Additional Needs

Music and duets, Signing to songs, Cooking, Drumming, Learn about new places in 'Wish You Were here?' Dance, French, Craft, Spanish and more

www.thewillowtreeclub.com

Small groups - fun activities - friendships - from ages 7-100!



AWARDS EVENING

Is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 22nd September.

This annual event will celebrate the success of our young people.

More information to follow at the start of next term.

Email us for a free trial session admin@thewillowtreeclub.com 07939573211

SR1



SR1B have been thoroughly enjoying this welcome spell of sunny weather and have made the most of the grass space that we have available. We have taken some of our PE lessons outside and we're currently learning how to play rounders!

We've also been enjoying the play equipment; the high slide is encouraging us to use all our strength to climb and finding treasure in the mud has been particularly popular. Lucas has learnt to sign 'Chloe go' when taking turns on the slide, Wilfrid has interacted beautifully with some of our friends in nursery, Khadija has been using her words to give instructions clearly and Eva has been catching a ball with great success. Well done SR1B, great work!

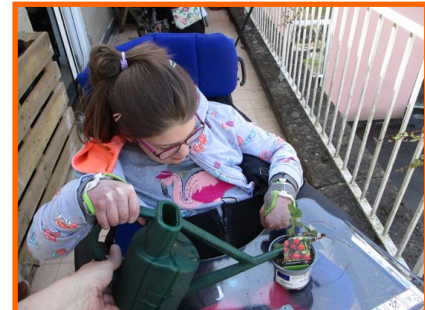
Karen Childs, SR1B class tutor



Post 16

In SR4 we have been enjoying getting soil under our fingernails by gardening on our balcony. Way back in October we used some recycled materials as planters, including two large galvanised bins that were heading toward the skip! We have planted them up

with a small tree in one and sweetpeas in the other. We grew the sweetpeas from seed and lovingly looked after them during Spring in our classroom along with other flowers and our strawberry plants.



Over the Easter break, the maintenance team kindly put up planters made from pallets and installed a water butt. It looks a picture now with our home grown plants doing well and our strawberries producing lovely snacks for our break. All this work has helped students to achieve their ASDAN Towards Independence: Horticulture Certificate.

Indoors we have also been tending houseplants which we sold in our first ever plant sale. This raised £68.50 for the Quentin House Appeal. We plan to repeat the plant sale again next year! Well done everyone in SR4 for your very green fingers!

Rachel Moody



Kingfishers

Have been back out & about exploring.



Canal at Ryford



Winstones Ice Cream Parlour



Museum Gardens



Rodborough Common



Rodborough Common



Cycle Track Nailsworth



Stratford Park





SEPTEMBER 2021					OCTOBER 2021					NOVEMBER 2021						
Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	7	14	21	28	Tues	5	12	19	26	Tues	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed	6	13	20	27	Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thu	2	9	16	23	30	Thu	7	14	21	28	Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	3	10	17	24	Fri	1	8	15	22	29	Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	4	11	18	25	Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	5	12	19	26	Sun	3	10	17	24	31	Sun	7	14	21	28	
DECEMBER 2021					JANUARY 2022					FEBRUARY 2022						
Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24	31	Mon	7	14	21	28	
Tues	7	14	21	28	Tues	4	11	18	25	Tues	1	8	15	22		
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed	5	12	19	26	Wed	2	9	16	23	
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Sat	4	11	18	25	Sat	1	8	15	22	29	Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	5	12	19	26	Sun	2	9	16	23	30	Sun	6	13	20	27	
MARCH 2022					APRIL 2022					MAY 2022						
Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	4	11	18	25	Mon	2	9	16	23	30	
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JUNE 2022					JULY 2022					AUGUST 2022						
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IN SERVICE DAYS ARE INDICATED IN PURPLE (STAFF ONLY)
 OPEN WEEKENDS ARE INDICATED IN RED

Term 1: 6 Sept – 22 Oct 2021
 Term 2: 1 Nov – 17 Dec 2021
 Term 3: 6 Jan – 18 Feb 2022
 Term 4: 28 Feb – 8 Apr 2022
 Term 5: 26 Apr – 27 May 2022
 Term 6: 6 June – 21 July 2022

In Service Days
 2 & 3 September 2021
 4 & 5 January 2022
 25 April 2022

Bank Holidays 27 December 2021
 28 December 2021
 New Year Bank Holiday 3 January 2022
 Good Friday 15 April 2022
 Easter Monday 18 April 2022
 Early May Bank Holiday 2 May 2022
 Spring Bank Holiday/ Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee 2 & 3 June 2022
 Summer Bank Holiday 29 August 2022

* 195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2020/21 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).

** 189 days to reflect the extra Bank Holiday in 2022