



Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter and a particularly warm welcome if you are visiting us during our Summer Open Morning. The great excitement of the past week has been the hatching of Milly the chick, which has been part of the Y5 Science curriculum but has sparked interest in 'children' of all ages! Congratulations to our athletes, cricketers and rounders players for positive starts to their seasons and to Anna, Rosie and Amaya for their performances in county hockey teams. Our musicians have been busy this week at the Alderley Edge Music Festival. The choir performed on Tuesday and clearly sounded as impressive as they did in rehearsal as they came away with the trophy and first place. Thursday brought a chance for our orchestra to impress, which they most certainly did as they also came home in great excitement with the trophy and a first place certificate. Next week sees Y6 off to Castleton for their residential and I'm sure they will have a time of great adventure. Y2 are off on an adventure as well, to Dunham Massey. As I write, we are looking forward to the SPA quiz, which has seen a record total of 25 teams entering this year. So no pressure at all for the quiz master (that's me!). We are grateful to the SPA for organising the event. Looking further ahead, there are notices below regarding Summer Holiday Care and also how to book for our regular Summer Activity Weeks and our Multi-Sports Week. Booking forms are available from the School Office.

The Weeks Ahead

Monday 8 th May	Castleton Residential Departs	Y6	Times TBC
Tuesday 9 th May	Dunham Massey Trip	Y2	10.00am-3.00pm
Wednesday 10 th May	Fun Swim Castleton Residential Returns	Nursery Y6	1.00-3.00pm pm
Thursday 11 th May	Cricket v KSM (A)	U10 A+B	1.00-5.30pm
Friday 12 th May	Cricket v MTS (H) Rounders v KSM (H)	U11 A+B U11 A+B	1.30-6.00pm 2.30-4.15pm
Monday 15 th May	Cricket v MGS 6's Tournament Biathlon	All Y5 + 6J	Times TBC 10.00am-1.00pm
Tuesday 16 th May	Lyme Park Trip Fun Swim	Y1 Y2	10.00am-3.00pm 1.00-3.00pm
Wednesday 17 th May	Cricket v Altrincham Prep (A)	U11 A+B	1.15-6.00pm
Thursday 18 th May	House Galas Dentist visit	Y3+4/Y5+6 EYFS	2.00pm/9.15am 9.00-11.30am
Friday 19 th May	Tatton Park Trip	Reception	9.00am-3.00pm

Summer Holiday Care

Bookings are now being taken for our Holiday Care during the school holidays between 10th July and 25th August at a cost of £20 per day. These sessions are extremely popular and often get booked up quickly. Pick up a booking form today to avoid disappointment. Bookings can only be accepted by completing a booking form, available now from the School Office.

Which Came First?

Y5 pupils are learning about lifecycles this term and an integral part of the topic is to experience at first hand an animal lifecycle by incubating and hatching chicken eggs. The first little chick hatched on schedule and the science room has been inundated with visitors as the chick drew in crowds from Nursery and even the Senior School! The boys and girls have been following the development of the eggs carefully by looking inside them using an ovascope and they are delighted with their new arrival.

Pupils were also invited to take part in a writing competition to explain the process of incubation and how to take care of new-born chicks. Jack Dyson's entry, complete with a 3D chick, was particularly impressive. Our Reception children have named the new arrival 'Milly'. Milly is a champagne coloured Silkie (a very fluffy kind of chicken) and she can be seen in her cage via a webcam. To observe the images at home, you can access the webcam via the school website by selecting 'sgs online' then 'sgs hatchery'.



Athletics Opener

Well done to the Y5 and 6 children who competed in their first athletics fixture on Friday against King's Macclesfield. Each athlete completed a long jump, ball throw and high jump. Although too early in the season to be at their best, this was a great opportunity for the children to test their technique and set themselves some targets for improvements.

Animal Magic

Vet Sarah Williams visited our Reception classes this week to speak to the boys and girls about what her job entails and to spark their interest in the profession.



Pupils got to dress up in veterinary 'scrubs', listened to each other's heartbeat via a stethoscope, bandaged up injured 'pets' and learnt how to examine an x-ray.



Our children learnt a lot from the visit and enjoyed playing in the vet role play area and sharing their experience with us.



"She told us what it's like to be a real vet. She told us how to bandage animals and showed us the x-rays." *Eva Miller RH*

"We saw an x-ray of a dog who'd swallowed a necklace!" *Thomas Mungall RH*

"The best thing was getting dressed in vet clothes with a stethoscope, scrubs and a mask with a hat and a gown." *Rosie Lee RH*

"I liked wrapping up the dog's paw." *Tamim Uddin RT*

"I liked dressing up and pretending I was a vet." *Alia Iqbal RT*

Cricketing Evens

The U11 Cricket Team had their first game of the season last Friday in a 20 over contest v Lady Barn House School. On a bitterly cold afternoon, the Lady Barn boys had difficulty keeping their hands warm enough to bowl consistently straight. This resulted in 88 of the 102 runs scored being wides and no balls. The top score for SGS was 7!

In reply, consistent bowling gave the Lady Barn boys more of a chance to strike the ball, which they did well. With one over left and only two runs to win, victory for the visitors looked likely. However Mackenzie Shropshire bowled one of the few overs in the game not to contain a wide. He also managed to take a caught and bowled chance and conceded only one run. A tie was a satisfactory way to start the season and a thrilling finish to excite the few spectators present.

Musical Youth

Congratulations to the following pupils on passing their AB Music exams recently:

Darcy Breen	Grade 2 Piano
Alice Finnie	Grade 2 Piano
Mia Krywonos	Grade 1 Clarinet
Siddharth Sajjan	Grade 2 Clarinet
Abigail Sullivan	Grade 1 Clarinet

A Happy Birthday to...

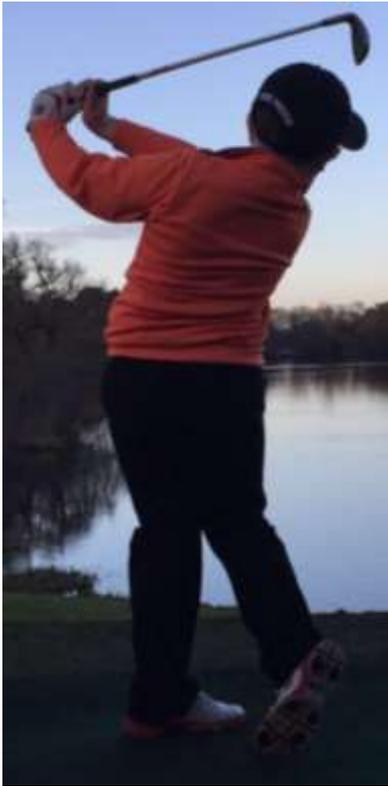
Jepp Browne, Elijah Cope, Zaina Usman, Oliver Littler, Harriet Hartley, Priya Mehra, Gerard Borrell Shchelokov, Evie Mozejko-Buckley, Robbie Jack, Willow Woolhouse, Oliver Cresswell, Stanley Tombs, Abigail Sullivan, Harrison Wilson, Scarlett Wilson, Nancy Dawkes, Thomas Mo, Harsha Thalava, Katerina Yoncheva, Katy Rafter and George Barratt

Alderley Edge Music Festival

Our Junior Choir came first in their class in the Festival on Tuesday. Competition was very fierce and the adjudicator gave all five choirs a distinction, with only two marks between first place and last. Conducted by Mr Mills, we were thrilled to be awarded first place, especially as this was the first time we have entered a choir in the Festival.

It was our Orchestra's turn at the Festival on Thursday and they too came out on top with first prize. This is the 13th year our Orchestra has competed and our 22 members played pieces from Bizet's *Habanera*, Handel's *Water Music 'Minuet'* and Jean Allison's *'Beryl'*. The children were delighted to win and were especially proud of the adjudicator's comments, that she would *'pay good money to come a listen to an Orchestra of such high standards'*

Well done to all our children on their winning performances.



On the Fairway to Success

George Byrne in 3LH is off to Portugal this summer to compete in the *Oceanico World Kids Golf Championship*. George's mum tells us he has been playing golf for two years now and absolutely loves it, having never missed a lesson, regardless of the great British weather! George is coached by Damon Wood PGA at The Mere Golf and Spa resort in Knutsford and has become something of a social media star on Damon's Facebook and Twitter pages due to the regularly posting of videos of George's progress. George is on a target-led program with the ultimate goal of becoming a professional golfer. The tournament, held from the 24th-28th July at Amendoeira Golf Resort's world class golf courses in the Algarve region of Portugal, allows boys and girls aged 7 to 18 the opportunity to showcase their skills and advance in the sport. There will hopefully be coverage on Sky Sports too so it's one to watch out for. We wish George every success.



County Hockey News



Our Y6 girls, recently selected to play for their County, had their second County Hockey matches last month against Lancashire, in very windy Fylde! Rosie and Anna's team won their first game 4-0 and narrowly lost the second 2-1. Amaya's team won both games, so a great night all round! Well done to all 3 girls on their continued success.

Summer Activity Weeks

Our usual Summer Activity Weeks will be available between 31st July-4th August and 7th-11th August for children aged 7-11. The cost is £140 for the week, which includes a t-shirt, baseball cap, daily drinks and an excursion to Lyme Park on the Thursday.

Multi-Sport Week

Our Multi-sport week this year runs between 10th and 14th July at a cost of £75, and is available to children aged 5-11. Children will need to arrive in sports kit each day and, along with an array of different sports, will also have the opportunity of using the swimming pool.

Bookings are now being taken for both of the above. Pick up your booking form from the school office today to avoid disappointment. A £10 deposit will reserve your place.

Important Changes to School Bus Services

There are a number of changes to the School Bus Service over the summer term:

Speech Day – 29th June 2017

The bus companies will run a normal service in the morning. Home time arrangements are as follows:

The B23, SG3 and Jones Coaches will all collect Senior School pupils from the Plaza in Stockport before returning to collect Junior School pupils at approximately 4.15pm from SGS.

The 367 will collect Junior School pupils from SGS at 4pm and then collect Senior School pupils from Stockport Bus Station.

Metro will collect Junior School pupils from SGS at 3.30pm, before picking up Senior School pupils from the Plaza.

The B1 will not be running at the end of the school day.

Please contact the school office if you wish to make alternative home time arrangements for your child on this day.

Suspension of 'late' Bus Services

As there will be fewer pupils in school after the Whitsun half term holiday, due to the Fifth Year and Sixth Form pupils being on study leave/examinations, it has been decided to suspend the three late bus services, Heaton/Didsbury, Marple/Romiley and Alderley Edge/Macclesfield for the second half of the Summer Term (5th June – 6th July). Please be reassured that these services will resume at the start of the Autumn Term in September. If you have any further queries, please contact Mrs Gulson in the Senior School.

The Ups and Downs of Discovery

Willow Woolhouse undertook a very exciting science project last week when she took *Discovery Dog* home for the Bank Holiday weekend. She created an amazing hydraulic lift, making a prototype first. *Discovery Dog* experimented with forces and realised that, by pushing the syringe, it raised the lift up! Mrs Hurst was very impressed indeed.



