



St Giles School News

June 2019

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Specialist School for Physical and Sensory

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

Our Summer Fun Day will take place on Saturday 15th June. We are aiming to make this Fun Day a very special event. We have lots of different attractions including craft stalls, games, tombola, food and drink as well as visits from the fire brigade and police. **We really need help from parents & carers. If you can help out on the day please contact the school office on 0208 680 2141.**

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is taking place on Tuesday 2nd July. Please book the date in your diaries. From 4-6pm we will be showcasing free computer activities you can do at home with your child and also demonstrating our eyegaze equipment. The kitchen will also be providing tasters from the school menu.



Secondary WOW Event (and Green came too!)

'Infinite Jest' Theatre group visited us again on Monday 20th May for the morning. In the past we have watched accessible Shakespeare with puppets, music and lots of audience participation. For this visit, we had three workshops, working with different pupil groups and a variety of activities. The groups were based around 'Puppetry,' 'Physical Theatre' and 'Masks.' We are hoping to use some of our new skills in the Summer Show this year...so watch this space for further details. It was great to work with Henry and Fiona again and we look forward to seeing them again next year; either with workshops or some more Shakespeare!



Borough Athletics — Congratulations to our Athletics Team who took part in Borough Athletics on May 10th. Students took part in Wheelchair Slalom, Sixty Metre races, Shot Put, Javelin and Height Bean Bag. All students came away with medals.

LOOKING AHEAD—Dates for the Diary

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Mon 3rd	Return to School
Fri 14th	Mufti Day (Cakes)
Sat 15th	Fun Day (12-3pm)
Thu 20th	Sports, barbecue and chill (Parents invited to attend)
Fri 21st	Music Carnival
Mon 24th	INSET—school closed for pupils
Fri 28th	Early Years Garden Party/Prom

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Tues 2nd	Parents' Evening
10th & 11th	Secondary Show
Mon 22nd	Mrs Marshall's leaving Assembly
Tue 23rd	Leavers Assembly Last day of term (3.30 finish)

Croydon Disability Register and Access Card

Croydon Council have partnered with Nimbus Disability to offer a discount card to all children and young people on our disability register. The card is free and is part of a national Access Card scheme, giving benefits and discounts to facilities and activities across the country.

About the Access Card

Croydon has bought into the National Access Card Scheme for children and young people with disabilities. If you register with Croydon's disability register it will be free.

The Access Card is widely accepted as proof of a disabled person's needs, and provides access to concessions such as free companion passes and tickets. The card has symbols which confirm a person's needs, to inform providers quickly and discreetly about the support that may be required.

Visit www.accesscard.org.uk/find-a-credible-provider/ to see all the organisations which offer benefits to Access Card holders. Many organisations not listed still provide benefits, so keep your card with you just in case.

We have sent parents/carers a text message with the link so you can look at the scheme and decide if you want to register your child and get access to the free card.

Gatwick is the first UK airport to open passenger sensory room

Gatwick Airport has recently opened a sensory room in an attempt to help calm passengers who feel overwhelmed in busy and unfamiliar airport surroundings.

The new space sits in the North Terminal and is designed specifically for people with autism, dementia, cognitive impairment or other special needs.

What is it?

Passengers using the room have the opportunity to manipulate the lighting to create a range of different looks and feels for the room. You can transform the space into a calming and relaxing environment or a stimulating interactive space full of light and sound with just the flick of a switch. The room also comes equipped with a 'chill-out zone' filled with floor cushions, bean bags and digital display panels, which generate colourful visual wall features. The area has capacity to seat up to 90 people, providing plenty of opportunities for passengers to experience the premium lounge feel pre-flight, without being surrounded by too many people.

The facilities also come with a separate 'interactive zone' which looks to stimulate the senses using a great range of tactile panels, textures and a game to improve memory, motor skills and encourage learning. The room is free to all passengers departing from the airport, **with 45 minute sessions available to book from the assistance desk found after security.**



Sun Cream

Please make sure that you have applied sun lotion to your child before coming into school if the weather is hot. We also ask that you send in a named bottle of sun cream for your child, so that we can apply it when necessary and sign the permission slip that was sent home recently in order for us to apply sun cream to your child. Can you also send in a sun hat for your child to wear when they are outside.

