

# St Paul's CE Primary School – Newsletter February 2023

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# Update from Miss Lee...

The seven weeks of this half term have flown by, but as you all know have been incredibly busy with children experiencing a broad, balanced and creative curriculum. Looking over the images below and the time I spend in the classrooms and around school I am always so proud when we reflect on the term and the achievements of our pupils, staff and community.

We have been really grateful for the support and understanding parents have given regarding the safety for all on St Paul's Road, we will continue to monitor the cars and parking in the up and coming terms. I would like to send a huge thank you to everyone for your contributions to the relief effort in Syria, we will update you with a final total very soon.

Have a wonderful break, Miss Lee

**Open Mornings** – we are happy to announce that after the holiday the school gates will be open every Friday morning at 8.40 for family members/carers to come into the classrooms and look over work and read with your child. This is a time where teachers are setting up for the day so unfortunately they don't get to talk with you about your child's learning, however if you ever need to discuss anything relating to your child please contact the office and they will make an appointment for you.

#### St Paul's Gate

Over the last term, where possible, two members of our leadership team have been meeting families at our school gate. We made this decision for a number of reasons:

- To welcome children each day with a smile and encourage communication with all staff
- To be available for parents to ask questions and share information that can be passed on to class teachers
- To safeguard any children leaving the school playground unaccompanied
- To guide children to the reception if they arrive after the bell
- To support any children feeling upset and unconfident when coming into school

## **Dates for Your Diary**

- School closed for Half term on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February and re-opens on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 8.55am.
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March World Book Day More information has been sent via email. •
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March KS1 Australia Wow Day Information to follow.
- Wednesday 8th March Year 6 SATs Meeting Invitations have been sent via email. •
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March EY's Parent Workshop 9.00am Information to follow.
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March and re-opens on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April (Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April is a teacher training day).



## **Rights Respecting**

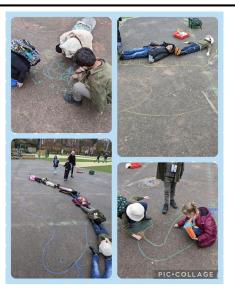
UNICEF's Outright Campaign for 2022/2023 is focusing on children's right to the best possible health, all around the world. With this in mind, this week the Rights Rangers have been creating posters to explain to our pupils all about what a health care system is. You may spot some of these posters around school.

#### Story for Syria Day

Our school community has been devastated by the tragic events that occurred this week in Syria and Turkey. The children voiced that they would like to raise some money to help the children in Syria who are facing unimaginable destruction and a loss of their rights.

We are amazed at your generosity on the 'Story for Syria' day. Our funds raised will go UNICEF who are working as first responders in the area, update of final totals to be shared soon!







Mrs Talbot's class had a great R Factor as explorers. They had lots of fun learning about the Arctic and even had a hot chocolate in the staff room to warm up!

# Basketball Tournament at Levenshulme High School

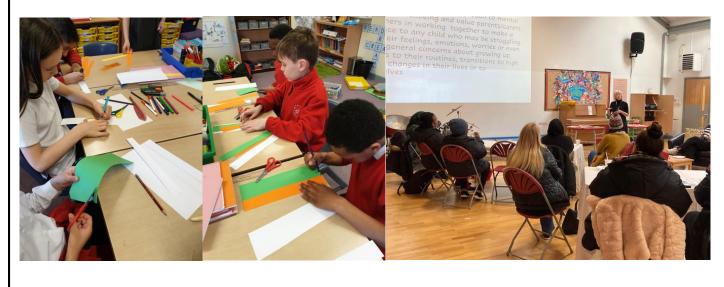


<u>Mental Health Week – 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> February -</u>The theme of Mental Health Week this year is 'Let's Connect.'

Pupils learnt about making, healthy and rewarding social connections through a variety of activities, Miss Fleet's class made a paper chain to connect together.

We invited parents and carers to come into school for a tea/coffee, a chat and to connect. Miss Power shared lots of useful resources around well-being and mental health and Mrs Savio prepared some very tasty snacks for parents to sample our delicious school meals.

On the final day of Mental Health Week we celebrated with a 'Dress to Express' day collecting donations for mental health charity – Place2Be. Dress to Express is an opportunity for self-expression and celebrating a diverse range of emotions. Thank you for all your donations, an update of how much we raised will be sent soon!



#### Hockey Tournament at Trinity High School



## Chinese New Year - The Year of the Rabbit

To celebrate the Chinese New Year 2023, the Year of the Rabbit, all the children at St. Paul's had a full day of activities planned on the theme. Early years, Year 1 and 2 had Chinese Dragon dance and Music workshops, Year 3 to Year 6 had Calligraphy and Taichi workshops by the teachers from the Confucius Institute at Manchester University. They also had various arts and crafts activities, games with their class teachers to learn about the Chinese New Year, and experience the rich culture of China.

