



St Andrew's Academy

# Family Updates Newsletter

Learning Together, Achieving Together

Friday 26th May 2023

## Head Teacher's Welcome

I very much hope you enjoy this weeks newsletter-it's bursting with the exceptional achievement of our young people and important current information.

This week we welcomed a professional photographer on site to take some exceptional pictures for our new website, which will be launched in September. The photographer was genuinely blown away by her welcome and managed to really capture the uniqueness and brilliance of our wonderful young people.

During the first week back after half term, we have a professional videographer in school, please could you read Page 2 to find out more.

Monday 5th June is an INSET day so I wish you the very best for a slightly extended half term holiday.

David Braybrooke

**Important Dates—Summer Term**

**Half Term—29th May—2nd June**

**Inset Day—Monday 5th June**

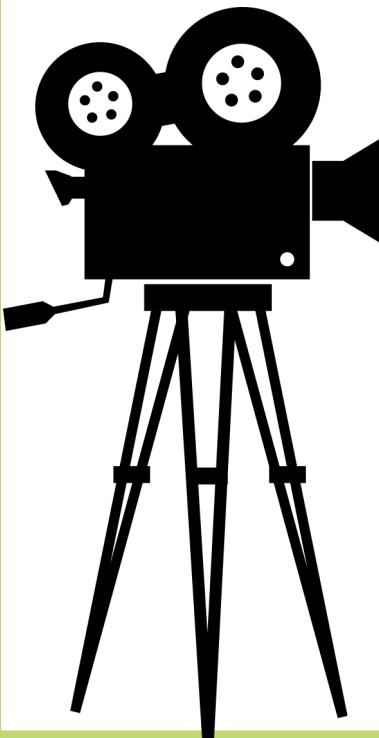
[www.standrewsacademy.co.uk](http://www.standrewsacademy.co.uk)

# We are St Andrew's

As I'm sure you know, I'm incredibly proud and feel very privileged to be able to serve the St Andrew's Community. I'm keen to show case our boundless enthusiasm and passion for high quality education to the wider community and interested parties. Therefore, I have procured the services of a professional videographer to capture footage across all elements of our provision to create a 20 minute video piece entitled '**We are St Andrew's**'.

Jamie, from The Agnew Film Company, will be on site on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> capture improvised footage as well as film specific conversations with a cross section of the wonderful people that make up who we are.

If you or your young person have been invited to be part of a specific conversation, you will receive a separate invite and request for consent. This letter of consent is to enable your young person to be captured in their learning environment, enjoying their curriculum offer.



The finished video will then be shared on our website, associated social media and video related platforms. The video will also be used by Jamie for his promotional materials on <https://www.theagnewfilmcompany.com/> and associated social media.

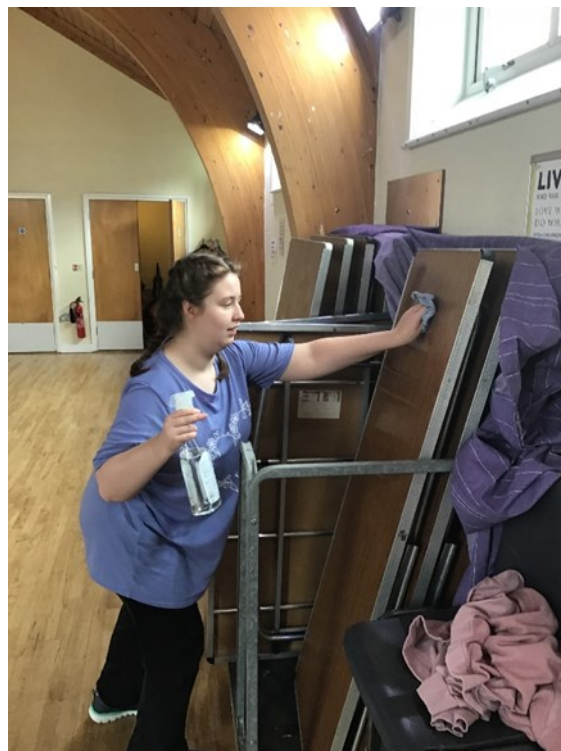
Consent letters will be with your child shortly.

# Plea for Placements

It's that time of year again where we look to gain new exciting opportunities for our FE learners. Some of our best opportunities come from recommendations from people who know our learners' skills.

If you have a contact in a local workplace that would be willing to give our INCREDIBLE young people a chance, please get in touch. We can complete all visits, liaisons and risk assessments, and it really could lead to new opportunities for our students to put into practice all of the amazing skills they learn here. Please contact

[Tracy.Corden@sas.set.org](mailto:Tracy.Corden@sas.set.org)



## Attendance letters

You may have received an attendance letter in recent weeks. The letter you received was a generic letter generated when attendance falls below 90%. We procure the service of the City Educational Welfare office to analyse our attendance and issue these letters on our behalf.

The intent was to make you aware of the attendance rate and initiate discussions about how this could be improved. However, on reflection and listening to your feedback, a generic approach has not achieved our aims of working towards improved attendance and we will no longer be buying into this service.

It's paramount that our school community receive bespoke communication tailored to each individual case and I acknowledge that this service has not successful.

Therefore, from now on, all attendance notifications will come in the form of personalised communication on a case by case basis. Please accept our apologies should this have generated any ill feeling or unintended negativity.

David Braybrooke

# Enjoying the Sunshine



It's that time of year when the sun is finally beginning to shine!

We would really appreciate it if you could apply sun cream before your young person comes to school.

On the annual consent form that we always send out every September, you will have been given the option of allowing us to apply additional sun cream when needed throughout the school day, usually at breaks and lunch times.

If you have given consent, please put a bottle of your preferred sun cream in your young person's bag, making sure it is clearly named. We also encourage students to wear their sun hats if they are able to do so.

If you are unsure, please contact the class team directly. We will always be mindful and offer additional drinks when the weather is particularly warm, especially during outdoor education sessions.

Thank you!

# Well Done Danielle!

One of our Year 12 students, Danielle, has qualified to take part in this year's RDA National Championships, which takes place between 14th and 16th July.

Danielle took second place in the Show Jumping category, and she is over the moon!

Well done, Danielle!

Good luck from everyone at St Andrew's!



# My Cycle/Campus Clean Up

Are you disabled? Do you cycle, or would you like to cycle? Let everyone know what you think about cycling in one of our My Cycle, My Mobility Aid podcast episodes!

Wheels for Wellbeing are a disabled people's organisation working to improve walking, wheeling and cycling access for all disabled people. We're running a fortnightly podcast on Spotify called My Cycle, My Mobility Aid. Each episode, a Disabled person talks about their cycling experiences – what they like, what they don't like, and what they'd like to see improved.

You can listen to episodes here: <https://open.spotify.com/show/02XekS1HmWUmJJsirDc2Vm?autoplay=true>

We're really keen to talk with disabled young people who cycle or want to cycle. We think that young people don't get heard enough: We'd need both their consent and parent/carer consent for a podcast episode.

If you are a disabled person and you'd like to have a chat with us, make a podcast episode or even just give us a few of your ideas about cycling in writing or as a picture, please contact [kate@wheelsforwellbeing.org.uk](mailto:kate@wheelsforwellbeing.org.uk) - we'd love to hear from you! If you're under 16, please CC in a parent or carer to any email you send us.

If you are a parent or carer and a disabled person you care for wants to share their views but is unable to contact us directly, please do contact us on the email address above: We'll work to ensure they can get their ideas heard.

[www.wheelsforwellbeing.org.uk](http://www.wheelsforwellbeing.org.uk)



Group 1 and 5 at Campus took part in a big litter clean up this week after someone had left the remains of a party or BBQ on Rainbow fields.

We have linked this community task to our next term's work. Doing Good is a Skills Builder project that we are taking part in, which involves planning and hosting a Charity Fundraiser for a charity of our choice. We have been learning about different charities, what they do and how they help people. If you have any links with local charities, please let us know.

## Bute Class

In Bute class, we have been learning about 20th Century inventions. The focus this week has been on phones. We created a chronological timeline of phones since the invention and then engaged with numerous phones from across the years.

We compared them by looking at the similarities and differences in groups.



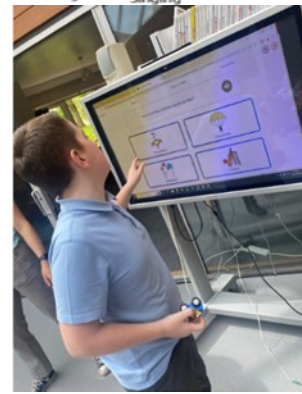
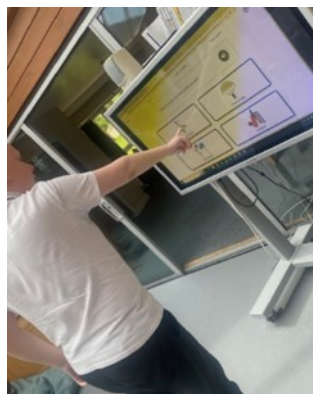
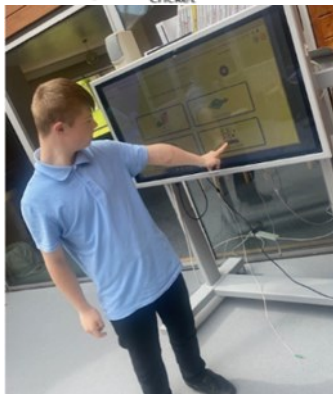
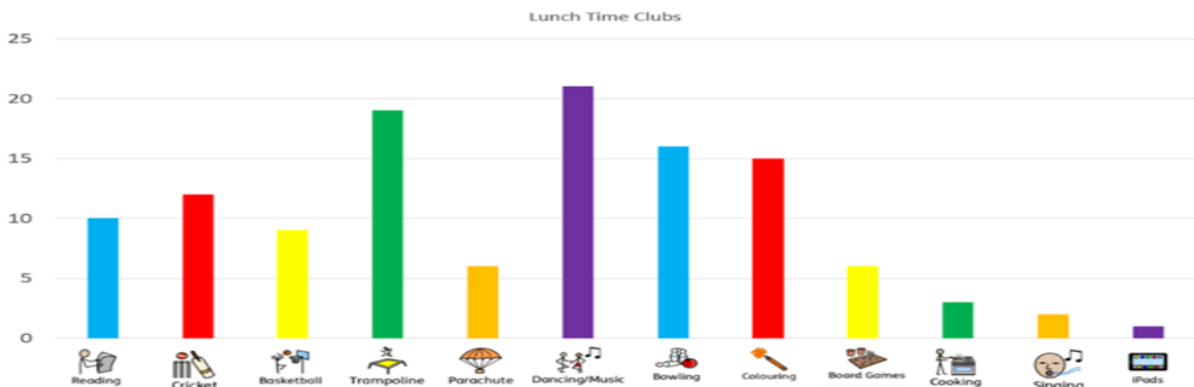


# Student Voice

- At St Andrew's, everyone should have their voice heard and be able to share their thoughts, wishes and feelings to the effective running of our school.
- Each class has elected one student representative who meet each half term to discuss the progression of the school.
- Each class representative then feeds back what has been discussed to the rest of their class.
- The whole class can then share their thoughts, wishes and feelings, which the class representative will bring to the next meeting.
- This means that every student's voice will be heard.



So far...All students have voted for what lunchtime activities they would like to take place. Students chose dancing/music, trampolines, bowling and colouring.



# Term Dates 2023/24

## **Autumn Term 2023**

Thursday 7 September 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023

*HALF TERM – Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023*

Monday 6 November 2023 to Friday 22 December 2023

*CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – Monday 25 December 2023 to Friday 5 January 2024*

## **Inset Days (school closed to all students)**

Monday 4 September 2023

Tuesday 5 September 2023

Wednesday 6 September 2023

## **Spring Term 2024**

Monday 8 January 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024

*HALF TERM – Monday 19 February 2024 to Friday 23 February 2024*

Monday 26 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024

*EASTER HOLIDAYS – Friday 29 March 2024 to Friday 12 April 2024*

## **Summer Term 2024**

Tuesday 16 April 2024 to Thursday 23 May 2024

Bank Holiday Monday 6 May 2024 (school closed to all staff and students)

*HALF TERM – Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024*

Monday 3 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024

*SUMMER HOLIDAYS – from Wednesday 24 July 2024*

## **Inset Days (school closed to all students)**

Monday 15 April 2024

Friday 24 May 2024

## **Bank Holidays (school closed to all staff and students)**

Monday 25 December 2023 – during Christmas holidays

Tuesday 26 December 2023 – during Christmas holidays

Monday 1 January 2024 – during Christmas holidays

Friday 29 March 2024 – during Easter holidays

Monday 1 April 2024 – during Easter holidays

Monday 6 May 2024 – during school term time

Monday 27 May 2024 – during Whitsun holidays

# Lewis Class



During this half term, Lewis Class have been walking to the Salt & Pepper café, run by students from Campus. This has been part of their Work Related Learning. The students have been observing the different job roles within running a café and have shown a real interest in creating their own café with-in school. The students could all identify



the different job roles and were all designated a role whilst running Lewis Café



Two of our students were so excited to ask members of our Leadership team if they would like to come to our café, they independently took their orders and delivered with a smile



Lewis Class have thoroughly enjoyed reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' this half term and are so excited to continue this. One of our students made a Wonka hat out of putty during her morning sensory session and called herself "Mrs Wonka!"



# SALT & PEPPER CAFÉ

Run by our fabulous FE students  
Open Wednesday and Friday 10.00 till 11:30am  
Find us at Taddington Road Church Hall Chaddesden  
DE21 4JU

Voluntary contributions welcomed

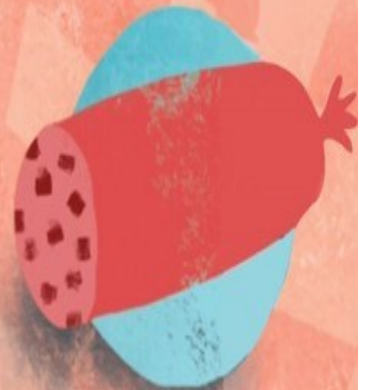
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