



## St Giles School News

### June 2022

**'Be the best you can be'**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have exciting events to recall and some still to look forward to during this half term. The Summer Fayre was a wonderful opportunity to see old and new friends and celebrate the opening of the Nursery. We also welcomed Serena's family who unveiled a beautiful plaque in her memory. Thank you so much for your generous support. It was a truly memorable event.

This week we are hosting visits from Lower School parents to our Wow event and Upper School parents to share our virtual Summer Performance with your child. We will also be hosting Neil Garratt, the representative for Croydon and Sutton on the London Assembly. He is looking forward to meeting you and your children and to finding out more about St Giles.

Later in July we have a visit to the new SeeAbility clinic based at our school from Chris Philp, MP for Croydon South. We have received very positive feedback about this new service from parents and class teams. One of the last events of the year will be the School Prom for our leavers. This year we will be saying goodbye to four Year 11 learners, one Year 12 learner and three Year 14s. We wish them all well for the future and look forward to welcoming them back soon to Old Scholars events.

Sadly, we also be saying goodbye to Deborah Richards, Lower School Department Leader. Deborah is moving on to take up a post at another Special School. She has been at St Giles since 2011 and has worked incredibly hard to nurture learners, lead our Lower School staff team and develop an exciting curriculum offer for Lower School learners. She will be very much missed and we wish her well in her next post and thank her for her dedication and support.

We look forward to meeting with you next week in school, virtually or on the phone at Parents' Evening to discuss your child's progress this year. If you haven't already completed a St Giles Parents' Survey, we would be very grateful if you could complete one when you visit. We really value your feedback as it helps us to further develop, improve and be the best that we can be!

Wishing you all the best,

**Kathy Lewis**

**LOOKING AHEAD—Dates for the Diary**    Fri 22nd    Last day of term (3.30 finish)

#### June 2022

Wed 29th    Kahlo & Dalzell T shows in their classes

**Summer holidays: Mon 25th July—Fri 2nd Sep**  
School begins Monday 5th September

#### July 2022

Fri 1st    Wonder & Keller shows in their classes

Wed 6th    Parents evening

Fri 15th    Prom

**Croydon Council's Disability Youth Project** runs a series of summer schemes for young people with SEN, autism and additional needs between the ages of 8-25 years old. Schemes are based at Waddon Youth Centre, 85 Waddon Way, Croydon, CR0 4HY.

For further details of all summer schemes please contact:  
Paul.funnell@croydon.gov.uk or 07990790183

**CROYDON**  
www.croydon.gov.uk

## Children's Centres

You can find the list of children's centres on Croydon Council's Best Start website (external link). The centres offer a range of fun activities, such as messy play, storytelling, singing and music that you and your children can enjoy together. Some children's centres run 'stay and play' sessions which are just for children with special needs.

## Streatham Ice and Leisure Centre: Ice skating

Streatham ice rink offers a Wheelchair friendly, quiet skate session with Skate Marshalls

**Telephone:** 020 8677 5758 / **Website:** <https://www.better.org.uk/.../streatham-ice-and-leisure-centre>

## Youth Disability Service – Programmed Activities

These sports courses are for children and young people aged 5 to 25, with disabilities and additional needs. Activities include: street dance indoor football swimming inclusive football badminton table tennis.

Please see website for more details:

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/.../inclusive-sports-programme>

## Cerebra

Cerebra charity are dedicated to helping families with children with brain conditions discover a better life together.



### Services

They offer a range of free services that enrich the lives of children with brain conditions and support their families and carers.

#### Sleep Advice Service

Their dedicated Sleep Advice Service is here to help. Alongside their guide, they also offer one-to-one telephone support. If you have a question or query about their service, please email them at [sleep@cerebra.org.uk](mailto:sleep@cerebra.org.uk).

#### Toy Library

Their toy library has a variety of sensory toys for all sorts of different needs. Their service is free and easy to use. You can borrow one item at a time for 28 days. They are delivered and collected by courier, which they arrange for you.

#### Library

Their specialist postal library contains a wide range of books for both adults and children and a selection of toys specially chosen for children with brain conditions. Their service is free for anyone in the UK caring for a child with a brain condition and is easy to use.

For more information contact: <https://cerebra.org.uk/get-advice-support/library/join-the-library/>

## Summer Fayre



The Mayor of Croydon officially opened our Nursery.



The Fireboys band led by James in Christy Class were very entertaining



A visit from Croydon fire service



## Platinum Jubilee

The Queen (Jenny in Dalzell Class) visited St Giles to celebrate The Platinum Jubilee. Lots of classes had parties, dressed up and had lots of fun celebrating.



## Inclusive Ensembles Saturdays from 10:00am

**Inclusive Ensembles** are part of Croydon Young Musicians' Saturday centre. They are for disabled and neuro diverse young people, and they also welcome all others. The groups create their own music using a variety of percussion, voices and technology. The styles are eclectic, varying from pop songs to atmospheric soundscapes. Members interests and aspirations are used to develop musical skills alongside confidence, teamwork, social awareness and much more.

[www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/inclusivity](http://www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/inclusivity)

Please feel welcome to them for more information:

Croydon Music & Arts  
Oasis Academy Shirley Park  
Shirley Road  
Croydon  
CR9 7AL

[musicandarts.education@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:musicandarts.education@croydon.gov.uk)

# GO WILD WITH US UK©

Go Wild With Us have lots of events going on but the current site that they are using is not accessible for wheelchair users. It would be suitable for children who are more physically mobile but a carer would be needed to accompany the child. It is recommended that you contact Suzy Strudwick on 07729769663 to speak to her about how best they can support your child. They also have three family days and a family camp. Some of their events are listed below:

**Tue, Jul 26, 10:30 AM - Bee Keeping**

**Fri, Jul 29, 1:00 PM - Family Camp 2022**

**Tue, Aug 2, 10:30 AM - Little Wild Things Family Fun - Grangewood Park**

**Wed, Aug 3, 1:00 PM - Wild Families - Wild Crafts**

**Thu, Aug 25, 10:30 AM - Little Wild Things Family Fun - Littleheath Wood**

**Please see their website for further information:**

[www.gowildwithusuk.com](http://www.gowildwithusuk.com)

