



St Paul's School Newsletter

Newsletter Spring 2019

School Updates

By Kerenza Palmer

St Paul's Primary School:

I am really pleased to inform you that St Paul's Primary School opened on 14th January 2019. With thanks to SENAR for their support, we have been able to provide 20 places in key stage 2 for pupils with a primary need of Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties (SEMH). We have successfully recruited a team of staff to include a full time qualified teacher, Mrs Yates, a full time teaching assistant, Ms Cuthbertson and two part time teaching assistants, Mrs Rian and Ms Smith. We have so far accepted 11 pupils, who have settled in and are making really positive progress. We are now in a position to start the recruitment for the second class, so please share with any of your friends or contacts who might be interested in working in a really positive and supportive learning environment.

The school would not have been able to happen without the support and input of a number of people / organisations, to include SENAR, the CEO of St Paul's Development Trust, the Deputy Head; Mrs Bilsborough, Ms Watson; our School and Trust Administrator, our Estates Team and our IT department. I would like to thank all for their valuable input and support.



Dates for your diary:

Half term: 18th - 22nd Feb
End of term: 11th April
Start training: 12th April, School closed to pupils

Summer terms begins on 25th April



St Paul's Secondary School:

The Deputy Head has been working hard to develop our curriculum for our pupils to ensure we are providing a provision that meets their needs and interests. Southside continues to play a positive part in our vocational offer. Many of our pupils are really enjoying the experience they are gaining, working with Dean and Darryl and developing their trade skills. Mrs Bilsborough has worked hard in developing individualised timetables for pupils to ensure they are working towards qualifications that will have a meaningful outcome for them. We continue to offer motor vehicle studies alongside functional skills maths, English and Life skills. Mrs McDonald has been working hard in developing really positive external links with various organisations to include WASPs rugby, Moseley Rugby, Birmingham City University and Marlborough College to name a few. We welcome three new members of staff to include Mrs Ahmed, our new Life Skills Teacher, Ms Fernandez, a Teaching Assistant and Mrs Sutton our new school cook. All have settled in and we look forward to their valuable input in to the work that we do for our pupils.



Trades - Southside Construction

By Ms Bilborough

Southside is a construction based provider that offers learners tasters in four vocational areas; Bricklaying, Carpentry, Plastering, and Rendering. St Paul's have joined forces with Southside Construction, providing our pupils with a vocational experience in the world of trades. The art room has now been converted into a trade's / creative arts room. Key stage 3 pupil's work on site with Southside staff and key stage 4 pupil's work off site at their learning centre.

Pupils are engaging and working towards a trade's qualification, which they appear to be really enjoying. They are developing their self-esteem and confidence in a more practical and skills based setting. One pupil in key stage 4 is excelling and now provides support to pupils in key stage 3.



Work Skills

By Mrs McDonald

In Work Skills, the pupils have been learning about how to get a job and the different roles within a company. We went to John Lewis to discuss how to get a job, what it is like to work for John Lewis and how their partnership scheme works.

Shani and Nicola talked to us about how to fill an application form out, how to dress in an interview and what is expected of a person who works there. The pupils gained knowledge into the works of John Lewis.



Reward Trips

By Mrs McDonald

The boys have been very busy!

They braved the cold weather and went to Ackers where they were taught to ski, as well as toboggan. They had a great time despite the cold weather!

As well as spending most of their time on the ground, we took our pupils to Creation to experience climbing and rope time gravity free on the ropes.



Volunteering

By Mrs McDonald

The work skills group went to Agape' in Birmingham to help sort and box clothes to ship off to Greece, where a number of refugees are fleeing to from The Middle East. Ryan was the star of the show helping sort out piles of clothes with the help of Jabreece.

Danish took the lead in helping make up the boxes for others to pack. He did a fabulous job making up more than 20 boxes with the help of Jamie B.

Hamsi was our model styling the clothes ensuring that they are fit for the people to wear in the winter.



The Next Generation Awards

Mrs B.Dutfield English Teacher

You may have heard recently about our success in the New Generation Awards 2018 and learned that we were runners up in receiving £500.00 towards our fantastic idea to create a sensory area. Post receiving this wonderful award we are still in talks with Newman University and Birmingham City Council on the progression of our project. Work on the project will begin in the new year.

We have been assigned a project mentor:- a student from Newman University who will work with us on the project to its fruition. We are expecting a visit soon to discuss the project and all it will entail.

We hope to start locally with our sensory area and then use this example as a blue print to see if we can engage community and people of the local area to get involved to create sensory areas all over Birmingham.

We are delighted to have the support of Birmingham Council and key representatives and hope this will lead to other exciting opportunities for our pupils. Watch out for further progress on the project and we will be entering the competition again next year. We got so far:- fingers crossed we may be at the finish line next year!



School Council

By Miss Whitaker

Our School Council is made up of selected pupils from each form group. The pupils were elected to represent their form during an assembly where they voted using a ballot system.

There is a School Council noticeboard in our hall which explains our roles as representatives. The School Council have been involved in meetings once a week, where we raise and discuss issues that have been brought to our attention from the other pupils. These issues are then passed on to the head teacher and fortnightly we all meet together to talk about ways in which we can improve the school.

Since our return to school, we have looked at: the school timetable and the allocated time for lunch breaks, we have looked at making better use of our outdoor areas and we have raised a variety of suggestions for new activities for pupils to engage in. We have already made these changes to the school, which is proving to be a success. The school council will continue to meet to help improve our school and raise more suggestions and ideas to ensure the pupils have a successful experience at St Pauls'.



Sport

By Mr Ali

The pupils have been taking part in a variety of competitions this year with other schools. This term, they have tried out dodgeball and did really well, especially as they are new to the sport.



Pupils have continued to attend the Pat Benson Boxing Club on a weekly basis, where they are working towards a qualification as well enjoying boxing.



School Uniform

If you would like to order additional tops and sweatshirts, please contact Alison Watson on 0121 464 4376.



Item	Sizes	
	XS to Small	Medium to XXL
V-neck sweat-shirt	£12.00	£14.00
Blue shirt	£10.50 (up to the age of 13)	£11.50 (all other sizes)