



St Giles School News JULY 2017

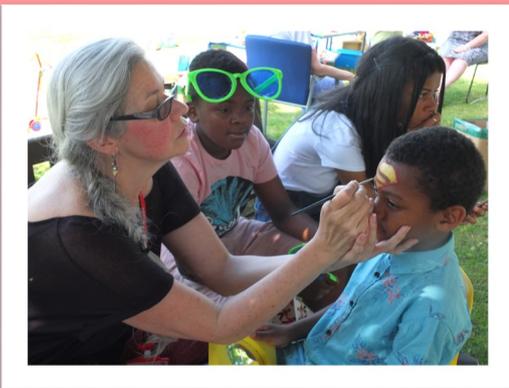
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Fantastic Fun Day—Saturday 17th June 2017

Thank you to all parents, carers and staff who came along to our Fun Day. It was a very hot day but there was a fantastic turnout. We have raised in the region of £2500 which will be used to buy equipment for the children and to pay for various trips. A special thanks to the following parents who gave up their time to help with the Chat & Wrap Days and also manned stalls. Mrs Jane Stevens; Mrs Gayle Griffin; & Mrs Karen Skeets as well as Mike England who raised so much money at the main gate. We would also like to thank all the companies that donated goods towards the event: **Rodda's Clotted Cream, Tiptree Jam, Waitrose, Tesco's Online, Marks & Spencer & Kanoo Foreign Exchange.**



Staff Leavers

I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to the following members of staff who are leaving at the end of this term, Febs Kurum (Green Class), Gemma Blundell (Red Class) and Clare Rowley (CR) are all leaving for pastures new. Jeanette Papanastasiou (Pink Class) and Sue Byrne are both retiring and Donna Hess (Admin team) who is leaving to fulfill her travel dreams. We wish them all every success in the future.

Ginny Marshall

LOOKING AHEAD—Dates for the Diary

July

- Wed 5th:** Parents' Evening (4-7pm)
- Fri 7th:** Prom
- Thurs 13th:** Secondary Show (1.45pm)
- Fri 14th:** Secondary Show (7pm)
- Fri 21st:** Leaver's Assembly (10.30-11.30)
Disco (14.00-15.00)
Term ends (3.30pm finish)





St Giles Panathlon Team

Thursday 15th June saw Team Croydon competing in the London Champions Panathlon final at The Copper Box, Olympic Park. The Team, comprising of students from Priory, Riddlesdown and St Giles' School, fought off ever increasing tough competition and finished the day with 3rd place out of an initial 32 London boroughs.

We are incredibly proud of the St Giles' Team, Jamie Brown (team captain) Glory Nnama, Esther Ajayi, Abdul Khan and Kaymar Lamont Brown. Well done all!

Athletes Oath

Each year a specially chosen competitor is given the honour of reading the Athletes Oath before the Panathlon final at the Copper Box Arena, Olympic Park. We are delighted to announce that St Giles' student Jamie Brown (winner of the 2016 Hassan Ahmed Sporting Achievement Award) was selected this year for his sporting achievements and leadership. Jamie has been competing in Panathlons for several years, excelling at the wheelchair races and boccia, and despite not being able to take part in some of the events, he will always cheer and encourage his team-mates. "That's why he's our captain," says Fiona Bell. "He has a positive attitude with all the other children, always telling them 'well done'. He's quite an inspirational character."



Free summer swimming for under-16s is available at all of Croydon Council's leisure centres for the six weeks of the summer holiday. Monday 24th of July 2017- Monday 4th of September 2017

As well as free swimming there will be crash courses for those new to the water, and centres will offer a range of fun and fitness activities, including inflatable sessions in the pools, junior gyms, trampolining and water polo. Regular football and basketball sessions are also on offer. Membership cards for the free swims are available from the centres at South Norwood, New Addington, Waddon, Thornton Heath, and Purley. To be eligible, people must either be resident in the borough or attend school here. Parents or guardians need to complete the form and pay a small one-off £2 fee, after which members can swim for free as many times as they like. The council's centres welcome first-timers as well as those who already make regular use of the facilities.

Year 10 Work Experience

The first two weeks after half term our Year 10's were busy experiencing work. Antonia, Omolara and Sabrina visited the Wyevale Garden Centre and Mayfield Lavender gardens to experience the work of a sensory gardener.

During this time, the girls completed work related unit awards and created their own mini enterprise. They sold lavender and plant goods on Friday 16th June; all goods sold out within the hour and they raised £84.15, which has since been used to purchase bay trees for the school prom.

