



St Giles School News February 2020

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Specialist School for Physical and Sensory

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Dear Parents & Carers

Happy New Year! Pupils and staff are enjoying our new topic themes and working hard. The Lower School's theme this term is 'Pets & Animals' and 'Under the Sea'. Middle School are learning about 'Dinosaurs' and the Upper School are travelling back in time 'Through the Decades'. If you would like to know more about planned activities, please have a look at the Curriculum/Departments section on our website.

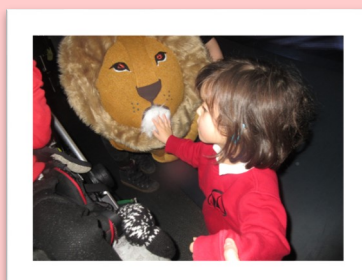
This term our Middle School pupils are preparing for the Croydon Music and Arts Education Concert. Upper School pupils will be taking part in the Panathlon and Hawking Class have recently enjoyed a visit from the Croydon Talk Bus. Wonder Class are working with pupils from Harris Academy Purley on a creative project involving their music and art departments.

Our School Council will be organising a Pyjama day and disco on Thursday 13th February. They will be using the event to raise money for the Mayor's charity and also for school funds. The school will be closed to pupils on the following day (Friday 14th February) while staff do training that will cover safe use of equipment, moving and handling and also focus on reading.

Many thanks to those of you who have completed our Parent Survey. Do let us know if you need another copy of the survey. Your views are important to us and will help us to further develop our school. We would welcome any help with activities and the tea tent during our Victory in Europe Day next term (Thursday 7th May). We hope you will be able to join us on the day for fun filled activities and cake.

Kathy Lewis, Headteacher

Peoplescape Theatre: At the end of last term, Orange and Red Classes completed an exciting project with Peoplescape Theatre Company and The Museum of London. Students worked with the theatre completing a series of workshops which enabled Peoplescape to put on an interactive performance at the museum. A fun time was had by all!



LOOKING AHEAD—Dates for the Diary

February 2020

Tue 4th:

Panathlon

Thu 13th:

Pyjama day & disco for school & Mayor's charity

Fri 14th:

Inset Day — No school for pupils

Mon 17th-Fri 21st: Half Term

Mon 24th:

Term begins

Fri 28th:

Middle School WOW event

March 2020

Wed 4th:

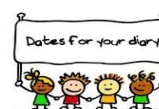
Upper School WOW event

Thu 5th:

World Book Day

Fri 13th:

Sports Relief/Dance event





Primary have been doing lots of outdoor learning this term. They have made dinosaur fossils and bones from clay and are currently making a giant dinosaur nest.

Last year Ivy (Class TA) and the pupils in Green Class started making compost which is now ready to use in our gardens.

Secondary Creative curriculum topic is: 'Through the decades'

Kahlo class held a 1950s Tea Party for which staff and children dressed up. They all looked fabulous.

They also investigated the most popular toys of the era, and discovered that Mr Potato Head was one of these.



Our Early Years topic this term is 'Pets and Animals':

Various classes have been investigating nocturnal animals and are also enjoying reading the book 'Lost and Found' in their communication groups which features a lost penguin.



**Carers
Information
Service**

Carers Information Service: Friday 7 February, 12:00 - 1:00pm: Look after your health and wellbeing with this six week **Tai Chi** **taster course**. Please let them if you have any health conditions when you book. **Booking is essential.** To book, call 020 8663 5674 or email enquiries@carersinfo.org.uk

Go Wild With Us UK

Family Forest Fun, Tuesday, February 18th from 11am-1pm

Join the Fab Family Forest Fun sessions this half term! Come with your family and take part in seasonal woodland crafts, camp fire cooking, exploring, games and storytelling.

Prices £6 per child (unwaged) / £8 per child (waged) / £10 per child (generosity).

Up to 2 accompanying parents and under 2s free.

Please contact Suzy Strudwick for further information or to book a place:

Tel: 07729769663: Email: gowildcroydon@gmail.com: www: gowildwithusuk.com

Absences: Our attendance officer has advised us that parents must always send in a written note to the school when their child has been away. Please continue to phone the office **by 9am** on a daily basis if your child is unwell (Tel: 0208 680 2141) and when your child returns to school, please write a note in the home school book. If your child has a Medical or Dental appointment please let us know via the home school book and send in a copy of the appointment letter if you have one.