

# **Family Updates** Newsletter

**Learning Together, Achieving Together** 

St Andrew's Academy

Friday 17th March 2023

#### Head Teacher's welcome

Another superb week full of engagement, education and fun at St Andrew's finishing with our Red Nose Day events. Students have enjoyed wearing red, finding out about the great work that Comic Relief do and having a dance at our Red Disco.

Please do take some time to find out about our Cycle event, on page 2, to raise money to make our Duke of Edinburgh accessible for every pupil as they move through KS4 and KS5.

I hope you enjoy finding out what we have been learning about this week in our newsletter and we look forward to sharing our purposeful and progressive run up to the end of term in our final 2 weeks before Easter.

Have a safe and restful weekend,

**David Braybrooke** 

**Head Teacher** 

#### Important Dates

Last Day of Spring Term - Friday 31st March

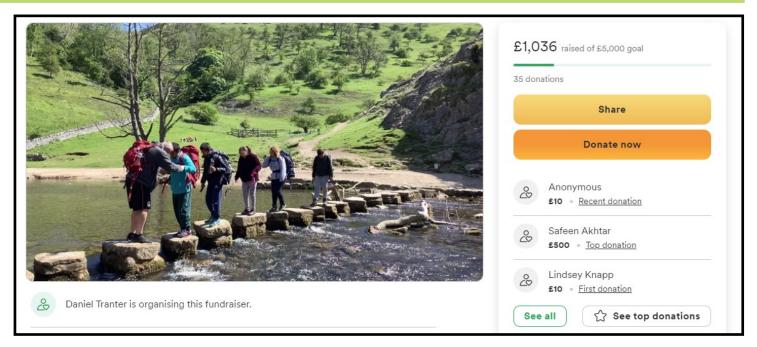
Easter Holidays – Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April

**INSET Day - Monday 17th April** 

**Return to School**—Tuesday 18th April



# Duke of Edinburgh



Students at St Andrew's Academy are cycling their way towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards thanks to the efforts of dedicated staff members.

To ensure students have the equipment they need, one brave staff member is embarking on a 300-mile bike ride to raise funds, with students joining virtually from the school.

Students will virtually join the cycle using exercise bikes linked to mapping software at the school, enabling all those involved in the awards to participate in the challenge.

The total has quickly reached over £1000 towards the £5000 target. We would be very grateful if you could share the hard work of staff and students with friends, family and colleagues using the link below

https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-andrews-cycle-for-d-of-e



www.standrewsacademy.co.uk

#### **Bute**

This half term, we have been using the pentatonic scale to learn more about Chinese music. We have had a go at playing the scale ourselves and then use it to play familiar songs.







On Thursday, we were even treated to some live music. We thoroughly enjoyed watching 'The Bear and the Piano' with live instruments.

#### Residential

This week residential students began a seven week dance program delivered by our dance instructor Natasha Hughes. The first session was a "getting to know you" session which the students really enjoyed. Over the coming weeks they will experience different styles of dancing, from break dancing to aerobic style movement



#### **Musical Treat!**

Musicians from Carrot Productions visited school on Thursday and performed concerts of Peter and the Wolf and The Bear and the Piano to students across the school. The performances were interactive and students really enjoyed the opportunity to explore the instruments up close and meet with the musicians.



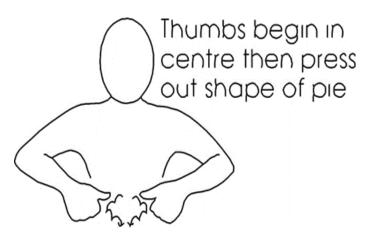




## Sign of the week



# Pie



Barra Class are making Easter eggs to sell at £2 each, as part of our Duke of Edinburgh enterprise. If you would like to purchase any please write your order in your child's diary before 24th March

Thank you for your support,

D of E Team



## Derbyshire Music Hub





Face-to-face and virtual rehearsals so that you can join in however is best for you!

Face to Face: Once every half-term on a Saturday 3.00 - 4.30pm, Alfreton Park School, Derbyshire, DE55 7AL

Virtual Rehearsals: Fortnightly, Wednesdays 5.00 - 6.00pm on Zoom. All our sessions are **FREE** and welcome people up to age 25 and their families.

The choir celebrates that everyone has their own way of sharing their voice. You can make sounds or movements, use instruments or soundmakers.











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