# PA Newsletter

## **Past Events**

#### Valentines Day Cake Sale

We sold lots of lovely cakes at the Valentines Day cake sale – thank you to all those that baked and helped us to sell them at pick-up; we raised £136.70 for the atrium fund.

#### Atrium Opening Party

A lovely evening was had to celebrate the grand opening of our new atrium, with lots of bubbles, delicious food and great company!





## Mothers Day

This year the elementary children took part in an after-school craft workshop to make willow hearts. They all had lots of fun, and the sale of the hearts along with some yummy chocolates and beautiful flowers raised £139 for the PA.



#### Chinese New Year

The children enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year by making traditional lanterns and learning how to use chopsticks in preparation for a Chinese meal prepared by the PA for lunch in the atrium.



## Candle Workshop

We had 11 attendees at this year's candle-making workshop, and each attendee took home five beautiful, hand-made candles after a lovely evening learning more about the craft from our resident expert, Edy!



## World Book Day

We had some fabulous costumes this year for World Book Day (which was postponed to 5<sup>th</sup> March due to the snow!), including Percy Jackson, Pippi Longstocking and The Incredible Hulk!



#### Easter Bonnets

There were some fantastic bonnet creations this year! It's always great to see how creative the children (and their parents) are!

#### School Trip to The Living Land

"On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, we visited the Living Land show at Detling. Living Land is a huge, wonderful exhibition in two massive halls and outside. It is a place where children and adults can learn a lot and have a thrilling time. I hope we visit again."

Jared Woodward, Head Boy

#### Spring Lunch

On Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, the PA hosted a delicious Spring-themed lunch for the elementary children.

## Upcoming Events

#### Father Day Campout

This year the Fathers Day campout for the elementary children will be held on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, with a bonfire, s'mores for roasting and probably very little sleep!

#### Open Day

This year Open Day will be held on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June. There will be tea, coffee and cakes, and an opportunity for you to speak to the teachers about what the children have been up to.

#### Sports Day

This year the Parents Association have decided to make the afternoon following Sports Day a wonderful celebration for both the nursery and elementary to mark the end of the school year, with a BBQ, raffle, games, ice lollies and much more!

#### Elementary Music & Drama Concert

The concert will be on 12<sup>th</sup> July after school, and will be followed by an end-of-term celebration at John and Roseanna's!

# Other

## Outdoor Art, Science and Kitchen Activity Station

What started off as an idea for a 'mud kitchen' in the nursery playground has now become an 'Outdoor Art, Science and Kitchen Activity Station', designed by Miss Jeanelle and expertly built by the talented Mr. Hannaford. We're sure the nursery children will love making various concoctions, recipes and potions here – encouraging imaginative (and likely messy!) play.



## New Nursery Staff

This term we've had a huge uptake of extra sessions by nursery children. We are therefore delighted to welcome Mrs Lyons to St Helens. Helen ran her own highly successful Montessori school for xx years. She is a nursery and primary Montessori teacher, bringing with her a wealth of experience. Her two sons, Jack and Dan, were in our Nursery before Helen started on her own.

We also welcome Mr Adama, a highly experienced ICT teacher, who is working with the senior Upper Elementary. Youssef is already a big hit with them!

## Bob

The little children are delighted to welcome Bob, a huge Bearded Dragon, as a member of the Nursery. We also have regular visits from his brother, Prince and his friend, Tonto the Tortoise.



## **School Election**

"Last term we held a secret ballot and we all voted for two Prefects (Evan and Fabian), a Behaviour Monitor (William) and Head Boy (Jared). I am very pleased to be chosen as Head Girl. As you probably know, being something like this means Authority and we have to help the teachers and make sure all the others are happy and behaving. However, we have to do this in a calm and kind way."

Sophia Lozano, Head Girl