



St Giles School News

April 2019

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Specialist School for Physical and Sensory

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What a busy term!

Have a great Easter break. See you back at School on Tuesday 23rd April.

Virginia Marshall—Head Teacher



Easter Eggs

A **huge** thank you to Creative Benefits for donating Easter eggs to the school. We had a lot of fun walking around the school with the Easter Bunny to deliver them to all the children.

Thanks to AFPA Board

AFPA recently came in to school to present a cheque for £25,000 to the school and the Chair of Governors. Lisa Negus and Joni Campbell attended a AFPA fundraising day last year in which £11,000 was raised. We were delighted to be contacted by an ex-pupil Peter McDonnell, a member of the AFPA Trust, who organised various events, and asked for donations to be made to St Giles instead of gifts for his 60th Birthday.



LOOKING AHEAD—Dates for the Diary

April 2019

Mon 8th April—Mon 22 Apr—Easter Holidays

Tues 23rd Term starts

MAY 2019

Mon 6th Bank Holiday (*school closed for pupils*)

Fri 10th Mufti Day- Childrens Gifts

Fri 24th Mufti Day—Bottles

Thu 23rd Open Morning

Mon 27th May—Fri 31st May—Half Term

June 2018

Thu 12th

Fri 14th

Sat 15th

Thu 20th

Mon 24th

Fri 28th

Panathlon Final

Mufti Day Cakes & Sweets

Fun Day

Sports, barbecue and chill
(*Parents invited to attend*)

Inset day (*school closed for pupils*)

Prom (Key stage 4 & 5)

2nd London Youth Games

Our Boccia team consisting of Abdul, Sana, Daniel and Esther once again took part in the 2nd London Youth Games Boccia Tournament competing against 32 Boroughs.

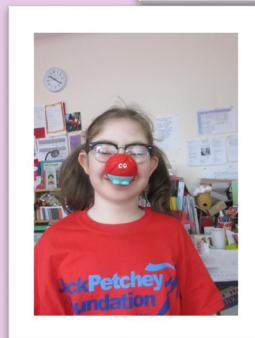
Our students showed skill and good tactical awareness, which earned them an outstanding 2nd place in a very competitive tournament.



St Giles Comic Relief

Red motifs and outfits were welcomed in school on 15th March in aid of Comic Relief's annual Red Nose Day. All the staff and pupils had lots of fun enjoying various activities and we raised £123.62.

Thank you for your donations.



World Book Day

A brilliant effort from everyone and thank-you so much for all the efforts made! We raised £125.54 for 'Book Aid International' and thanks again for all those that contributed both cakes and books for our 'Cake and Book Sale' which proved very popular. We are VERY fortunate to have Staff that love dressing up and sharing stories, so 'World Book Day' is always very exciting at St Giles, but I am conscious (as a parent myself) that it is not always the most popular event at home, so a HUGE thank-you to all our very supportive pupils and their families.



Fun Day—Saturday 15th June 2019 (12-3pm)

We are aiming to make this Fun Day a very special event with lots of activities such as games and crafts. There will be the usual Tombola and our delicious barbecue. Raffle tickets will be sent out shortly and extra tickets will be available from the School reception, with lots of exciting prizes to be won!

We are trying to raise money for sensory lighting and audio equipment for the hall. All money from the Fun Day will go towards this. We cannot make it a success without lots of help, so if any parents/grandparents/carers would like to help run a stall, bake cakes etc. please let the school office know.

MUFTI DAYS

Fri 26th April:	Adult gifts
Fri 10th May:	Children's gifts
Fri 24th May:	Bottles
Fri 14th June:	Cakes



CHAT & WRAP MORNINGS

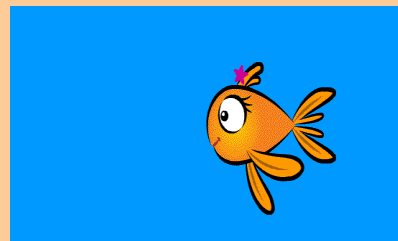
2nd May:	Chat & Wrap
16th May:	Chat & Wrap
6th June:	Chat & Wrap
13th June:	Chat & Wrap

(10.30am-12pm)

FREE SWIMMING FOR CHILDREN WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

Level Water in partnership with Better is offering free swimming lessons for children with physical disabilities. The funding is available for children:

- Aged 4 to 11
- With a physical, hearing or visual disability
- Without a major behavioural, social or learning difficulty
- Who cannot swim ten metres



Swimming is a great sport for all children, but it can be ineffective or unsafe for children with disabilities to learn in mainstream groups. Level Water funds small group and one-to-one lessons until they are ready to join a group lesson or competitive club.

As part of the partnership all our teachers have received specialist disability training. We will then deliver the lessons as normal, but Level Water will cover the cost until your child is ready to move on.

Next Steps:

- 1.Email contact@levelwater.org with your child's home postcode, age and disability.
- 2.Level Water will send you a full application form to complete.

If they can provide funding, our staff from Thornton Heath will contact you directly to book your lessons.

St Giles Boccia Team

On Wednesday 3th April 2019, our school Boccia team competed at the Copper Box at the Olympic Park.

The Lord Tavener Finals brought the best London teams together to compete for a place in the national finals. After tough competition, the St Giles Boccia team came 3rd. Well done Team St Giles.



Early Years

Early Years classes had a Goldilocks themed learning experience in their classrooms.

There was a birthday party at the Three Bears House with games like musical statues and pass the parcel.

There were breakfast zones where the children could make toast, mix porridge and play with tea sets. Everyone enjoyed dressing up and socialising with friends. We also had a visit from the Hob Goblins Theatre Company who performed Goldilocks for us. It was great fun.



Primary Class go Bowling

On Thursday 28th March, the whole of Primary went on a trip to ten pin bowling in Croydon. All of the children had a chance to bowl a ball using a ramp. Some children even got strikes! We really enjoyed watching the balls roll down the alley, listening to music and watching the lights. Some of us got to walk around the arcade too. The whole of Primary had lots of fun!



Green Class at Croydon Schools Music Association Concert

On Monday 1st April, Green class went to perform at Trinity school as part of a Croydon Schools Music Association concert. We had been practising for months but now it was show time! We all wore coloured shirts and sang songs from the movies. Our favourite was 'Eye of the Tiger'. The audience loved it so much, we had to do an encore! We all sang and danced the night away! We can't wait to do it all again next year.

Secondary

On Friday 29th March Secondary hosted a WOW event for family and friends. The morning started with a Special Assembly to celebrate the wonderful work the students have been doing throughout the term linked to the topic "The World of Work". We watched a video of the Hawking and Christy class dances they created in PE and then had the pleasure of listening to Abdul and friends singing a song he had written about bullying. Finally, we all joined in with the song "9 to 5" using movement, our voices and musical instruments. The Governors then received a special cheque presentation for our school.

Next, family and friends went to Christy Class Café where they could enjoy coffee, cake and a chat. It was lovely to see so many parents attend and be able to chat in an informal way. The final part of the WOW was for our visitors to attend class activities with their children and get a general insight into life at St Giles. The feedback from the morning has been excellent and many parents have requested another similar event. A huge thank you must go to all the families and friends who attended to make the WOW very special.

