

# St. Rose's School NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2011



## • *Birthday Wishes March:*

*Dylan Turland 3 on 1st*  
*Gemma Bullock 7 on 8th*  
*Kerry Fox 13 on 10th*  
*Milly Nobes 4 on 13th*  
*Rachel Ewing 4 on 16th*  
*Jordan Mansell 9 on 20th*  
*Ryan Davis 16 on 21st March*  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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I am delighted to present our latest Newsletter to you. In it you will find references to all the new builds that have taken place in school. These new facilities, the **Sensory Garden** and **Hydrotherapy pool**, will provide wonderful opportunities for all our pupils to enjoy. Tours of the superb new facilities by pupils, staff and parents have been enjoyed and we are all excited about their future use. St Rose's will have a new entrance that will provide a sparkling welcome to all our visitors.

I am grateful to all the staff who have worked so hard to ensure that the activities, visits and extra curricular events have continued. These are vital if the curriculum is to be rich and varied. I am pleased to announce that the Governors are planning an official opening event this term; the date is to be advised.

The pupils and staff have all worked very hard and participated in our **Health Week** (w.c. Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February). The week had lots of fun activities organised by Miss Skelton, with a fund raising event of a 24 hour Trampoline bounce on the Friday. Yes I was on the trampoline!!!!

Last but not least I would like to welcome **Emily Phillips** to school she is joining St Hugh's class the Monday after half term. We look forward to making Emily and her family very welcome.

**Mrs Simone Thurbon**



**WE ARE COLLECTING TESCO, COMPUTERS FOR KIDS AND SAINSBURY ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD PLEASE COLLECT THEM AND SEND THEM INTO SCHOOL. WE KNOW YOU WILL DO YOUR BEST TO HELP US AS PREVIOUSLY**

## NEW STAFF:

After Easter will would like to welcome **Mrs Claire Francis**, Teaching Assistant in St. Joseph's and **Tracey Mather**, Care Assistant in St. Joseph's.

## NEW SCHOOL CARDIGANS

We now have a new St. Rose's School cardigan. It is very good quality and priced at £15.00. Please contact the office if you would like to place an order.



## The Smile Appeal



### Sunday 8th May 2011 Wheel Nuts 2011

I hope you are all getting excited about this years Classic Car Show 'Wheel Nuts 2011'. This event offers something for everyone, with stalls, refreshments and entertainment for the children in addition to over 450 beautiful classic cars. For me it offers a trip down memory lane, reminding me of long journeys to North Wales cramped in the back of an Austin Maxi! If you come along, I bet a car that featured in your childhood will be on show. This event raises much needed funds for our young people so please do spread the word and **save the date if you can.**

### HYDROTHERAPY POOL UPDATE

If you who haven't had a chance to see our wonderful new hydrotherapy pool here are a few recent photos.



The young people from *Thomas Keeble School* have raised £1,500 towards our Smile Appeal. Thank you for all the hard work you put into raising this wonderful amount!

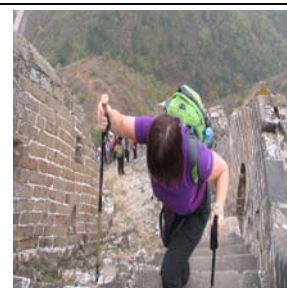
### *Great Wall of China Update*

*Mrs Poole raised—*

**£12,300.00!**

On behalf of everyone

**"Thank you"**



## Scouts



We would like to thank **ScoutActive Support** very much for the cheque for £250 they donated towards our hydrotherapy pool. It was really nice to meet them and to show them around our nearly completed pool. It was also a good opportunity for us to show them what our Scout troop is all about and what we get up to. We hope they will come and visit us again.

## Future Fundraising Fun

We are planning to hold a second **Rainbow Ball** on **9th July 2011**. Tickets £30. To be held on the school grounds. Supper, band and disco. Funds are being raised to upgrade the school Library.

The previous Rainbow Ball was a wonderful occasion—please come along and support us.

**Fashion Show by Stafford Cottage** of Minchinhampton on **Friday 25th March** 7.30pm for 8.00pm at St. Rose's School. Tickets £5 available now from Vikki Morris or Elaine Shipway. Raffle, soft drinks, clothes, bags and jewellery for sale on the night. All profits will go directly to the school.

## NATIONAL SING UP DAY 9TH February

On Wednesday 9th February we celebrated National Sing Up Day along with many other schools around the country. Sing up is a government initiative to increase opportunities for singing in schools throughout England. They have a brilliant website [www.singup.org](http://www.singup.org) which anyone can access after just a few minutes registration. There were over 800 events happening all over the country for this very musical day as well as a successful World Record attempt for most people singing and signing altogether which took place in Stoke Mandeville Stadium!! We always sing together on Wednesday mornings but this time each class had been learning a new song to share with the rest of the school. We had a few technical issues as the Sing Up Website, which was to provide all our backing tracks and song words, was struggling to keep up with demand from all those events in schools all across England! We managed however and mainly sang unaccompanied! Everyone took part from Early Years with their very own



made up Dinosaur song to St Joseph's leading us with some lively songs - *Here comes Sally* and *Everybody say Amen!* Other songs included *Alice the Camel*, *Baby one, two, three*, *Good to be me* and *Going to the Zoo*. To finish we all joined together to sing *Ain't no mountain high enough!* I am so proud of everyone's efforts! We carried on challenging ourselves for the rest of the morning with more singing fun from involving our kitchen staff in a rendition of Queen's *We are the champions* to singing during break and lunchtime. We gained 55 star points from Sing up for our efforts and will soon be the proud owners of some smart door plaques declaring that we are a "Sing

**Up Zone!"** We are pledged to work for a Silver Sing up Award and hope to have further news of this later in the year! Nearly all these songs we enjoyed on Sing Up Day are available with words and backing tracks on the Sing Up website so please log on and keep singing with and to your child! **Happy Singing everyone! Rachel Moody - Music Co-ordinator.**



## SPECIALIST SCHOOL STATUS

We had an exciting event on party day just before Christmas when a group called Maju, who are a Steel Band came into school and performed for us and led workshops where all the pupils and students could have a go. This was a really great event and everyone enjoyed it.



We have had a visit from Jerry Giles, the Head of Regional Networks for the SW. He was keen to see some of our key developments and examples of good practice and wants us to share some of these with other schools in the region. We are also planning our next Information Afternoon for March and hoping that more people than last year will come to our training which will involve lots of our staff leading workshops on their areas of expertise. We are looking forward to continuing to develop our partnerships and make more links with the community which will benefit our students.

Jean Bankhead on behalf of the SSS co-ordinators



# CP SOUTH WEST REGIONAL BOCCIA COMP.



Sunday 16th January 2011, at Leisure Cheltenham.



Robbie won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in BC2 Group after winning his Pool Group



**Well Done !**



Lucy came 3<sup>rd</sup> in her pool.



Ryan came 3<sup>rd</sup> in his pool

## FORTHCOMING DATES



**March 5th  
Tewkesbury  
Swimming Gala**

**Tuesday March 8th 2011  
Special Schools Swimming Gala  
GL1**



**Tuesday 5th April  
Sportsability Festival  
At Stroud leisure Centre**

Jackie  
Vowles



## AQA ENTRY LEVEL

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUCCESSFUL ENTRY LEVEL STUDENTS WHO WERE PRESENTED WITH THEIR AQA CERTIFICATES IN OUR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY: Robbie, Frazer, Laura and Bradley. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS!!!! Simone Thurbon, Deputy Head





# English

*After being disappointed with the amount of work going on SJ1 decided a bit of encouragement was needed to keep the builders working!!*

*Students dressed up as life guards to get a sneak peak at the pool and its progress!!*

## Will They Notice Us????



Hurry UP! Get a move On!!!!!!

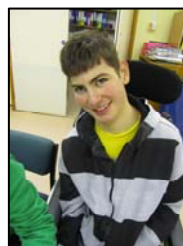
Mrs Simone Thurbon, Class Tutor



Rachel Gale, Teaching Assistant



We are having a St. Joseph's open afternoon when we will be running a café, chill out den and games room. It will be great if you could support us. It will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1.15-2.45pm. It will cost 50p to participate. Refreshments will be on sale



## EARLY YEARS DEPARTMENT

At the start of term, we have been pleased to welcome some new children into the Early Years Department. Welcome to:



Leon Thacker

Nathanael Soares



Dylan Turland



We also have many children who have increased the amount of sessions they are attending nursery and we are pleased to have so many in the morning sessions now.

The children have been finding out all about dinosaurs this term and have enjoyed many dinosaur related activities.



We are looking forward to visiting the Bristol City Museum to see the dinosaur exhibits on 14th February to finish our topic.

Heather Penney, Head of EYD



# HEALTH WEEK



We've had a very fun and action packed "Healthy Week" this year! It all started on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> February and pupils met for an Assembly to help kick start the week. We tried to focus the week on 'Good well being' by having lots of fun! Pupils have been exploring healthy eating and lessons have included a healthy theme throughout the week. Staff took part in a laughter workshop on Monday after school which was a very funny and good team building experience! The Bouncy Castle arrived on Wednesday and many of the pupils enjoyed bouncing with the staff! On Thursday we were joined by Julie Cole and her assistants from the 'Jolly Stompers' which are a local Line Dancing company. They showed St. Joseph's pupils and staff some great Line dancing, and we showed them how to 'Ye har!'



Finally the week finished with the ultimate challenge, our '24 Hour Sponsored Bounce!' This was to raise funds towards the running cost of the new Hydrotherapy pool. We were literally 'Bouncing for Energy!' This was a very big challenge but luckily we had the willingness of the pupils, the support from staff and volunteers and extremely generous people sponsoring us! The event started at 9am on Friday morning with most of the pupils bouncing on the trampoline throughout the day, then staff and volunteers bouncing through the evening, and finally a very brave team of staff bounced through the whole night! I am very pleased to say WE DID IT!!!! It was a fantastic achievement and a great team effort. I am so proud of all our pupils, staff and volunteers who participated and so grateful to everyone for supporting this. We are now in the process of collecting all of the sponsor money and we would be really grateful if you have any please hand it in to the school office. Thank you for your continuing support.



**KELLY SKELTON**  
PE TEACHER



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## NEWS FROM THE R.E. DEPARTMENT

Looking ahead to Easter, here are the dates for our Easter Liturgy and the names of the class involved in that special assembly. I do hope you will be able to come and have some time to pause and reflect on the most important events in our Christian Calendar. The assembly will begin at 9.30a.m. and will last about 15 minutes:

Tuesday 29th March	Palm Sunday	Early Years Dept. and St. Hugh's
Thursday 31st March	The Last Supper	St. Dominic's
Tuesday 5th April	The Agony in the Garden and Jesus' Betrayal	St. Catherine's and St. Stephen's
Thursday 7th April	The Death and Resurrection of Jesus	St. Joseph's

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**Children return: 28th February 2011 at 9.30a.m.**

17th March 2011 Parents Group AIDIS Trust 2pm + Parents Curriculum Information Talk 4pm

**Children finish: 8th April 2011 at 3.30p.m.**

Easter Holiday: 11th to 25th April 2011

### SUMMER TERM 2011

Staff Only In-Service 26th April 2011

**Children return 27th April 2011 at 9.00am**

Bank Holiday (Royal Wedding) 29th April 2011

Bank Holiday 2nd May 2011

**WHEELNUTS CLASSIC CARS MOTOR SHOW SUNDAY 8TH MAY 2011 11AM—5PM**

**PROGRESS EVENING 12TH MAY 6.00—8.00PM**

**(REPLY SLIPS NEED TO BE RETURNED BEFORE EASTER TO COMPILE SCHEDULE)**

**Children finish 27th May 2011 at 3.30pm**

**HALF TERM 30th May 2011 to 3rd June 2011**

**Children return 6th June 2011 at 9.30a.m.**

**SUMMER GARDEN FETE Saturday 18th June 2011 1pm—4.00pm**

**MID-SUMMER MUSICAL PROM—Thursday 7th July 2011 at 10.00 until 2.00pm**

**SUMMER BALL—Saturday 9th July 2011**

**SPORTS DAY—Friday 15th July 2011**