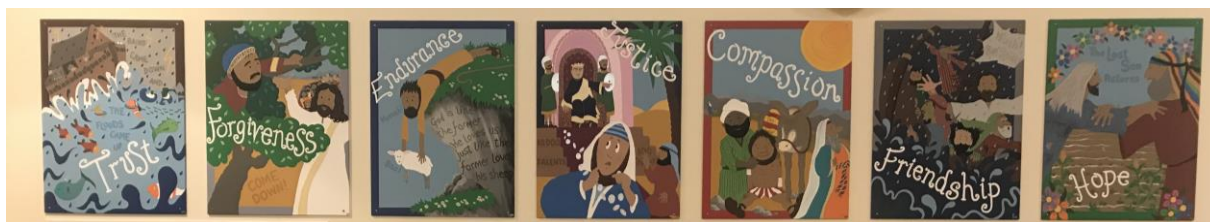




Newsletter – Friday 23rd November 2018



We received some fantastic news on Friday 9th November as Miss Taylor celebrated the birth of Nellie Olivia, who was a healthy 8 pounds and 4 ounces. Congratulations to Miss Taylor and her partner, Nicky, as they settle into life with their new daughter.

Class attendance update:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:EB	91.91%	Y1TL	96.67%	Y3EG	96.47%	Y5JY	96.49%
YR:NL	96.75%	Y1/2OB	97.55%	Y3/4CS	93.48%	Y5/6NC	95.72%
		Y2JW	95.48%	Y4HJ	96.16%	Y6AJM	97.22%
Whole school attendance: 95.81%							

*%'s are up to and including Friday 16th November

Don't forget:

The KS2 Open Afternoon with HT Forum has been re-arranged for Monday 26th November, 1:30pm start;

There is a SATs meeting for all Y6 parent/carers on Thursday 13th December, 3:30pm – 4:00pm or 6:00pm – 6:30pm;

and

On Monday 17th December, all teachers from Year 1 – Year 6 will be available to speak to you in school about your child's recent assessment should you wish to 'drop in' school from 3:30pm – 6:00pm



Reception starters 2019 – Applications for Reception places are now open online for you to submit an application for your child to start our Reception class in September 2019. The closing date for admissions is **15th January 2019**. We will not be holding a formal open day but if you, or people you know, would like to come and have a look around, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we will be able accommodate a more individual approach.

Parent/carer workshop – Many thanks to you to all who attended our nursery 'Prime Parent Partnerships' workshop earlier last week. We hope you found it useful and your children are enjoying the storybooks, writing book, dough disco pots and doodle sticks you took home with you. Your enthusiastic participation ensured that the workshop was a great success. Please look out for our next workshop about the Specific areas of learning in the Spring Term.



Rota-Kids – Friday 2nd November saw Julie Grundy from Tyldesley Rotary come into school to meet with staff, governors and some of our very own Rota-Kids. There are 16 children in our Rota-Kids group and all the children have now been presented with their badges. On the day, our Rota-Kids received their 'official accreditation' (which we will soon be displaying in school) and the children discussed possible future projects going forward. One exciting project involved working with Santander, who will hopefully be coming in soon, delivering workshops to classes on handling money.

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20 years celebration – We started our 20 years celebrations, 20 years to the day that both St. George’s School and Tyldesley Central School closed their doors for the final time. A fantastic assembly led by Mrs Davies, Miss Gray, Mrs Jeffries and Mrs Wright started the day as we reflected on images and stories from November 1998. Each class then went away to research different areas from that era, which they then presented in a sharing assembly later that week – it was great to see the work from each year class. Both these assemblies have helped to ‘kick start’ our 20 year celebrations and we now have a host of activities and events planned in school over the next few months, culminating in a final celebration on St. George’s Day in 2019. If you or anyone you know could contribute to any aspect of this project, maybe sharing special memories for a film, then please do not hesitate to contact us in school.



Remembrance Events – Thursday 8th November was a special day for school as we received our now traditional visit from members of the Tyldesley British Legion. This year, the visit took a slightly different approach as not only did the children listen to a talk from the visitors, but they had prepared some work to present to them.



Children in Y3 and Y4 also had a cake sale earlier in the week which raised **£136.36** for the ‘**Remembered**’ charity – many thanks for your support with this. We would like to thank the members of the Tyldesley British Legion for, yet again, providing an informative talk to the children, helping to ensure that future generations continue to remember the bravery that members of the armed forces demonstrated in the past and continue to show today. Our week of Remembrance events was rounded off with a fantastic turn out of children and staff at the Remembrance Sunday parade. Again, thank you all for your support.

Raising money – Your fantastic support for our recent Children in Need ‘Non-Uniform’ day helped school to raise **£280** for charity. Thank you again for all your support.



Visits – Monday 19th November saw our Year 5 make the short trip to Manchester Cathedral for the day to experience ‘God and the Big Bang’. Children took part in workshops which were led by scientists and linked aspects of science to Christianity. In the same week, our Y6 children walked to Fred Longworth High School to watch their production of ‘School of Rock’. It was great to see so many ex-pupils make up the cast for this. Well done to everyone involved.

Parent View – Thanks to everyone who returned feedback to me about the new approach we took to extra-curricular clubs for Autumn half term. We will be using your feedback to guide our future approach with this. In order to further support our continuing school improvement, don’t forget to return your Parent View questionnaire to me, in school, by



Friday 30th November. Children in school will be completing a ‘child-friendly’ version of this questionnaire in the new year, which school council will be ‘analysing’ on our behalf.



School choir events – **Saturday 1st December** will see our school choir singing Christmas Carols at the switching on of the Christmas lights in Tyldesley town centre. On **Thursday 6th December at 6pm** in St. George’s Church, our choir will be taking part in the Community Carol Service. More details about these events will be sent out soon in separate letters from Miss Gray. There will also be our usual half termly performance in school for you on **Wednesday 12th December at 9:30am.**

Elf competition – On Friday 7th December, to help support Alzheimer’s Society, Mrs Hupton has organised a competition for each class to guess how many elves there are on a sheet. It will be 50p per guess with special prizes for each class.



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Information about Christmas productions/events

This year there will be a Christmas production from children in:

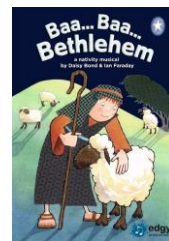


Nursery

Reception

and

Year 1 & Year 2



All tickets will go on sale on **Monday 26th November at 9am and 3pm** from Mrs Kearns. Please queue at the external door near the main entrance. From **Monday 3rd December** any remaining tickets for any performances will go on OPEN SALE from the school office.

Nursery	
Details:	The Pre-School children from both our Darlington Street Nursery and Lancaster Avenue Nursery will come together in our school hall to perform some Christmas songs After the performance you will be invited down to nursery for a 'Stay and Play' session (nursery may get rather busy and so please only attend one of 'Stay and Play' sessions).
Tickets:	Tickets are priced at 50p and are on sale from Monday 26 th November 9am and 3pm from Mrs Kearns external door: 4 tickets per child in total You will need to bring your ticket with you on the day of the performance as the number on your ticket is your seat number.
Date/Time:	Monday 10 th December 2018 – 1:30pm start
Date/Time:	Tuesday 11 th December 2018 – 9:30am start
Reception	
Details:	The children in Reception will be performing 'A Wriggly Nativity'
Tickets:	Tickets are priced at 50p and are on sale from Monday 26 th November 9am and 3pm from Mrs Kearns external door: 4 per child in total You will need to bring your ticket with you on the day of the performance as the number on your ticket is your seat number.
Date/Time:	Monday 10 th December 2018 – 2:15pm start
Date/Time:	Tuesday 11 th December 2018 – 10:15am start
Year 1 & Year 2	
Details:	The children in Year 1 & Year 2 will be performing 'Baa...Baa...Bethlehem'
Tickets:	Tickets are priced at 50p and are on sale from Monday 26 th November 9am and 3pm from Mrs Kearns external door: 2 per child in total You will need to bring your ticket with you on the day of the performance as the number on your ticket is your seat number.
Date/Time:	Monday 10 th December 2018 – 6:00pm start
Date/Time:	Tuesday 11 th December 2018 – 2:00pm start

There will be a raffle at each performance with tickets on sale for £1 a strip.



Babies and other children – Please note that tickets for the performances are for older siblings and adults **ONLY**. For those who need to bring children, babies or toddlers, a crèche will be provided. This also includes all children from St. George's Central who will have seen all dress rehearsals.

Photographs and digital recording – Under no circumstances are you to use your phone/camera in school or take any photographs during any of the performances, including at the end. We will have already have taken individual/group photographs of the children in their costumes which we will upload to our school Facebook page and my Twitter page (@MrGSGC) so that you can save and print images yourself, in your preferred style at your leisure.



*****Please note: all the performances on Tuesday 11th December will be filmed by school and you will be able to purchase copies of this. A separate letter will be sent home about this soon*****

Costumes – We are hoping to provide costumes within school. If any additional support with costumes is required individual class teachers will let you know.

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Pantomime – The afternoon of Wednesday 12th December will see our children from Reception to Year 6 go to The Opera House in Manchester to watch Cinderella, starring Connor McIntyre, Les Dennis and Gareth Gates. As always, funds raised over the year will be used to support this **FREE** event. You will soon receive a letter from Mrs Morris, giving further details about this trip.

Christmas party days



Thursday 13th December: Y5/6 party day – non uniform for these children

Friday 14th December: Y3/4 party day – non uniform for these children

Tuesday 18th December Reception/Y1/Y2 party day – non uniform for these children

Thursday 20th December **NEW DATE**: Nursery party day – non uniform for these children



Christmas dinner – On Thursday 13th December, Christmas dinner will be served for all pupils and staff in school. Should your child be on packed lunches and you would like them to have a Christmas dinner then please let the school office know by **Friday 7th December**. We are inviting **all children** to bring a Christmas cracker with them on Christmas dinner day.



KS2 Carol Service – On the morning of Thursday 20th December, all KS2 children will be walking to St. George's Church to take part in our very own carol service. This will start at 10am and will involve the children telling the story of the first Christmas through a mix of narration and songs. All members of the St. George's Central community are invited to this.



Christmas disco

This will take place on **Thursday 20th December** at the following times for each year group:

3:30pm – 4:30pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Children to bring their disco clothes to school and remain in school at home time to get changed.

5:00pm – 6:30pm: for children in Year 3 – Year 6

The disco will be **£2 per child** (this can be paid online or brought to the school office). There will be some light refreshments included (children will not need to bring any other money on the night – just their dancing shoes!).

ATSA Events



ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision



October half term saw children from our school join with children from 5 other schools to attend the first ever 'All Sports Holiday Provision'. A varied programme of sporting opportunities (Athletics with Jenny Meadows, First Aid and Fun Swim, Football with Wigan Athletic and Rugby With Leigh Community Trust) were on offer over the 5 days with KS2 children being able to sign up for different days for £3 a day (with lunch included)! The programme for February half term is currently being finalised with feedback being taken on board and so it has been negotiated with some of the providers that **children in Y2 will be able to attend some of the sessions**. Look out for information sent home about this in the new year.



Sports Council – Our Sports Council members, Tommy Hampson and Madison Medley, recently met with Sports Councillors from other schools to discuss and share ideas and projects to help our local sporting community. The children provided some excellent feedback/ideas we are looking forward to bringing them back together soon in order to start to develop these further.

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KS2 Kurling festival – Friday 2nd November saw our KS2 Kurling team take part in a festival against seven other schools. The children played really well and narrowly missed out on qualifying for the final. Well done to: Oliver Derbyshire, Bradley Graham, Finley Horsefield and Emily Ward who represented our school at this event.



VX taster session and festival – Some children from Y5 and Y6 recently took part in competition in a sport called VX. The game involves children scooping up soft tennis balls with a lacrosse style stick and throwing the balls at their opponents. The main methods of scoring points are for hitting your opponent with a ball or catching a ball that was thrown at you. Well done to Lee Barry, Myles Bedingfield, Alfie Daly, Lainie Dolan, Hayden Gooding, Alex Harper, Clayton Johnson, Poppy Ottiwell, Lloyd Lomax and Emily Ward who represented the school.

Y4 Football Festival at MUFC – On Wednesday 14th November, we took a Y4 football team to The Cliff training Ground in Salford to take part in a football festival against eleven other schools. Our teams did really well and narrowly missed out on qualifying for the final. However, the team were successful in the 3rd/4th 'play off' match, winning 3 – 2 and finishing **3rd overall**. Well done to Marley Crawford, Oliver Houlihan, Laiton Hugo-Williams, Noah Smith, Ben Stanistreet and Cole Stoneley who represented our school.



Greater Manchester Sports Awards – The evening of Friday 16th November saw our school attend the Greater Manchester Sports Awards at Old Trafford Cricket Ground in Manchester. We were invited to attend this event as a result of winning 'The Martin Lynn School Commitment to PE and Sport' category at the annual 'Believe Wigan Sports Awards' in October. It was at this Greater Manchester event that we were pitched against winners from the nine other local authorities from across Greater Manchester. It was a fantastic evening and everyone involved in our school should be proud we made it to this event but, unfortunately for us, we missed out on winning the Greater Manchester Award and congratulations should go to Russell Scott Primary School from Tameside who were crowned overall winners in our category.

Y5/6 Basketball festival – On Monday 19th November our Basketball team took part in a festival against nine other schools. The team won two matches, drew one and lost one which meant they narrowly missed out on qualifying from their group. Well done to: Leon Beca, Alfie Daly, Tegan Davies, Bradley Graham, Tommy Hampson, Madison Medley, Ella Meskell and Gutjera Tumarevichute who represented our school at this event.



Smite! – Children from St. George's Central were recently joined by children from two other schools to take part in a taster session of the inclusive sport, Smite! This is a game similar to ten pin bowling as the aim is to knock down 10 different numbered pins and get to a score of fifty. To make things 'interesting', if you happen to score more than 50, your score reduces to 25 and any pins knocked down are stood back up wherever they land in the room! A big thank you to Ian Crosby from 'AllinclusiveSports' for leading this session.

Before the next newsletter, children from St. George's Central will be taking part in:

****Table Tennis taster session** **KS2 Dance festival** **Climbing Wall taster session** **Y5/6 Dodgeball festival****

The next newsletter will be emailed out on **Monday 17th December**. Paper copies of the newsletter will be made available in the letter holders in the school entrance area for you to pick up should you wish. Remember that we break up for Christmas at **3:15pm on Friday 21st December**. Have a great month with your family.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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