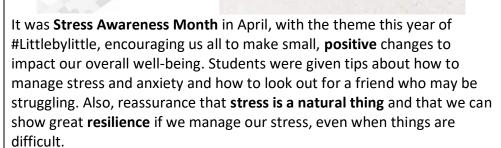


**St Antony's Stories** – information about learning, activities, events at school which form part of **students' Personal Development** – **April 2024** 

## Who? What's the story? Assemblies Y7-Y11 To coincide with Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Acceptance Week, students' first assembly this month helped with a better understanding of hidden disabilities and the challenges for people with Autism - day-to-day, in school and in wider life. The importance of love, acceptance and inclusivity was stressed to students.



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With Earth Day in April, stewardship and respect for our common home were a focus of another assembly this month. With wildlife population dropped by 60% in 40 years, and carbon dioxide at its highest level at any time in human history, there was a reminder of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* – to be responsible and respectful of our common home and do what we can easily each do: turn off lights, pick up litter, use less.



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Personal Development Lessons					
Y7-Y11	Living in the Wider World				
Y7	Pets & Wild Animals, Working & Farm Animals, Underwater Animals				
Y8	Stereotyping & Prejudice, Inclusive Language, Disability Inclusion				
Y9	Laws & the Rights of Children, Child Abuse, You and the Police				
Y10	Caring for the Environment, Careers for Change				
Y11	Issues in My Local Community & Becoming an Active Citizen, Choosing &				
	Researching a Local Issue, Local Issue Action Planning				

## **Careers**

**Y10 for 1-1 meetings** about their post-16 pathway options. She will continue this work into the Autumn term. She remains available for lunchtime drop-ins each week on Mondays, so **any Y9 with an Options-related enquiry** is encouraged to see her, but **any student from any year group** (including Y11) can meet with her by dropping in, up in Maths.



With the many visitors to school or visits undertaken elsewhere, students have been reminded that there are employment possibilities linked to these activities too.

## Other St Antony's Stories

In conjunction with MMU and the Manchester Poetry Library, some students from KS3 are in sessions each week with our Languages team to plan and create poetry for a competition called *Mother Tongue Other Tongue*. It's a project created to celebrate cultural diversity and the many languages spoken in UK schools. We will keep you posted on this group's progress through to the competition end in June!



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All of Y10 were able to watch a production of a GCSE text, An Inspector Calls, acted by a 3-person crew from ManACTo. There was an adaptation of the play, plus an opportunity to ask questions relating to playwright decisions and the employment within the creative industry of stage acting.





An emerging author, Marie-Louise Gregory, spoke to a couple of Y8 classes about her work as an author and her writing. Her character, Sophia Slewfoot, is a budding detective who likes to solve real life mysteries.



It was her first time talking to students in a school so she only met a couple of classes – we hope to be able to invite her back, as her confidence grows, to speak to **more students in the future**.







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April saw the launch of the **summer rewards** trip. On 11<sup>th</sup> July we are holding a reward **trip to Blackpool** to reward all students who have made a positive contribution to our school community. This trip is a chance to recognise **students who go above and beyond every day** at St Antony's. All students have the opportunity to earn a place on the trip, however this must be earnt. Selection for the trip will be based upon:

- Total number of achievement points between 17<sup>th</sup> April 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- Students having no more than one period of absence between 17<sup>th</sup>
   April 22<sup>nd</sup> May (extraordinary circumstances for attendance will be considered)



We look forward to coaches full of St Antony's students making their way to Blackpool!

The PE team have this timetable of physical activities to help with **physical** health and wellbeing for April and May:

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SUMMER 1								
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
LUNCH TIME	Hall	Badminton						
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	Gym	Samba Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10/11 6CSE PE	The second second second		
		Cricket/Rounders		Cross Country		Badminton		
AFTER SCHOOL		All		All		All		
			P6 - PE	P6 - PE				
			Year 10/11	Year 10/11				

And finally, *The Wizard of Oz* production continues to be an exciting offer for students in Y7-Y10. There are scene, dance, and singing rehearsals often through the school week. And Mr Betton is getting more thrilled each week when new, technical equipment arrives – stage-mics, sound system, back-drops etc. Hope you can make it to 1 of the performances over the last week of term!

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