



St. Rose's
Inspiring Education, Therapy & Care

Newsletter - Christmas 2021

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we come to the end of another crazy year, I am pleased to share our newsletter with you. It has been an interesting year to say the least but I am pleased to report there have been more ups than downs! Our students and staff have continued to work hard despite the ever-changing landscape that the pandemic has created.

Sadly, at the beginning of this term we received the news that Macy, one of our Post 16 students had died and we hold her family in our thoughts and prayers.

We were delighted to be able to hold our annual Carol Service at The Church of the Immaculate Conception. Unfortunately, we were unable to invite parents, carers, families and friends, however the children really enjoyed the experience and were able to share the story of the Nativity.



Quentin House is almost ready!

We look forward to January when we will finally be able to move in. It is hard to believe that the builders have been on site since February. We are so pleased with the end result and can't wait to showing everyone around.

At the end of November, we had our unannounced Ofsted Care Inspection. The inspectors were very impressed with the new building and very complimentary about the care that our students receive. We are looking forward to receiving the final report in the New Year.



Christmas is well underway and as usual there is plenty of glitter and tinsel everywhere. We have celebrated Christmas Jumper Day, karaoke Christmas Carols and Party Day as well as a special visit by Santa.

As ever, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support. Hopefully we will be able to welcome visitors again soon.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year

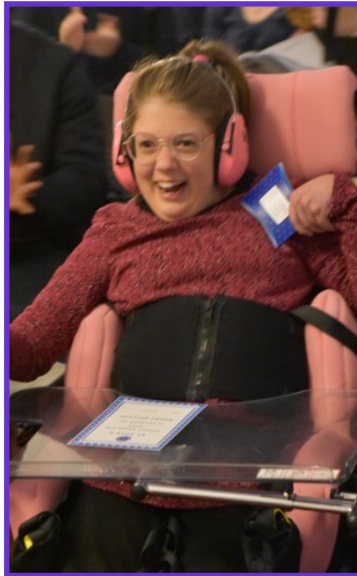


Sheila Talwar,
Principal

AWARDS EVENING - WEDNESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

Our annual Awards ceremony was held on Wednesday 22nd September and hosted by our Principal, Sheila Talwar.

The evening was to celebrate the hard work and wonderful achievements of our students throughout the year.



Thank you to all the students, their families, Governors and members of staff who supported the evening.



FUNDRAISING



Thank you to everyone who supported the Fete on 18th September. We were blessed with beautiful weather and raised over £1000 towards Quentin House.

We are indebted to all our volunteers, who generously give up their time to make our fundraising events happen.

On Saturday 4th December we held our Christmas Fayre. A huge thank you to everyone who helped before and on the day with baking cakes, providing raffle or tombola prizes, selling raffle tickets and manning the stalls and supporting the day by coming along. We raised £1030.

SR1 AND SR5 TRIP ON THE WILLOW BOAT

All aboard The Willow Trust boat.

On 13th October, SR1 and SR5 set off on their first trip together. It was a glorious autumn day and the large Willow Trust Boat was gleaming in the sunshine. We all boarded the boat and after a safety talk we headed off along the canal heading towards Purton. We passed several bridges and waved at dog walkers and other boat users. The resident swans followed alongside the boat and I even saw a kingfisher's flash of blue feathers. All the students and staff had a great time looking out the window, steering the boat on the top deck and sitting outside in the sunshine watching the world go slowly by. We had lunch on the grass at Purton before an equally pleasant return trip.

Lea Anne Ewing



From 11 November 2021, it became law that anyone entering a care home must have had a complete course of an authorised COVID-19 vaccine.

All visitors to St Martin's college will be required to provide proof of their vaccination status, or exemption from vaccination, upon arrival in our reception.

All visitors to St Rose's main school will be required to provide proof of a negative lateral flow test upon arrival at reception.

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

The Sleep Charity, incorporating The Sleep Council, provide advice and support to empower the nation to sleep better.

We campaign to improve sleep support and access to high quality information, raise awareness of the value of a good night's sleep and promote understanding around the complexities of sleep.

Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon in schools

SR5 and SR6 participated in this event to cover 2.6 miles in two weeks. SR6 did theirs around the grounds and SR5 went onto the cycle trail.

Both classes completed their 2.6 miles and received a certificate and pin badge from the organisation.

LeaAnne Ewing

SCOUTS

We have had a busy and fun time since our return in September. Lots of nice things have been done during the meetings including a very relaxing Pamper evening which was suggested and prepared by Gemma, thank you Gemma everyone enjoyed it.

Nicki



**Free accessible Christmas Party, with performers from our DJ Collective
on Tuesday 21st December from 4 - 8pm**



To book please email bookings@themusicworks.org.uk
<https://themusicworks.org.uk/events/dj-collective-christmas-party/>



Thank you to everyone who made donations towards the Stroud and District Foodbank. We were pleased to deliver all the products to them.

Well done to our SR5 teacher LeaAnne who did a sponsored 'Fire Walk' on Saturday 11th October at Stonehouse Court Hotel to raise funds for Allsorts charity.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jo Smith for completing her
Level 3 Diploma in Care

Students will return to School/College on
Thursday 6th January 2022.

Visit from Mairi and Laura from Kõo Põhikool School, Estonia

11th - 22nd October

We had a lovely visit from Mairi and Laura from Kõo Põhikool School, Estonia. All students in Kõo Põhikool School are non verbal. Mairi and Laura were especially interested to learn more about augmentative and alternate communication (AAC). Many of their students have autism and require adapted and highly structured learning environments.

We hope to be able to continue the link with Kõo Põhikool School now they have returned to Estonia.



GO GREEN AND GET IN ST ROSE'S AND HARVEST CELEBRATIONS - THURSDAY 21ST OCTOBER



Lots of wonderful things happened during our Go Green and Get In Event in October. The Harvest Celebration not only gave everyone the information about the Diocesan School Charity 'The Emmaus Project' but also a chance to find out what the classes have been learning about in RE over the Autumn Term. A huge 'thank you' to everyone for the fantastic ideas about how to be more environmentally aware and for the generous donations everyone sent in, we raised £175.

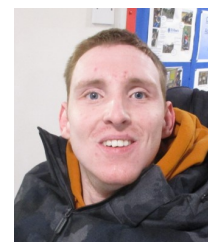
Cheri Baxter-Steele



REMINDER

St Martin's are still collecting used postage stamps to raise money for Support Dogs. Please could we have your used Christmas stamps.

Thomas C



MASS AT ST ROSE'S DURING THE AUTUMN TERM

Father Gary Brassington has been able to come and celebrate Mass with us twice over the Autumn Term. On International Peace day 21st September the weather was beautiful and it was possible for the groups in St Rose's and St Martin's to come together in the garden to celebrate Mass for the new academic year. Students chose the Hymns for the Mass and used their communication aids to deliver prayers and participate in the Mass.



There was also a lovely Mass in the Chapel on November 16th where our catholic students were invited to join Father Gary and we celebrated the Feast day of St Edmund of Abingdon. I feel very blessed that we have been able to do this and hope it is the beginning of us all being able to celebrate together again soon. Wishing everyone a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Cheri Baxter-Steele



SR5 TRIP TO CHELTENHAM ICE SKATING

SR5 enjoyed their ice skating trip, a great start to the Christmas build up. Josh wanted to go faster and faster and Freddie loved watching Jamie trying to skate for the first time. We also went to see the festive trees in the church and braved storm Barra on the way home.

LeaAnne Ewing



CHILDREN IN NEED - 19TH NOVEMBER



The students had so much fun and raised £103.80 from donations. SR2 had a wonderful time having a go at Chloe's 'Children in Need' obstacle course. The course involved lots of balancing, crawling, stretching, bouncing and relaxing and we all needed a rest afterwards! It's hard to say which team won...but everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you Chloe for organising this.

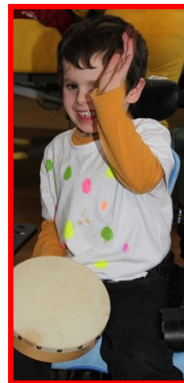
Karen Childs



Drumming for Children In Need

LeaAnne led a wonderful drumming workshop as part of our Children In Need celebrations this term. The students all enjoyed having a go and enjoyed the event (so much so, we're thinking of making it a regular golden time activity!) Well done to everyone who took part.

Karen Childs



SR2 Ice skating, Cheltenham

SR2 took to the ice last week! They had a wonderful time...determined Charlie managed to stand on the ice with single blades on his boots, Khadija balanced using the skating penguin, Wilfrid and Eva loved racing each other and Lucas would have stayed all day if he could! I am very proud of everyone in SR2, staff included – the day was a day full of smiles!

Karen Childs



THERE'S STILL TIME TO NOMINATE ST ROSE'S



£1,000 could make a big difference to the work we do with children and young people. That's why we'd be really grateful if you could nominate us in Ecclesiastical's 12 days of giving. Your nomination could be the one that wins us £1,000.

Open to eligible charities in the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, Ecclesiastical will be donating a total of £120,000 to 120 charities over 12 days in December and we'd love to be one of them. With work on our new residential facility, Quentin House, nearly complete, we now urgently need to fundraise for our new sensory garden...If we did win, we'd be able to start work even sooner.

It's quick and easy to nominate us. Just visit [12 Days - Movement for good – Nominate a charity to receive £1000 from Ecclesiastical](https://12days-movementforgood.com), click 'nominate now' and enter our details, Friends of St Rose's, Charity Number 1190368. Nominations are open now, closing at midnight the day before each draw. Charities not drawn will be carried over to the next draw, and draws will take place each weekday from 6 December to 21 December 2021.

The more nominations we get, the greater our chance of winning, so please spread the word to your friends and family.

Thank you in advance for your time and support.

The Cheltenham Ice Skating Rink is NOW OPEN!

Running from Thursday 18 November to Sunday 2 January, the rink will be set in Imperial Gardens in the heart of Regency Cheltenham - reflecting the town's historic Winter Gardens and ice rink that once occupied a site here. The modern-day version, delivered by leading ice rink operator 11th Hour, will be covered, making it Gloucestershire's only all-weather ice rink.



<https://www.visitcheltenham.com/whats-on/christmas-events>

The NHS is currently refitting the Minor Injuries and Illness Unit (MIIU) at Stroud General Hospital. The unit is still open, but only for people with a booked appointment. It is not open for people to walk in without a booking. If a visit is required, you can book by calling the unit on 0300 421 7777 or by calling NHS 111. The unit is located in Stroud Community Clinic opposite the main hospital building, 9am to 4.30pm. Other MIIUs – including at Vale Hospital in Dursley – are available. See www.ghc.nhs.uk for details. The work at Stroud Hospital MIIU is due to be completed in early 2022.

Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust
T: 0300 421 7141 | M: 07972 048743

SMA Group visited the stunning Christmas Tree Festival at St Laurence Church in Stroud on 7th December.

Rachel Gale



Our Carol Service was held at The Church of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday 14th December.



Safeguarding Team



Sheila Talwar
Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead – Adults
St Rose's Prevent Lead



Jean Bankhead
Vice Principal
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
– Adults



Julie Dyer
Safeguarding Governor



Lisa Taylor
Nursery Manager
Designated Safeguarding Lead -
Children and Young People



Jo Pearch
Lead Nurse
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead -
Children and Young People
St Rose's Operation Encompass Lead



Elaine Fernandez - Gutierrez
Lead TA
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Children and Young People



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		
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Sun	5	12	19	26	Sun	2	9	16	23	30	Sun	6	13	20	27	
MARCH 2022					APRIL 2022					MAY 2022						
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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