

PA Newsletter

Summer Events

Family Fun Day

St Helens' first (and hopefully not our last!) Family Fun Day was a great success! Over £2,500 was raised for the PA and put towards the build of the atrium – thank you to everyone who was involved, whether you helped out on a stall, provided raffle prizes or bought tickets; we couldn't have done it without you!



Fathers Day

We had some wonderful feedback on the plates that the children decorated for their fathers – they all had great fun making them and the sales raised £189, which again, was put towards the atrium.

They also had a fantastic time camping, and the sale of sausages and s'mores raised £100.

Sports Day

This year's Sports Day was a great success – the sun was shining, the children worked together wonderfully in their teams and the bake sale raised £184 for the PA. Thank you to everyone who made cakes, and well done to the green team who won the final tie-breaker!



School Trips

The children spent a fun and informative day at Botany Marshes searching for and identifying plants and animals, as well as creating wildflower crowns. A huge thank you to Mr. VonSteinkeller for organising this fantastic treat for them.



Elementary Concert

This year the children performed Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, and it was an incredible production without a single missed cue or forgotten line! Thank you to all those involved – the sets, props and make-up were fantastic. If you have yet to buy a DVD copy at £6 each, please contact Allie Woodward.



The PA organised pre-concert drinks for parents and grandparents while the children were getting ready, and a fabulous after-show party was enjoyed by everyone late into the evening!

Open Day

Open Day was a huge success, with many current and prospective parents coming to see the school, speak to the teachers and get a rare chance to see and learn about all the Montessori equipment. The PA organised refreshments, and some of the Elementary children were on duty to proudly show visitors around their school.

Nursery Graduation

The graduating nursery children, their parents and teachers all had a lovely afternoon in the playground with a picnic, a visit from 'Owl About Art' and a recital of the songs the children have been learning this past term.



Upcoming Events

New Parents Coffee Morning

Please join us for coffee and cake to welcome new parents to St Helens at 9am on Friday, 22nd September at Roseanna's house (next to the school) – all parents invited!

Nursery Film Night

On Thursday, 5th October the PA will be hosting a film night for the elementary children. Straight after school, we will be showing a screening of the Summer concert, followed by dinner and 'Boss Baby' – pick-up will be approximately 7:30pm.

The Atrium

Tiles

For the last week of term the PA were offering parents the chance for their children to 'leave their mark' on St Helens by personalising a tile for the new atrium roof in return for a £10 donation. Many took part, and £260 was raised which was put towards the build.

Progress

Unfortunately there were some unforeseen delays with the building work over the summer holidays so the Atrium is unfinished. The windows and floor are arriving imminently, but the exterior doors may take a few weeks. However, we can envisage what a wonderful space it is going to be and Jeannelle has great plans for how it will be used for both nursery and Elementary children. The PA have already raised over £4000 towards the cost of the building, and with generous donations from parents together with money contributed from the school we are left with around £4500 to raise over the course of this year. Please support all the fundraising events that the PA will be organising!

Staff News from Miss Jeannelle

We wish Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Whiteside huge happiness, good health and relaxation in their retirement! We have been so blessed to have them at St Helens for, between them, 41 happy years!

They have calmly encouraged and inspired many hundreds of children in their care, and all our children have thrived under their expert guidance. They have made a huge contribution to their lives and they will forever remain in the hearts of their pupils... and in ours!

We are delighted to say Mrs. Simeonova will be rejoining us in the Nursery, leaving her beautiful baby girls in the tender care of her mother.

We extend a hearty welcome to Madame Florence Zadi as our new Elementary French teacher! Madame Zadi is a native French speaker with huge experience in teaching and a deep interest in languages and language acquisition. She has already met the children on several occasions and joined in their lessons – and they all greatly approve!

Miss Jeannelle will once again be taking the older Nursery Children for French on Monday mornings.