

# ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

## Newsletter



Autumn 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter for this academic year, where we have had the opportunity to welcome 37 new pupils to the school. It has been an incredibly busy start to the year with lots of activities and visits as well as all the hard work pupils have been doing in class. Hopefully you will have the chance to read about them in the newsletter.

As we approach Christmas, there are a number of events to look forward to which celebrate the festive season. There are a range of exciting activities planned for our pupils and some events that parents/carers and families are invited to attend. It would be great to see as many parents as possible at these events.

The final day of term is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

I am pleased to welcome the following new staff to the school, Mrs Watts, Mr Ashworth, Mrs McMahon, Mr O'Brennan, Mrs Gonzalez, Mr Hagon, Mr French, Mrs Swinyard, Miss Rollison, Mrs Forati and Ms Thurley.

Sadly we will be saying goodbye Mrs Paige at the end of term after 17 years at St Anthony's.

Mrs Paige has been an amazing member of staff and we will miss her and wish her all the best for the future.

Miss Thompson will also be leaving us at the end of term to go travelling. We hope that she has an amazing time seeing the world.

A presentation evening was held on 8<sup>th</sup> November, to celebrate the achievements of the Year 11 pupils who left school last summer. The event was extremely well attended and it was lovely to see the students. Our results were extremely good. All of the pupils who left school this year successfully achieved a range of accreditation.

I would like to remind parents and carers that we have a My Child At School system that is used to alert parents of events and other important issues in school. At this time of year, there is always the potential that we could have a very cold winter. This system is a quick and efficient way of providing parents with up to date information. If you have not

provided us with your details so that you can be included, I recommend that you do so. Please contact the school office.

St. Anthony's continues to be a very successful and happy school. We could not be as successful without the support we receive from parents, carers and friends of the school. Please continue to support and work with us. Your support is very much appreciated and valued by the staff and governors.

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

*Helena Ball*

  
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# Chestnut Classes



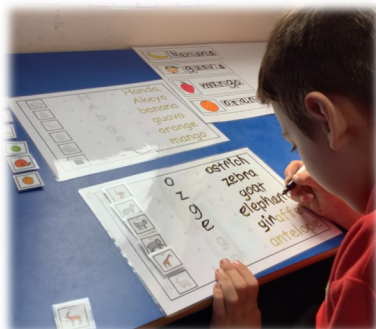
Our learning has been exciting. We explored artefacts and food from countries around the World.



We have been learning about the world around us by understanding our routine and building our confidence to find out what we love to do and interacting with our friends!



We have had lots of fun learning and exploring stories such as Handa's Surprise and Handa's Hen.



We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





# Apple Class

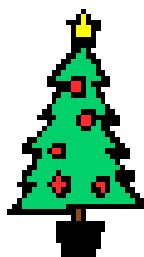
Apple class have had a busy and exciting term, getting to know each other and learning all about school. We have been settling into our new classes and understanding about the routine of the day.



We have been sharing wonderful stories together, *Dear Zoo* and *Handa's Surprise* have been our favourites! We have also been learning to sit together for many different group times and enjoyed learning through fun, games and songs!



Watch out for another favourite character joining us next term!!



Merry Christmas  
Apple Families!!  
From all the Apple  
Team



# Oak 1 Class

## Pets

We learned about different types of pets and thought about the type of pet we would like to care for.

We all enjoyed a visit from Bella!

This term our topic has been Houses and Homes and Pets. We have learnt about the different types of houses, the rooms and the materials needed to build and furnish them and about different types of pets.



## Trees

We started the year finding out about our class tree. We had fun finding an oak tree on the school field. We collected leaves and acorns and used our senses to explore what we found.



## Celebrations

We have enjoyed learning about different celebrations.



## Three Little Pigs

Our class book was The Three Little Pigs. We made houses and found out about different homes. We enjoyed our weekly visit from Mrs Morgan who taught us the Makaton signs to support our keywords.



# Oak 2 Class

Our topic this Autumn term has been Houses and Homes and Pets. We have learnt about different types of houses and the materials needed to build them and about different types of pets.

## Pets

We met our school therapy dog and learnt about the things that dogs need. We also made sculptures of pets



## Local 'houses' walk

We found examples of all different types of houses in the streets near our school and explored the different materials that we could see. We learnt about road safety.



## Forest School

We have learnt how to light a camp fire and stay safe around the fire, as well as having lots of fun in the woods.

## Three Little Pigs

Our class book was The Three Little Pigs. We made houses and explored materials.



We have enjoyed learning through our topic of Houses and Homes and Pets.



# Hawthorn 1 Class



We enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service.



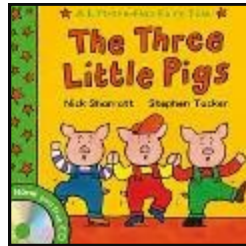
We have been developing our speech and language whilst exploring different cuisines.



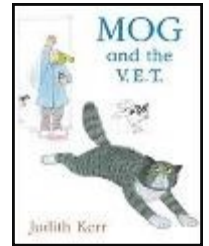


Our Topic for this term is  
Houses, Homes & Pets

# Hawthorn 2 Class



We have been  
reading  
The Three Little  
Pigs and Mog  
goes to the VET



We made poppies  
and learnt about  
Remembrance  
Sunday



Well-Being Wednesdays



We had lots of fun playing the  
ukuleles and writing our own  
songs with Chris



# Sycamore

Our topic this term has been BEARS



We have read lots of bear stories including 'We're going on a bear hunt' and 'Whatever Next!'



We have used the new sensory room and the magic carpet



We have been learning about texture and materials and the Makaton signs to go with them.



We have been learning about Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Diwali.



We have been playing and learning together.





# Beech Class

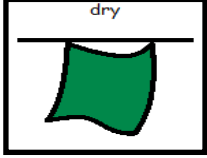
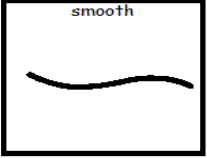
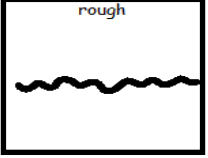
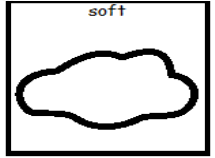
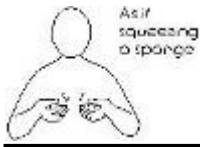
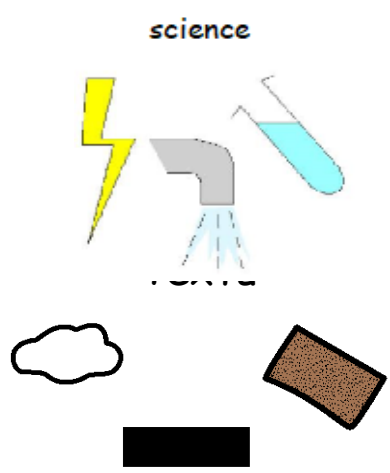


This term we have been enjoying exploring in our new outside and roleplay area.

As part of our Bears, Bears, Bears topic we have been investigating size through a wide and diverse range of open ended activities.



In science we have been learning about textures of materials through feely mystery boxes, we have been sorting based on specified criteria (hard/soft, rough/smooth), we have also been learning the corresponding Makaton signs for each texture.

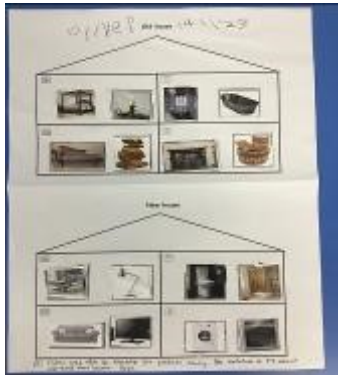


# Rowan Class



Our topic this term has been Houses and Homes We have been learning about new and old houses and the different types of homes. We have also been reading and writing about The Three Little Pigs. In numeracy we have been learning about tallies, shapes, money place value.

This term Rowan Class have been exploring a range of musical instruments and creating their own music with these.



Rowan Class learned about Remembrance Day and the importance of this event. We made poppy window decorations using tissue paper and created poppy paintings using potato printing.



Rowan Class have been going horse riding, they enjoy riding the horses in the arena and going on walks to see the horses in the fields.



# Yew Class

Yew class learning has been through our Houses, Homes and Pets topic. We had a special visit from Bella and learnt about how to look after a pet. We have made animals from clay and junk modelling. We went on a walk to explore houses in the local area and compared old and new buildings and the materials used.



We have been learning about special events, why they are significant and how they are celebrated and remembered.



We all really enjoyed horse riding.



We had a visit from the Fire Service.

We have been developing our communication, turn taking, literacy and numeracy skills in lots of different ways.



# Bella's Adventures

Bella's been out and about on lots of lovely long walks.

Guess where she is?



She does love a nap on the sofa or a chair or one of her many beds.



Christmas outfit ready.



Bella's been out doing some Christmas shopping and when she's not able to go into the shop, she has her special back pack she can travel in.

Guess which shops Bella's visited?



Making some new friends.





Starting JANUARY 2024!

# Back for another year the incredible TOMORROW'S ORCHESTRA PROGRAMME

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# SCIENCE

Year 7 started the Autumn term learning about the careers linked to the study of science. They had a role play on some of the jobs related to the study of science.



Year 7 also had the opportunity of using a range of simple equipment, including the Bunsen burner.

Year 8 learnt about Invertebrates. They explore invertebrates within a practical context around the school and used secondary data. Also, they had the opportunity of classifying invertebrates (Insects, Arachnids, Crustaceans, Molluscs & Myriapods) and the benefits of invertebrates to the environment.

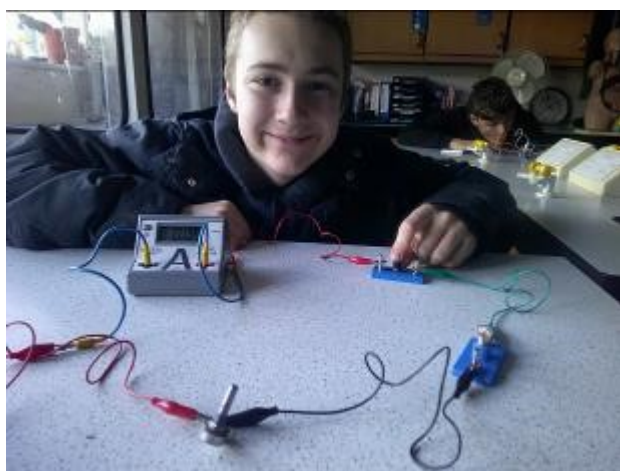
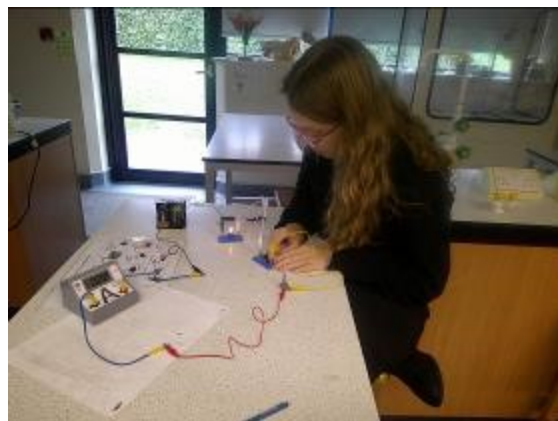


Year 9 pupils learnt about Cells in Organisms. They had the opportunity of making a slide of the Onion skin (Epithelial tissues) and using the microscope to focus on the image. Also, they learnt about types of specialised cells, tissues, Organs and Systems in Organisms.



# SCIENCE

Year 10 pupils are working towards their Entry Pathways qualifications. They are learning about Electrical circuits and their applications. They have had the opportunity of making working electrical circuits using components like ammeter, buzzer, motor, resistor, variable resistor, solar cell and diode. In addition, they have been able to use simulations to reinforce their knowledge on rate of flow of charge/current.

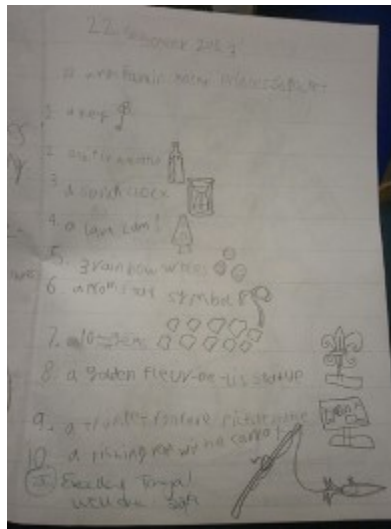


Year 11 pupils have continued to make progress towards completing the required modules/Units to achieve their science qualifications. One of the modules completed during this autumn term involves Making Useful Compounds. They have learnt the chemistry of Neutralisation process by carrying out experiment to make medication and salts such as Zinc sulphate and copper sulphate crystals. They have had the opportunity of planning, implementing, using a range of equipment and dilute acids and explaining the science behind their experiment.



# ENGLISH

Year 7 have been working on our Poetry topic. The pupils have looked at a variety of poems, including list poems, Octopoesms, shape poems and Haikus. They have enjoyed creating some silly poems too. We have a Makaton session each week too and the group enjoyed making their fruit faces and signing all the fruit they could remember.



Year 8 have been looking at the text 'Danny the Champion of the World'. We visited Goodwood Education Centre this term. We walked around the dairy section and then up to Seeley Copse. The ladies spoke to us about the trees, animals

and birds that are native to the area. Although the pheasants were hiding away we did get to hear them. The pupils have been completing sequencing activities and looking at character descriptions and the plot of the story.



Year 9

We have been learning about Kensuke's Kingdom in English. The pupils have completed comprehension questions on the text. They have discussed plot, character and the setting of the story.

*'The story and plotline of the book is interesting.'*  
Lucas

*'I am enjoying the story we are reading in English and I can't wait to see what happens next.'*

Gabby

*'It is awesome and interesting.'*  
Jack W

*'I think it is good'*

Abby



# ENGLISH

This term Year 11s have been creating their own hotel as part of their spoken language assessments. They have researched different hotels, made their own and presented them to each other. We have been very impressed with their communication skills and confidence to talk in front of the group.



Oliver's hotel: Maison Deluxe

'We have over twenty restaurants including 5 star Michelin restaurants, our own private Hells kitchen ran by Gordon Ramsey' Oliver's description



Chloe May's relaxing underwater hotel

Matty's exciting city break hotel in London



Year 10 have been learning about our environment. They have read poems, stories and newspaper letters relating to the topic and are about to start writing their own stories.

gharial  
By Beth and Theo



Found in Nepal and India

They are endangered because of habitat loss this is due to hunting fishing and humans intruding their habitat

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### A place for Plastic

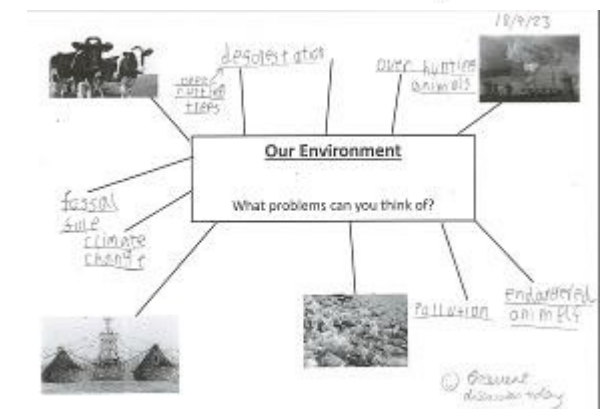
Write about what happens in the story.

At the start of the story there was plastic litter on the floor.

The plastic litter was blown away by the wind and it was blown to the sea. The plastic litter was in the water the ocean. The plastic litter was in the middle of the ocean and the sea animals swam towards the plastic litter and the whale was in the sea.

The boy and the girl got to the beach and they saw the litter and the litter was everywhere.

Ⓢ Excellent writing without help  
Ⓡ Re-read to check



English 100 2.0.8

### Our Environment

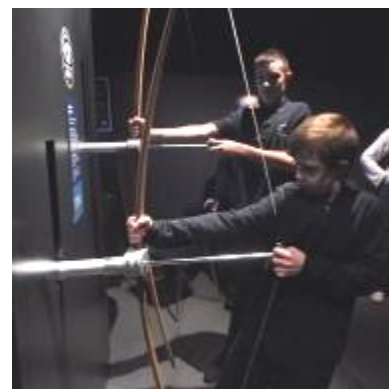
environment	deforestation	ocean	climate change	endangered
recycle	plastic	newspaper	pollution	energy
every	opinion	participate	sad	angry

# HISTORY

## *The Tudors*

Year 8 have been learning about The Tudors. To consolidate their learning in the classroom, 8K visited The Mary Rose Museum and had a superb day out. Pupils explored all decks of the museum and took part in a workshop where they

learned about what life was like aboard the Mary Rose and the jobs the crew undertook. They enjoyed handling artefacts and hearing individual crew stories. The highlight of the day was the new immersive *Dive the Mary Rose 4D Experience*. We look forward to going again, 8JB and 8C are going next week.



Year 10 The Humanities Entry Pathways group have been learning about Germany between the years 1919-1939. They have learned about the signing of the Treaty of Versailles and the impact this was to have on the failure to keep peace in Europe after WWI.



# MATHS

In Maths we have been learning about patterns and number sequences.



Year 9 used the Fibonacci sequence and the Golden Ratio to create our own spiral art.



Year 8 have made videos about different shapes. Some children decided to make a children's television show and we even had some raps about quadrilaterals!



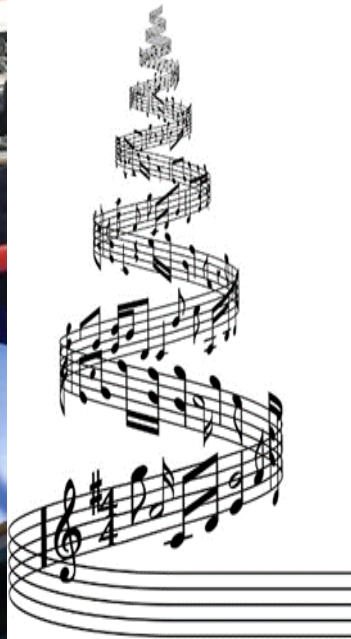
Year 7 have looked at Rangoli patterns as part of their work on Symmetry. They have created some beautiful Maths artwork!



# MUSIC



9P performing with boomwhackers, along to festive songs



Henry practising on the electronic drums



Zach and Timea practising during guitar club



Brandon and Fredrik from 7S practising on instruments

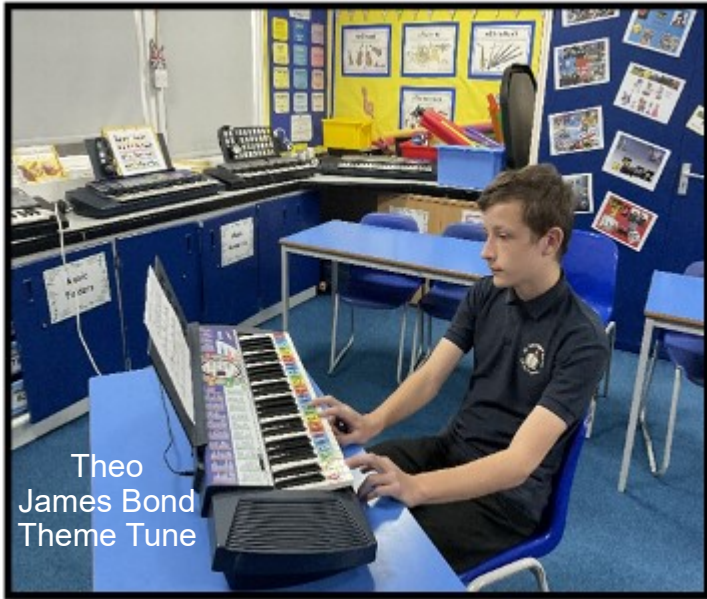


8C and 8TK drumming along to "Little Drummer Boy"



# MUSIC

## Year 10 Solo Performances



Theo  
James Bond  
Theme Tune



Lily  
Californication



Max  
Mission Impossible



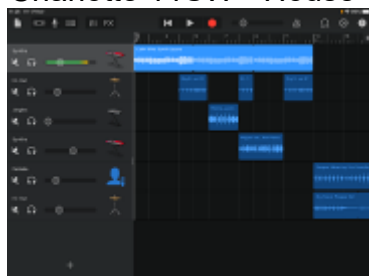
Harry  
Frere Jaques

## Year 11 Composing exam pieces

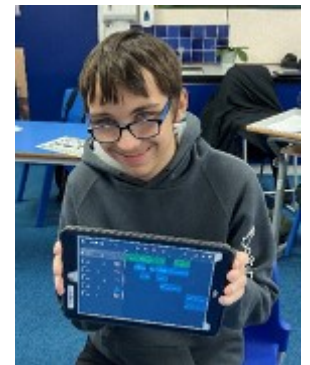
Pupils have been learning to create and organise musical ideas to produce compositions for their exam pieces. Pupils explored Dubstep, Electronic, Funk, Hip Hop or House. They will then identify the strengths and areas for development with reference to the musical elements and selected genres.



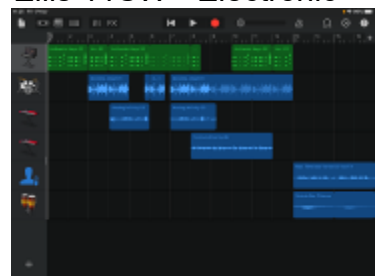
Charlotte 11SW - House



Harvey 11BK - Hip Hop



Ellis 11SW - Electronic



# FOREST SCHOOL

## Year 10

Forest School has been off to a good start with the new Year 10s joining St Anthony's Forest school. The weather has been kind at the start, but the latest rain has not stopped us from enjoying Forest School. Lots of mud to play in.

The Year 10s have been doing a lot of exploring within the site, with den building out of old pallets, learning the technique of fire lighting, cooking on the open fire and building bug hotels.

## Year 11

This year the Year 11s are working towards the John Muir Award. The John Muir Award is an environmental award scheme focused on wild places. It is inclusive, accessible and non-competitive, that will challenge each participant. The Award encourages awareness and responsibility for the natural environment through a structured yet adaptable scheme, in a spirit of fun, adventure and exploration. Four Discover, Explore, Conserve, Share. Challenges lie at the heart of the [John Muir Award](#). The four Challenges promote a holistic approach to outdoor experiences. They reflect the approach that [John Muir](#) took during his travels and adventures.

If you would like information about John Muir and even be involved yourself, please visit <https://www.johnmuirtrust.org>

Year 11s so far have been exploring different types of tree conserving by making bug hotels and looking after our Forest school site.

Lets hope for a dry winter.

Mr Clark and Mrs Anthony



# YAS

Year 11 have been working on their independent skills whilst out and about. They have written and posted letters and they also went to the shop and bought something.



KS4 have been very busy getting out and about in YAS this term. Some groups have visited Everyone Active leisure centre, banks, the local library and cafés as part of their community awareness work. They also had a visit from Chichester Fire Service to talk about fire safety at home.



# FRENCH

In French, Year 7 have been learning school objects and numbers 1-10. They have been able to say what objects they have in their pencil case. We have used visual cubes to say how many objects they can see.



# DUKE OF EDINBURGH



Year 10 & 11 students have been canoeing at Dell Quay and on the Wey & Arun Canal. They have all successfully achieved their 'Paddle Start' Award.



# LAND BASED STUDIES



The Year 10s have been busy this term learning about how to stay safe whilst gardening, recognising a healthy plant from an unhealthy plant and how to make it healthy. They have also been working on the school garden getting the soil ready for planting the onions and broad beans they have planted in trays. They have also been doing lots of

weeding and cutting hedges and bushes around the school. The Year 11 group have been finishing off their Land Maintenance Unit which has involved them doing lots of outside jobs to make the area look better. They have also created 2 new seed beds and planted daffodils in them.

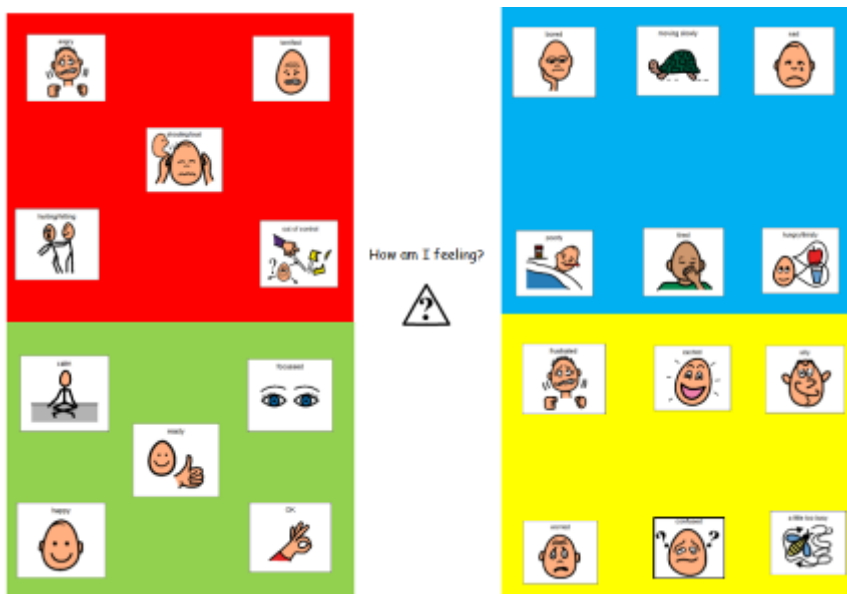




# PSD

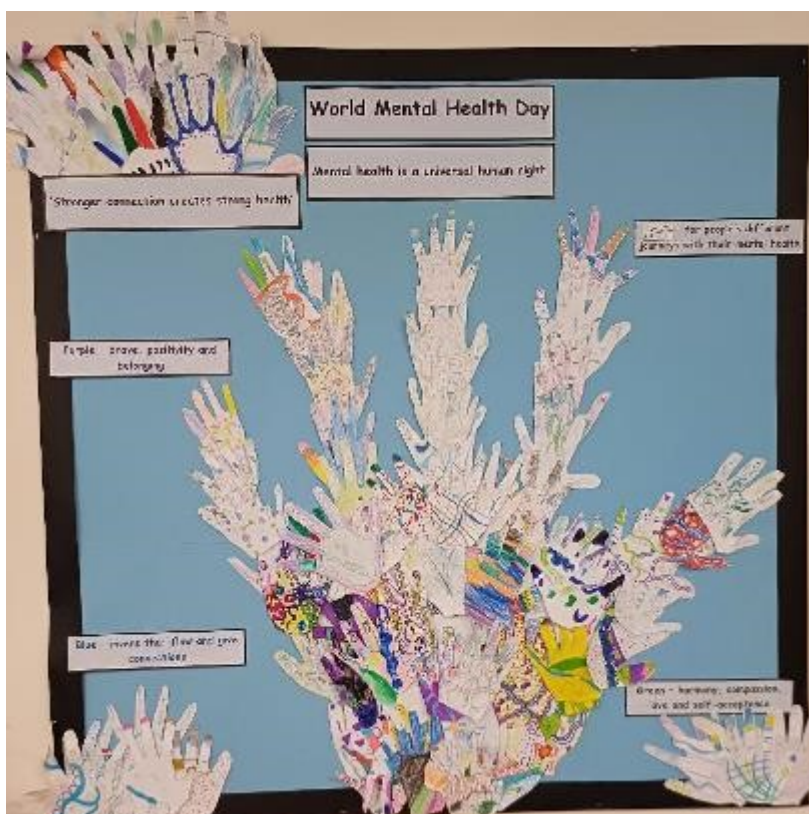
During the first half term in PSD we focused on emotions. We explored different feelings and what might make us feel this way, and how we can often feel a range of feelings at the same time!

We used the zones of regulations, which is used across the whole school, to learn about how we communicate to others about our feelings.



We self reflected on what our triggers were and what signals our body gives us so we know we feel heightened.

We tried a range of self-regulation techniques to find out if any would be helpful for when we feel heightened, many pupils found the crunching of ice really useful.



It was also World Mental Health Day where we took a closer look at what is mental health and why it is just as important as our physical health. We celebrated our differences and how everyone's journey with mental health is different. We created a whole school display of everyone's decorated hand, each hand decorated represented their journey with mental health, and about how we all connect and support each other.



# ART VBL

Year 8 have been exploring the work of John Dyer , they have used a multi-media approach to create a piece referencing his colours and style .



Year 7 have been exploring colour and shape they have created vibrant collages in the style of Matisse .



Year 9 have been looking at flora and fauna and working with a variety of materials including oil pastes.



# FOOD TECH



We have had a very busy but enjoyable Autumn Term. The term has flown by and we are now starting to design and plan our traditional Christmas recipes. Our pupils always enjoy their Food Technology lessons and are very proud of what they have made and of the skills they have practised.



This term we have utilised food in season, to enable our pupils to think about the impact on the environment.

Our Year 7 groups have been making dishes using fruit and vegetables and have been talking about why it is healthier to eat food that is sourced locally. They have developed their knife skills by creating different fruit products and are now starting to learn how to mix, chop and use the ovens safely by following oven baked recipes.



Year 8 have been investigating how flour is made and where it comes from and have baked a variety of bread products including flat breads, garlic bread and cheese and sundried tomato bread. They are now designing their own bread to be judged by Mrs Wood's brother who owns a bakery in Ireland. We're looking forward to seeing which flavour of bread he will choose!



Year 9 started their 'Food Around the World' topic by making British dishes. They enjoyed making toad in the hole and healthy fish and chips, amongst others. They are currently investigating Italian foods and have sampled some very tasty examples of Italian cuisine. They will also be designing and making their own pizzas over the next few weeks.



Year 10 have begun their BTEC and ASDAN qualifications and have been very busy preparing and making healthy breakfasts and lunches. Some of the pupils visited Café 49 in Chichester College and discussed the menu, toured the working kitchens and bought a breakfast product of their choice. They have made a variety of healthy breakfasts and have now begun to cook lunches and snacks, which will be sold in our snack shop at school next term.



Our Year 11s have been very busy sourcing, preparing and cooking starters, desserts and main meals in preparation for their final assessment pieces for their BTEC qualification in home cooking in the Spring Term. They all enjoyed a trip to a local supermarket to compare prices and to think about economising when food shopping. They have all been working really hard, producing excellent dishes and considering how their dishes are presented. They enjoyed emailing their favourite recipes home and are looking forward to your replies and to finding out your favourite recipes too.



Kind regards, Debbie Wood & Lucy Pratt

Food Technology Teachers

# SPORTS

Sports at St Anthony's has got off to a brilliant start with all pupils in Secondary taking part in the Intra School Level 1 Boccia and Kurling competitions within their year groups.

From the Level 1 competitions held at school pupils were selected from Year 7 and 8 to represent the school at Inter Level 2 Boccia and Kurling competition.

This was held at Westgate Leisure Centre, the children were brilliant and enjoyed the afternoon playing against other local schools.

Overall we won the Boccia in the West Sussex West area and we were then invited a week later to play in the southern area competition. We came 5th overall. This is a massive achievement for the children that took part, and we are all very proud of all of them.

We are now waiting to go to the Southern Area Level 2 for Kurling January 2024. We also have the PYG competition coming up in May 2024





Hopefully parents will have noticed the new car park markings.

Can we please remind parents not to park on the on

the school side, it's for picking up and dropping off only (waiting time of no more than 10 minutes). There are 3 designated visit bays for use between 9.30am and 2.30pm and a Disabled Parking bay by the zebra crossing.

This was the result of the recent fire brigade visit and they couldn't get their fire engine through to turn round due to parked cars

**Simon Tooley**

**Premises Manager**

- If your child is absent for illness, appointment or any other reason please contact the school in the morning by telephone - 01243 785965 'or email - [schooloffice@st-ants.org](mailto:schooloffice@st-ants.org)
- Please inform the school office of any contact details changes.
- Can all uniform be clearly labelled with the child's first and last name
- If you pay for your child's school lunch can you please ensure that the balance does not go overdrawn.
- All school communication is through the My Child at School (MCAS) app. If you need any assistance with accessing the app please contact the school office.

# Key Dates

(Subject to dates being changed or added)

## Autumn Term 2023

Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Festive Gathering-5.30- 7pm
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Primary Celebration
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Primary Trip to the Theatre
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch and Non-Uniform Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term

## Spring Term 2024

Tues 2nd January	Term begins
Mon 29-Tues 30 Jan	INSET days
Mon 12th-Fri 16th Feb	Half term
Thurs 28th March	Last day of term

## Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April	Term begins
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Mon 27th-Fri 31st May	Half term
Wed 12th June	INSET day
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of term