



An update from Ms Sorohan

A happy Easter to all our parents/carers and pupils- let's hope the weather stays good for the upcoming holidays.

I'm sure you will agree with me that we need to ensure we hold good relationships with our neighbours around the school. Unfortunately last week I had an upsetting email and a visit from one of our frustrated neighbours who had both been extremely upset by parents parking across their drives – making it impossible for them to leave for work/ enter their drives – one neighbour reported that when she challenged the parent he was extremely rude to her. This behaviour is unacceptable and please if any of our parent body witness such behaviour could you notify school or the police if needed. Please ensure you do not block driveways.

But can I say a big thank you to all our parents who observe the rules around school and help to make St Paul's safe for all our children.

Happy Easter!

Dates for your diary

- School closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 5th April and re-opens on Tuesday 23rd April
- Monday 29th April – Fire Service visiting year 6
- Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
- Monday 20th May – Class Photos
- Tuesday 21st May – EY's trip to Reddish Vale Farm
- Friday 24th May – Teacher Training Day (School Closed for pupils)
- Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May – Half Term holidays

Easter Egg Donations

Thank you to all our fabulous families and friends for the generous donations of Easter eggs. They have been distributed between our neighbours in Laurel Court and our local foodbank.

"This is a very good idea; it is brilliant to share treats with people who don't normally have someone to buy them an Easter egg. We are doing this to help others" Year 5 child.



Question you could ask your child at the end of the school day...

Tell me about something you are finding really tricky or challenging? How could you overcome it?



World Book Day/Story Teller

The focus for World Book Day this year was bringing characters to life. Each key stage were given an author to focus on and they learned about how they brought their characters to life in the stories they wrote. As always the children were extremely enthusiastic about dressing up in their character costumes.



Parent Forum

During the Spring Parent Forum meeting, we discussed Lunchtimes in detail. The feedback from the group was very positive and many parents were surprised how many organised activities take place each lunchtime. Please look out for the detailed letter sharing this information with you. The next meeting is Friday 14th June at 9.00am. Everyone is welcome! All parent forum meeting agendas, minutes and letters are on the school website. If you would like any further information, please see Miss Lee.

Nursery Rhyme Challenge Event

Each week this term the children in Early Years have been learning a traditional nursery rhyme. This led to a Nursery Rhyme Show for all the parents of children in EYFS. This was a chance for the children to perform the ten rhymes and join in with the actions. The hall was packed with parents and the feedback was wholly positive. Nursery rhymes are a brilliant way to develop children's early language skills so please do encourage them at home with your younger children. Maybe teach them rhymes from your own family background. We'd love to hear any new ones too!



Holi

On Wednesday 20th March children in school took part in various activities to celebrate Holi; this is a Hindu festival. They created their own ragoli designs, did collages and decorated biscuits.

"I think that it was great that we learned about Holi; it was interesting to see what other religions do. I learned a lot about how Hindus celebrate various things" Year 5 child.



KS1 Lowry Trip

This term the KS1 children visited the Lowry Art Gallery. During the visit all children took part in an art workshop where they learned some of the sketching techniques used by L.S.Lowry. They were then given the opportunity to practise their new skills when sketching some of his art work within the gallery.



Year 1/2 Football Tournament

Year 1/2 selected 9 pupils to attend a football tournament hosted by Manchester City Football Club. All the children took part and enjoyed representing St Paul's. They all put into practice what they have learnt so far in PE. It was a huge success! All the children had a fantastic time; we look forward to next years tournament!

Quotes:

"I enjoyed playing and cheering on my team!" Year 2 child.

"We won a match and I was very happy!" Year 1 child.



Bexwyke Lecture

Ms Sorohan took 13 pupils to Manchester Grammar School to hear the annual Bexwyke lecture. This year it was delivered by Professor Brad Gibson from the University of Hull. The theme of the lecture was 'The life of an Astronaut in Outer Space'. We learned lots of interesting facts including how astronauts grow tomatoes in Outer Space.

Northern Tennis Club – Squash Competition



On Thursday 28th March, some of the year 5/6 girls went on a trip to The Northern Tennis Club to watch a professional squash competition. They also got the opportunity to have a go at practising some squash skills with a professional squash player. Fun was had by all.

Science Week

As part of this year's Science Week celebrations, the children were invited to create a poster based around the theme 'journeys.' We were overwhelmed by the creativity that went into the pupil's entries; their ideas ranged from journeys to space to the journey of a recycled item. The winners from each age-phase were announced in assembly.



Easter extravaganza

On Thursday 28th March we had a theatre group in school retelling The Easter Story. It was a great production with lots of magic and drama and was enjoyed by all key stages. The children thoroughly enjoyed this. It was followed by a number of workshops for children in Year 3 and 4.

"I thought the assembly was great. It was a brilliant way of retelling the Easter story. There was even some magic in there" Year 5 child.

"it was funny and enjoyable to watch and great for everyone there. I loved how she included magic tricks. It was one of the best assemblies" Year 5 child.



Year 3/4 Trip to Longdendale Environmental Centre

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed visiting the Longdendale Environmental Centre in the Peak District National Park to learn about the mountain environment. In the classroom, the children enjoyed finding out about the types of rocks in the Peaks. They also learned about keeping safe in the mountain environment and important job the mountain rescue service does. What would you pack in the red bag if you were exploring a mountain?

The mountain walk allowed the children to observe the key features of the mountain environment such as the tree line and valley floor. They used a compass to record direction and noted the change in temperature. Despite the challenging weather conditions, our Year 3 and 4 pupils impressed the centre leaders with their knowledge and enthusiasm!



FAMILY FUN DIARY!

APRIL 2019

CITY IN THE COMMUNITY

8th & 15th April, 1pm-3pm

Ladybarn Park, Burnage Lane, M20 4XA

Manchester City will be holding activities in the park allowing young people in the community to take part in free, fun, structured enjoyable sports activities. Refreshments provided by 'Friends of Ladybarn Park'. **FREE**

EASTER EGG TRAIL

Saturday 20th April 2019

Ladybarn Park, Burnage Lane, M20 4XA
11am-12 noon

Annual egg hunt in the park ran by Friends of Ladybarn Park.

FREE Family event

LEGO CLUB

Saturday 20th April 2019

2-4pm Burnage Library

Lego and Duplo Club 3rd anniversary special. Usual Lego club with extra cake. Lego card swap and stop motion animation. **FREE/DONATIONS.**

A WORLD INSIDE A BOOK

Z-arts, Hulme M15 5ZA

FEBRUARY-OCTOBER 2019

Explore the world of Julia Donaldson, Gruffalos, dragons and more. Take a trip into the brilliant 3-D technicolour world of the best loved children's author, with the UK's first immersive exhibition of their wonderful work.

TICKETS ONLINE.

THE WHITWORTH

6th – 22nd April 2019

Oxford Road M15 6ER

Welly Walk Trail in the park 11am-3pm.

Den Building outside in the park.

Wednesday 10th & 17th

Saturday 13th & 20th April 11am-3pm

Art Hampers available anytime: filled with art and craft material.

FREE

HULME GARDEN CENTRE

Sunday 14th April 12 noon – 3pm

Old Birley Street M15 5RG

Sunday Fun day at the garden centre. Free craft and play activities available for all ages. Just drop in, café open as usual.

FREE/DONATIONS

