

St Andrew's School Newsletter July 2024

Executive Head: Julie Jackson

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Executive Heads Note

As we come to the end of the school year, I would like to thank staff, parents and students for their continued support throughout what has been a very busy year. You will by now be aware that we have successfully recruited a new Headteacher (Adrian Crossland) who will continue to shape and move the school in the right direction and will be joining us in September.

Both Jim and I will be remaining at the school and will support the new Head as well as offering support to parents and students in the future.

We have several exciting new initiatives already in place for the new academic year including Forest School and Photo therapy to name a few. More news on this and other developments will be shared with you all early next term.

I wish you all a very happy and relaxed summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Julie Jackson

Gentle Reminders

Weather

Please could we ask you to ensure that your child is sent in with appropriate clothing to cope with the changes in the weather.

Sickness

As the weather changes the multitude of viruses and bugs seem to become prominent in the school environment. It is fine for your child to attend school if they have a cold or sore throat but please do keep them at home if they have a temperature, sickness, or diarrhoea. We have a 48-hour clear policy for both sickness and diarrhoea so please do not send your child to school during this period.

All absences should be reported to the school on 01263 837927 before 9am please.

Key Dates

Last day of Summer Term/Beach Day: Friday 19th July – students finish at 1:00pm

Students Return: Wednesday 4th September

HPV Vaccinations – Year 8 Students: Thursday 12th September

Flu Vaccinations – Whole School: Tuesday 24th September

Last Day of Half Term: Friday 25th October

Students Return: Monday 11th November



Year 10 college visits

The year 10 students visited Paston College in North Walsham and East Coast College in Great Yarmouth. Both colleges offered a tour of the classrooms and other facilities such as their library, theatre and sports hall. The staff kindly explained a range of courses, from inclusion courses offering vocational/ work skills to A- level courses. The feedback from the students was positive and the visits will be really useful in helping them to decide their next step when they leave St Andrews after year 11.

We are hoping to visit City College and Easton College during the autumn term.



www.paston.ac.uk



www.eastcoast.ac.uk

Apprenticeships and internships

Sophie and Pam from Norfolk County Council taught the year 10 students about Apprenticeships and supported internships. They also ran a more specific session focused on supported internships for the year 11s. The students learnt that apprenticeships are paid training which offers work experience (80%) with off the job training (20%). Apprenticeships can be undertaken from age 16 (subject to qualifications) all the way through to degree level. Norfolk offers a vast range of apprenticeships with companies such as the NHS, Norfolk County Council, Aviva and Lotus.

Supported internships are more suitable to young people near the end of their college courses and who are getting ready to start work. The young people are accompanied by a job coach from their college, with 70% of the time being work based and 30% is spent in college. The placements are unpaid, and they include CV writing and help applying for jobs.

Training providers for both courses sometimes offer young people jobs after their courses, which is fantastic!

For more information on apprenticeships and supported internships

www.apprenticeshipsnorfolk.org

www.ndti.org.uk/resources/publication/what-are-supported-internships

Juanita Burrows

Lego Robotics

On Wednesday 5th June, a group of eager KS2 students – Seren, Kayden, Marcus, Joseph and Joshua embarked on an unforgettable adventure to the LEGO Robotics Football Club. The day was filled with excitement, teamwork and problem-solving as they joined forces with other schools to unleash their creativity and build the future of robotics!

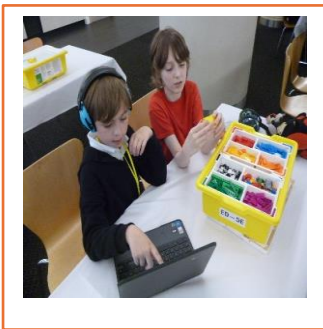
The day began with a warm welcome from the event organisers, who introduced the challenges and objectives of the event. Throughout the day, our students worked tirelessly to bring their robotic creations to life. They demonstrated exceptional problem solving skills, perseverance, and teamwork as they overcame obstacles and refined their designs. The event was filled with laughter, chatter and an air of excitement as the teams showcased their creations.

The verdict was a day to remember!

As our students returned to school, they were buzzing with excitement about their experiences at the LEGO Robotics Event. The event had not only provided an exciting opportunity to develop their STEM skills, but also fostered teamwork, creativity and critical thinking. KS2 were rightly proud of their accomplishments.

To conclude, our KS2 students had an unforgettable adventure at the LEGO Robotics Event. St Andrew's School is thrilled to have been part of this fantastic initiative – we can't wait to see what the future holds for these young innovators! Our students' achievements have been further celebrated through school displays and in the future we hope to explore opportunities for other robotics events.

Sophie and Tim



Citizenship

It was nearly third time lucky for a visit from our local M.P Duncan Baker to give a short talk about his career as an M.P and then answer questions from the children. Mr Baker had had to rearrange due to a double booking and then we had to cancel due to absences. Finally we had a date. Children had looked at what an M.P does and had written questions for Mr Baker to answer – some more searching than others! Questions had been vetted by Mr Baker's office and we were all set to go but then the General Election was called and so Mr Baker had to cancel. We hope to follow it up with whoever is our M.P in the Autumn. Watch this space...

Judith Crass

Reading

On 5th July, Sara Caistor visited St Andrew's to introduce children to the Summer Reading Challenge, it is open to all students and encourages students to foster the reading habit throughout the summer break. We also have a trip to Norfolk County Book Centre in Alby, which is another wonderful reading resource, to reward our top Readathon readers with the gift of books. Our students will also have the opportunity to buy books requested by the students for our flourishing Library.

Get creative with the Summer Reading Challenge



Children can get creative with this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Marvelous Makers, which launches in Norfolk libraries on Saturday 6 July.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children aged 4+. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence. Children can read anything they like (really – anything!) and collect free rewards for their reading. For under 5s there is a mini challenge, so they don't miss out.

Just pop into your local library or visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge to sign up. Children will need to be library members - you can do this in a library or online. It's free of charge and children will receive their own library card for which there are no overdue fees.

This year's Challenge is all about creativity. From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone! Children will be able to find new reads linked to their favorite creative arts and join in with free activities at their local library.

The Summer Reading Challenge is developed by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries. This year's theme has been developed in partnership with Create, a leading charity bringing creative arts to those who need it most.

Find out more at www.norfolk.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge

Emma Clark

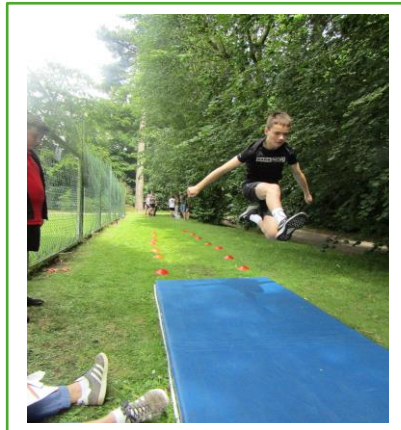
Sport's Day

St. Andrew's hosted Sports Day on Thursday 27th June, with a variety of sporting activities on offer to create a fun, inclusive day for all to be part of. The events consisted of some typical sports day events including the egg & spoon race, sack race, 3-legged race, long jump and running events around our running track. An external provider came in to do archery in our gym which the students enjoyed. We also had some team sports with football and an introduction to some varieties of (tag and rugby 'netball') out on the ASTRO.

The day was brought to an end when all groups come out to the ASTRO to take part in tug of war before all pupils received their participation medals to celebrate everyone's 'personal best' achievements throughout the day.

An excellent day of activity incorporating social and teamworking skills as well as sportsperson values.

Vassy Stamatov



Sports Week

"National School Sports Week was celebrated from Monday 17th June - Friday 21st June with additional activities on offer throughout the week, including at break times, for all pupils to join in with should they wish. To name a few, games covered included roll dodgeball, cricket, football, parachute games, tag rugby, capture the flag and crazy catch.

We had lots of pupils across the entire school participating in the various activities which created an active, fun atmosphere amongst pupils and staff, encouraging the 60 minutes a day of physical activity recommendation.

Well done everyone!

Vassy Stamatov





Samba Workshop

ON 4th July Tim Brain from the County Music Hub came to do Samba drumming workshops with KS2, KS3 and KS4. Tim travels the world doing Samba drumming workshops with groups, carnivals and special events and has broken a couple of Guinness World Record with Samba drummers. He started us off with warm up rhythm games which woke us all up and then we learned a group groove. Then sectional parts with different instruments were learnt including, call and answer and body percussion which we eventually put all into one long piece which sounded amazing. All of us were playing different rhythms at the same time with Tim conducting us with snare drum and whistle. For some, the funniest bit was when he conducted us with a sock and a shoe for those of us who struggled with the big drum beat. All in all it was a really good afternoon – fun and LOUD! (Judith and Tim had to wear ear plugs and there were quite a few ear defenders out).

