






St Antony's
Roman Catholic School

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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	<p>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.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p>It was Stress Awareness Month in April, with the theme this year of #Littlebylittle, encouraging us all to make small, positive changes to impact our overall well-being. Students were given tips about how to manage stress and anxiety and how to look out for a friend who may be struggling. Also, reassurance that stress is a natural thing and that we can show great resilience if we manage our stress, even when things are difficult.</p> <p>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.</p> 

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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	
	<p>Emma Towler, our Connexions independent advisor, has been meeting 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.</p>  <p>With the many visitors to school or visits undertaken elsewhere, students have been reminded that there are employment possibilities linked to these activities too.</p>
Other St Antony's Stories	
	<p>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!</p> 

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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 11th 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 earned. Selection for the trip will be based upon:

- Total number of achievement points between 17th April – 22nd May
- Students having no more than one period of absence between 17th April – 22nd 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:

EXTRA CURRICULAR PLAN						
SUMMER 1						
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH TIME	Hall	Badminton				
		All				
	Gym	Samba Year 7	Samba Year 8	Samba Year 9	Badminton Year 10/11 GCSE PE	Badminton Year 10/11 GCSE PE
AFTER SCHOOL		Cricket/Rounders		Cross Country		Badminton
		All		All		All
			P6 - PE Year 10/11	P6 - PE 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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