

St Paul's Newsletter – Summer 19.07.24

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,



It is hard to believe that it is four years since Year 6 joined the school and that already it is time to bid them farewell. This morning's Leavers' Service was very poignant as they are such an incredibly special group of children who we will miss dearly. We recognise that they are ready to move on and are now too cool for primary school but at the same time, we are sad that today is their final day here.

As well as Year 6, we have three other pupils leaving: James (4P) is joining The Dolphin School while Thanvika (4B) & Theertha (4R) are joining an international school in India. We hope that they will be happy and settle quickly into their new schools.

Sadly, it is also time for Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Bryce and Miss McDonogh to leave us as they are each moving on to pastures new. We wish them every success for the future! Mrs Sullivan and Mr Bryce are off to work at St Teresa's and Miss McDonogh will be returning to university to study for an MA.



After more than a decade as Chair of Governors, Penny Wallace is retiring. One of the most remarkable things about her, and there are many, is the fact that she is oblivious to the wonderful job she has done since taking up the role. She never takes credit, always praising other people for the successes of our school, even those which rightfully belong to her. She is everything a school would want from their Chair and has made an amazing contribution. Her kindness, generosity, sense of mischief and love for the school has been apparent in every moment of her time with us and she will always remain a very special member of this school family.

Father Richard is off to Norwich to be the new Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry. Loved and admired by, all especially the staff and children here, he will be very sorely missed. From the minute he stepped on board HMS St Paul's he had the vision to see our potential and the direction in which we had to travel and has loved and celebrated our school at every opportunity. He has been integral to our successes, manoeuvring this ship so that it caught the breeze and travelled swiftly towards its destination, without deviating off course. We hope that he and his family are very happy in their new home.



On behalf of the Governing Body, we would like to thank them both for their years of dedicated service to the Board as Chair and Vice Chair and wish them health and happiness for the future. They leave big shoes to fill!



Tuesday's Enterprise Day was absolutely brilliant and the Y6 children outdid themselves. They had such creative ideas and put a huge amount of effort into making, baking, producing and designing good quality products. Year 3, 4 and 5 had a great time visiting stalls, trying their hand at different games and tasting a range of home-made goods. Y6 raised a phenomenal £572.40 for their chosen charity, Cancer Research.

On Wednesday, the PTA hosted a fantastic al fresco Leavers' Disco and Angela and her team did the children proud. Thank you to the parents and staff who also attended and gave the children a night to remember! It was a lovely evening enjoyed by all. We are experiencing technical difficulties uploading the photos of this event - and there are many - and once we have them on MS Teams, will parentmail to let the children know they are now available.

As the year draws to a close, we would like to say thank you to some very special members of our school community: Our fantastic governors who have done a brilliant job and our PTA who worked tirelessly throughout the year to raise money for our school. Congratulations to the Chair of the PTA, Angela, on such a successful first year and well done and all of the volunteers who have lent a hand.



Our hardworking School Council and House Captains deserve a mention of their own. Both teams have had such a successful term of office. Their suggestions and ideas have helped improve the school in many different ways and we are very proud of them all. Thank you to Mrs Norbury, Mrs Wallace and Mrs Plumley, our volunteer readers - you have done a marvellous job and we hope to welcome you all back in September.

And to you, our amazing parents, thank you for supporting the work of the school this year and for working in partnership with us. I couldn't be prouder of the children or the staff who have given their all to achieve the very best outcomes for every pupil. They have definitely earned a very well-deserved break.



The children return on **Thursday 5th September** and should come dressed in school uniform that day, not in Games kit.

Have a good summer everyone!

Mrs Taylor

Celebrating our Talented Poets!

We are delighted that Iris (5D) has been awarded a Runner up prize in a nature themed poetry competition run by Wokingham Library. Her poem "In the Sea", is a wonderful and thought provoking piece

Anvi (6B) has also won an award for her poem "Through the Eyes of a WWII Soldier" Her poem has been chosen for publication in a book showcasing young writers' work. This is the second time Anvi has had a poem published!

In the Sea

Seaweed Swaying,
Fish playing,
Weeds waving,
Crabs craving.

Plastic floating around,
Twisting and turning round and round,
Plastic is ocean animals death,
Taking their last breath.

Our ocean has millions of animals living in,
So we should put plastic in the recycling bin,
Turtles are being stranded in the nets,
Every fish frets.

Ocean is part of our home,
Let's not leave it alone,
Now we have to start waking up,
Help our ocean fill its cup.

By Iris

Through The Eyes Of A WWII Soldier

I came back from the war, a soldier scarred and torn
Haunted by memories that will never fade away
The battles I fought, the horrors I saw, still worn

In the trenches I stood, my heart heavy and worn
As bullets and bombs rained down, day after day
I came back from the war, a soldier scarred and torn

The faces of my comrades, so young yet so forlorn
Their screams and cries echo, in my mind they stay
The battles I fought, the horrors I saw, still torn

I remember the chaos, the fear, the mourn
The smell of death lingered in the air, it lay
I came back from the war, a soldier scarred and torn

The nightmares come at night, leaving me shaken, forlorn
I wake up in a cold sweat, the demons at bay
The battles I fought, the horrors I saw, still worn

I try to forget, to move on, to be reborn
But the memories of war, they will never stray
I came back from the war, a soldier scarred and torn
The battles I fought, the horrors I saw, still worn.

Anvi Mishra (10)

Sports Assembly



It was wonderful to see so many children represented at our Sports Assembly yesterday morning. Congratulations to everyone who has taken part in sporting activities this term and many thanks to all the parents for transporting and supporting our teams. Good luck to all our year 6's as they move onto pastures new.

recipient of the Beldom Cup for Outstanding Sporting Achievement. Megan is very talented and has represented the school in football, netball, athletics to name but a few during her 4 years at St. Paul's. She is incredibly modest and it has been wonderful to see her confidence increase during this year. Well done Megan.



Congratulations to Megan who was the

School Lunch – Price Rise from September

Our school meal provider, Caterlink, have advised that the price of a school lunch will increase as of September 2024. The cost per meal will increase to £2.65.

Forest School

For our final piece in this school year's newsletter, Rohan, Udbhasita, Jessica and Orhan from y6 are sharing what Forest School means to them, along with some of their memories:

Jessica: The past 4 years I have been at this school, the one thing I will always remember is Forest School. It's a place filled with mud, marshmallows and trees! During my time, I have gone on MANY trips to Forest School! And yes, I even spent one falling in the pond – I wouldn't advise it! But overall, Forest School is an amazing place, whether spent in the mud kitchen or by the campfire Forest School will always remain in my memories.

Orhan: I deeply enjoy Forest School and I find it relaxing to be in the forest. For me, Forest School means to find out more about how peaceful and cool nature and woodland really are. My favourite part of Forest School is when I climb trees.

Udbhasita: I've been to Forest School as part of a group twice during my time at St Paul's, each time more memorable. During this time, I made so many core memories like getting stuck on trees, screaming at bugs and eating amazing marshmallows. All of this would not have happened if not for Mrs Gray and Mrs McBain, they allowed me to find a safe and fun place to express

myself, whether that was gardening or designing dens. So, in summary, I feel that if I never went to Forest School my life would be so different.

Rohan: From my time at St Paul's, Forest School has meant a lot to me and it has been my favourite place to be. It has been great to get outside and be with nature. My two favourite things to do is build a den and looking for creatures in the pond.

Absence Reporting

If your child is not able to attend school due to illness, please email absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk by 8.15am on each day of the absence. Please ensure you give your child's name, class and symptoms: stating that your child is 'unwell' is not sufficient information for our records. As from September we will no longer have access to the absence reporting element of ParentMail.

Diary Dates

Thursday 5th September

Pupils return to school – Autumn Term.

SCHOOL UNIFORM – NOT GAMES KIT

Monday 9th September

7pm – Club Bookings for The Autumn Term Goes Live

Sunday 15th September

Payment deadline for Clubs

Week of 23rd September

Clubs start

Have some serious fun on bikes



Summer 2024

Sign up for a Bikeability course

Woodford Park, Woodley, RG5 4LY

Bikeability Level 1 & 2

29 July, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21 August
0900-1530

Bikeability Level 3

1, 5, 7, 13, 22, 27, 29, 30 August
0930-1500



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Summer Special Events

Powered by our core activity programme:

Week 1
EXPLORE
the Elements

POT GANG

Join our Pot Gang special event for a gardening adventure! Children will take home their own pot to nurture and watch grow.

Week 2
ISLAND
Adventure



Create a cuddly companion with Teddy Mountain! Children will make and take home their own squishie to cherish forever.

Week 3
RODEO
Round Up



Get ready for some fun at our Nerf Party! Children will dive into foam dart battles and thrilling obstacles.

Week 4
INTERGALACTIC
Adventures



Experience the fun of Silent Disco and Karaoke! Children will dance and sing to their favorite tunes, silently to the outside world.

Week 5
WILDLIFE
Safari



ZooLab brings an interactive animal experience to our clubs this summer. Children will learn about and interact with amazing creatures.

Please note that special events incur additional costs.



**MY JOURNEY WOKINGHAM
SCHOOLS' COMPETITION**

**TO CELEBRATE THE SUMMER
OLYMPICS PARIS 2024**

DATE

**22 JULY -
31 AUGUST**

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first and second places

