



# January NEWSLETTER

## St Giles Junior School

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Dear Carers and Parents,

### **Happy New Year to everyone!**

Happy New Year and welcome to the start of the spring term. The students, and staff, have all made a positive start back to school, and although the Christmas holidays now feel like a distant memory, everyone remains enthusiastic and ready for the year ahead.

How are the New Year resolutions going? Well if you want to start something or increase what you are already doing, why not focus on the benefits of you and your child reading together more. Here are some facts on why reading with your child can have such an impact, 30 minutes each night is more than enough.

#### **Children who read often and widely get better at it.**

After all, practice makes perfect and reading is no different.

#### **Reading improves concentration.**

Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.

#### **Reading teaches children about the world around them.**

Children learn about people, places and events outside of their experience.

#### **Reading improves vocabulary and language skills.**

Subconsciously, by reading you absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively.

#### **Reading develops a child's imagination.**

While we are engaged in a story we are imagining how a character is feeling. Children then bring this knowledge into their everyday work.

#### **Reading helps children to develop empathy.**

As children develop, they imagine how they would feel in that story situation.

#### **Reading is a great way to spend time together.**

Reading together on the sofa, bedtimes stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending quality time together.

***Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body***

# Y3 Art Day



Year 3 looked at some of the work of LS Lowry including painting and colour mixing to produce seascapes and sketching to show the perspective of industrial landscapes.



**Art has a lot of positive effects on a child's character and personality. Here are 8 surprising benefits of learning art for children!**

**Art promotes creativity. ...**

**Art promotes confidence. ...**

**Art promotes problem solving skill. ...**

**Art promotes patience and determination. ...**

**Art promotes accountability. ...**

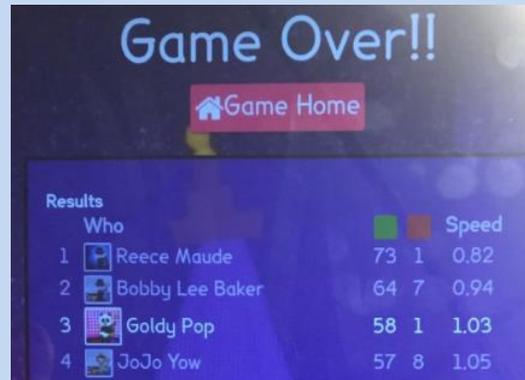
**Art promotes focus on team work.**



## Times Table High Achiever

Huge congratulations to Vidhi in Year 6 whose amazing time table knowledge was rewarded with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place against children from around the world.

All students have access to this wonderful resources – so who will manage to better Vidhi?



Results		Who	Correct	Wrong	Speed
1		Reece Maude	73	1	0.82
2		Bobby Lee Baker	64	7	0.94
3		Goldy Pop	58	1	1.03
4		JoJo Yow	57	8	1.05

## Attendance

Evidence shows that there is a link between higher attendance and academic success. At St Giles we are always looking to celebrate those occasions when attendance is good, though we are aware that children do get ill – it's a part of growing up. The National target is 95%, but we are aiming to be higher. Each half term there is a class competition to see which class has the highest attendance and best punctuality – well done to Class G for winning last time. We also celebrate higher attendance with a 'Well Done' celebration assembly. Congratulations to those students who have had their bronze, silver or gold awards for the autumn term's attendance.

- A – 16 awards with 9 being gold
- B – 15 awards with 5 being gold.
- C – 24 awards with 11 being gold.
- D – 26 awards with 10 being gold.
- E – 25 awards with 14 being gold.
- F – 15 awards with 7 being gold.
- G – 18 awards with 8 being gold.

## Children and Families

Warwickshire have children and family centres offering flexible support for families with young people aged 0-19. They provide support on a range of topics that all families can sometimes have, and they offer independent and confidential help to everyone.

Have a look at the current support on offer <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwick-hire-children-and-families-17595309993>



### Managing Children's Behaviour

A one-off 2-hour workshop, for parents/carers to attend.

Suitable for children aged between 2-12 years of age. If you would like to understand more about your child's behaviour and feelings, then this is the workshop for you. Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging. This workshop focuses on ways to improve your child's behaviour and helps deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier life.

**This is a 2-hour Workshop**

**Date: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

**Time: 12.45pm - 2.45pm**

**Venue: St Michaels Children and Family Centre  
Hazel Grove, Bedworth CV12 9DA**

For more information and to book a place please visit [childrenandfamilies.eventbrite.com](http://childrenandfamilies.eventbrite.com)

The Early Help and  
Targeted Support Team



## Growing Sporting Involvement at St Giles

It's an unusual week now when a team representing our school is not taking part in a sporting fixture. Once again, our upper-school girls' team showed sportspersonship, commitment and above all enjoyment during this month's football competition



## Outstanding Dinner Money

School meals must be paid for in advance please. If you have any questions contact the school office – if you have payment problems they can work out a payment plan. As we are approaching the end of the financial year, Warwickshire Count Council will be looking for all debts to have been cleared.

## Photograph and Video Permission Forms

You may be aware that since the data protection rules came into effect we need a consent form to be completed to take and use photographs/videos of your child. The use of photographs is an important tool which is widely used in education, sharing and displaying activities that your child has undertaken. Lots of you have completed and returned the form, however we are still missing a significant number, so can all forms be returned ASAP – Thank you.

## INSET Day & Half Term Holiday

Don't forget that the **school is closed to students on FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2020**, the school reopens again on Monday 24 February at 8.45 am.

### Parent Events Calendar - Spring Term 1 2020

Week b/g	Event
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> - All About Me - RSE curriculum to be taught all week Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Family Learning morning Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> - Puppet assembly at 10:10am
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Safer Internet Week Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Family Learning morning Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Art day (can children please bring in an old t-shirt to wear) Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friends of St Giles Disco Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> - SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
	Half-Term
	School Opens - Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February