



## Newsletter

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

***Year 3 Class Assembly Parents welcome to attend on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am***

### **Year 4 Visit to the Science & Industry Museum**

*On our digestive system school trip, we had a lot of fun awaiting us! We were shrunk down to become pieces of food, as we travelled through the different parts of the digestive system. In the mouth, there were sets of headphones that were playing soundtracks from experiments from doctors. Did you know that children have twice as many taste buds as adults? My favourite part was exploring in the large intestine.*

*Written by Frankie Y4*

*On Tuesday, we went to the Science and Industry Museum. We learnt about the digestive system. My favourite part was learning about the appendix.*

*Written by Coah Y4*



Thanks to Mr Titterington, Ms Quinn, Anya's Mum and Isaac's Mum who accompanied the children on the trip.

### **Year 6 Visit to Portland Basin**

*When we arrived at our destination, Portland Basin, the class were told by the History Keeper to have a look at artefacts in glass pillars or cases to find as many facts as we could in 2 minutes. During this time, we saw artwork by Harry Rutherford who we had used as a historical source for the history of Hyde in class. After the time had passed, he, the history keeper asked us to share all the facts we had learnt in the time. The class were then led down a fake street from the 1920's, after a quick gaze in some shops, we sat down ready to begin. The history keeper led a fun activity packed with facts about Roman history and impact on Tameside to early 21st century inventions. We also participated in an activity where you had to follow clues around the museum. Fascinatingly, we saw armour from the Black Knight who we had learnt about in class. The knight would punish people by rolling them down Crickets Lane in a barrel full of nails. If they survived they were seen as guilty and beheaded; however, if they were dead by the end they were innocent. In the afternoon, we thought about connections over time - we found things in the museum from the past, thought about what they were like now, and what they might be like in the future. The time seemed to fly by and we didn't want the day to end!*

*Written by Harvey W*



A special thanks to Miss Smith, Mrs Ingham, Casey's Dad, Mrs Farrell and Mrs Clegg.

### **Parents Evenings**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October all Parents are invited to a short meeting with their child's class teacher. This meeting will give you the opportunity to hear how your child has settled into their new year group and see their books. Appointments are for a maximum of ten minutes and can be booked online through the School Spider App. In the Parents area you can receive smartphone messages, emails, receive newsletters, book Parents evenings and complete surveys and forms. If there are any issues with log in, please contact the school office.

### **School Meal Price Increase**

We have just been notified by Tameside that with effect from **16 October 2023**, the cost of a standard, two course, fully inclusive meal will be **£2.95** per pupil. The cost per week will be £14.75.

### **Black History Month Competition**

This week, Miss Smith led an assembly for KS2 on the vital role black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. She was particularly impressed with how many key black historical figures the children could remember from our school curriculum.

October is the month of Mary and the children were able to list a range of qualities that Mary had to be such an inspirational woman. We then looked at a range of black and mixed heritage women that have also been inspirational and changed the world for the better.

### **Key Stage 2 Competition**

The children have been set the challenge of researching an inspirational black woman. For example, these may be women who have made incredible contributions to literature, music, fashion, sport, business, politics, academia, social and health care, and more. They can choose to present the information they find in whatever they want; it could be a poster, on a model, or even through PowerPoint or edited video. Entries can be sent to [admin@st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk) All entries need to be received before the 1<sup>st</sup> November. The winner from each year in KS2 will win a certificate and book.

### **Key Stage 2 - Times Table Rock Stars**

Mrs McGowan has set the first TTRS Battle of the year. This will be a **Battle of the Bands**. The Battle will commence today and will end next Friday. Try and encourage your child to participate in this as it provides an excellent opportunity for your child to learn their multiplication facts. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

### **School Building Fund – Voluntary Contribution**

As in previous years, voluntary contributions to the School Building Fund are being requested from all parents with children in our school. The Fund is of great importance in helping meet the 10% liability on building and major repair projects and managing property, as it enables schools to be able to take advantage of Government funding. The voluntary contributions made by parents in respect of children attending our schools play a vital role in this. The Pdf explains that parents can make their voluntary contribution Online and Gift Aid this. Voluntary contributions can also be made by cash/cheque. A Gift Aid Declaration (Form B) is also included as part of the Pdf that parents can complete to boost the value of their voluntary contribution made by cash/cheque. Thank you to those who have already donated.

### **Year 6 Parents – Admission to Secondary School**

If you haven't already done so you must apply for a Secondary School place by logging on to <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/ssa> The closing date for applications is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**. Any applications received after this date will be dealt with as a late application and you may not receive one of your chosen schools.

### **Flu Immunisations**

All forms should now have been returned to the school office as they have been collected by the vaccination team. If you have not yet returned your form please do so before the half term holiday to ensure that your child will receive the vaccination. Also, if you have your child vaccinated at the GP before the 21<sup>st</sup> November please contact IntraHealth 0333 3583397 (option 1, then option 6) to avoid any double vaccinations.

## Mary's Meals

The Working Together council have decided that the children will participate in a sponsored fun run to raise funds for Mary's Meals [Homepage | Mary's Meals UK \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](http://marysmeals.org.uk) who raise funds to serve nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. This event will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Sponsor forms will be sent home next week.

## We are recruiting for a Midday Assistant – To start as soon as possible

The Governors of St Paul's are seeking to appoint a permanent Midday Assistant to work from 11.55am to 1.20pm daily (term-time only). We are looking for someone who is able to relate well to children and adults, is able to work constructively as part of a team and has awareness of safety within the school environment. We can offer a warm community with a strong Catholic Ethos, well behaved children who enjoy learning and a friendly and dedicated staff team. If you have any questions about the post please speak to Miss Flynn or Mr Allen. Applications must be made on a Catholic Education Service Application Form available to download <http://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/vacancies/52282>

## Attendance & Punctuality

<b>Attendance &amp; Punctuality for week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>									
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
<b>Attendance</b>	100%	97.24%	96.13%	95.67%	98%	98.13%	94.14%	98.71%	<b>97%</b>
<b>Lates</b>	0	0	4	1	1	11	6	3	

## Photographs

Don't forget to order your photographs from <http://www.myfoto.co.uk/>

<b>Dates for your 2023/2024 Diary</b>	
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 5 Class Mass at 9am – all welcome
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents Evenings for Nursery to Year 6
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents Evenings for Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y6
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents Evenings for Year 5
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Lionesses Competition
	Sponsored Run for Mary's Meals
	Break up for Half-term
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Staff INSET Day
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Back to school
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Closing date for Secondary School applications
<b>Early November</b>	Online applications open for Reception 2023 places
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	FOSP Family Quiz night
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Break up for Christmas holidays
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024</b>	Back to school – start of the Spring Term
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	Closing date for Reception applications

## **Local Community Information**



### **Infant Choir**

Thursdays 4.30pm - 5.00pm

A fun session for children aged 4-7 to start singing as part of an ensemble. Students will learn a variety of simple songs and choruses chosen to improve both their singing and listening skills.

Love performing with us

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### **Junior Choir**

Thursdays 4.30pm - 5.15pm

A wonderful opportunity for children aged 7-11 to start singing as part of a larger ensemble. Students will perform new arrangements of popular songs and start to sing in harmony, learning vocal ensemble and listening skills along the way.

### **Youth Choir**

Thursdays 6pm - 7pm

For ages 11-15, Tameside Youth Choir is an exciting new development allowing budding singers to perform with a brilliant ensemble. We rehearse and perform a variety of repertoire ranging from pop to musical theatre. Ideal for anyone with an interest in singing and looking to build their confidence.

We rehearse every week during term time at Birch Lane Centre, Birch Lane, Dukinfield, SK16 5AU and perform in regular concerts around Greater Manchester. For more information please contact - Email: [musicservice@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:musicservice@tameside.gov.uk)