



## St Giles School News JULY 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,  
After 7½ years at St Giles, it is time for me to retire. I've really enjoyed watching all the children grow and develop, reaching their goals and moving on to life beyond St Giles.

The school has changed enormously over this time with lots of building work to adapt the classrooms to meet the needs of the current children; changes to curriculum and assessment; and the introduction of new events like the Prom and the Primary Show.

But the work in school is never finished and I know that the new headteacher Kathy Lewis will continue to develop the provision to ensure that your child is supported to **'Be the Best They Can Be'**.

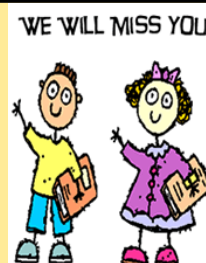
Thank you for all your support for the school, and for me, over the years.

Happy holidays,

**Ginny Marshall**

### Staff and Pupil Leavers

Goodbye and best wishes to our staff leavers: Jon (Gold class) Paul (Wonder Class) and Sue (Christy Class). Our pupil leavers: Adam, Abdul, Sana, Daniel, Clara, Hashim, Dominic, Raj and Alberta. Good luck in your new schools and colleges.



Unfortunately **Saturday Club** will be closing at the end of term. Thank you to Farah and her team for all their hard work over the years. The club will continue to run at Rutherford school.

### Fantastic Fun Day Saturday 15th June 2019

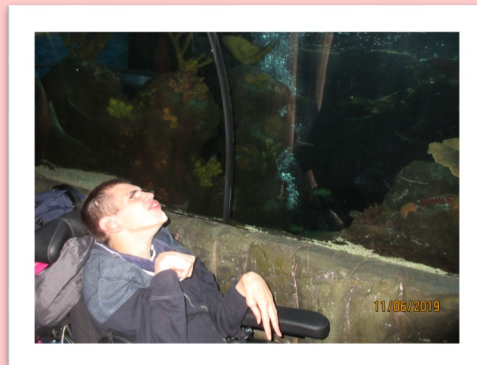
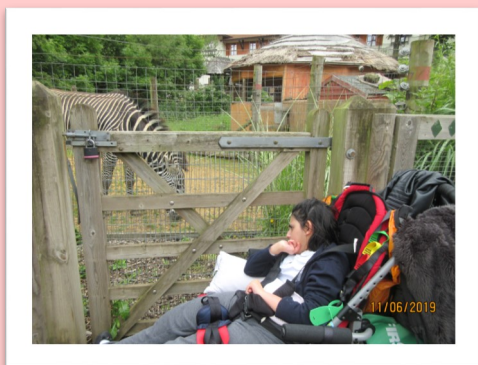
huge thank you to all our parents, carers and staff who came along to our annual Fun Day; and to all those who helped on the day, made cakes and donated gifts. A special thank you to Joni Campbell who organised it so well. I am sure you will all agree it was a huge success, not only did the children have a great time - but the staff did too and so far we have raised £3000 for the school!

We would also like to thank all the companies that donated goods towards the event: Geneva and her team from **Tesco's** and Paige and her team from **Creative Benefits**, and for the continued support at our Chat & Wrap days to Karen Skeets, Jane Stevens and Gayle Griffin.



## Keller Class Trip to Chessington

This month Keller and Wonder Class were lucky enough to visit Chessington World of Adventures. The students experienced various sensory activities whilst visiting different animals. In addition to this they also watched an exciting Sea Lion show. A fabulous time was had by all!



## London Panathlon Finals

Congratulations to our Panathlon team who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the London Finals held at The Copper Box.

This was the culmination of our Panathlon campaign which started in October.

We are very proud of Daniel, Sana, Esther, Jessica and Abdul who did so well.



## Wellbeing and Sports Day

Our Wellbeing and Sports Day on Thursday was a huge success. There were many activities to suit everyone and it was fantastic to see so many parents and siblings joining in the fun.



## Den Day

Den Day is in aid of Save the Children who use the money raised to help support children who live on the streets. Den Day at St Giles was a great success and the children enjoyed exploring different tents and dens. We raised £76. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.





## Prom 2019

WOW what a night!

The hall was transformed into a beautiful venue and everyone looked amazing. The evening started with a walk down the red carpet, followed by photos, dancing, a live band, food and drinks. What a magical evening. A big thank you to staff and parents for your continued support!



## Year 10 Work Experience 2019

Over the last few weeks 5 Year 10 students have been involved in work experience.

Kevin our resident rapper was in his element when he visited Radio Lollipop at the Evelina Hospital. He introduced songs live on the radio and talked about his experiences in hospital. Kevin also visited Epsom Hospital radio station where his very own rap was played over the airways, he also helped out in Music lessons in school.

Esther and Abdul both went to Croydon Council Gateway Department, where their timetable was varied and full, working with the welfare rights team, financial assessment admin team and having a mock interview. Abdul and Esther also ran a team building Boccia session for council staff at the end of their two weeks.

Dominic has been very busy in Dominic's Tuck Shop - he made shortbread, coconut ice and lots of other lovely things to sell. To date he has made £28.82. James has also been very busy. He has been a gardener, made pot pourri bags with lavender and grown mustard and cress, all of which he has been selling in school. ***Well done Esther, Abdul, James, Dominic and Kevin!***



## Early years trip to Hobbledown Farm

The Early Years Department had a fantastic day at Hobbledown Farm seeing all the animals. Thank you to the parents who came with Yellow and Pink classes on the Wednesday trip. On the Thursday trip, Blue and Orange classes had a great time too!







## Green Class Sleepover

Green class had a fabulous day doing adventurous activities at High Ashurst, followed by a campfire with Mrs Marshall, tea and a sleepover in school. Thanks to all the staff who helped out.



## Secondary performance

What an amazing performance, with singing, dancing and great acting. Well done to all the pupils and staff who took part.



## Kidz Out

Early in June, Rotarians Trevor Goodchild and Eddie McGrath from Purley Rotary Club went with Red class to visit Chessington Zoo. As in previous years this was an outing paid for by the club and generally coincides with many such outings at 130 different attractions across the UK, run nationally in conjunction with Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, under their 'Kidz Out' scheme. On this occasion the children all came face to face with gorillas, watched the antics of the penguins in their pool and most were able to have rides on a carousel, and all that before lunch!



## Purple Class Whitgift School Trip

On Thursday 11th July Purple class went on a trip to Whitgift School. We had a great time looking at the flamingos, wallabies, fish and the beautiful peacocks.

We went on a tour around the school grounds, found some lovely flowers and even spotted a giant maze in the gardens!

We enjoyed sitting around the fish pond whilst some of the class had a drink and a snack.

Purple class had a great time and can't wait to visit Whitgift School again.