

IN OUR SCHOOL...

Where everyone is special...

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What a show!

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th July saw our outgoing Y6 classes deliver two magical performances to their families.

Each evening was filled with wonder as the children dazzled and wowed with brilliantly polished performances filled with a variety of expertly delivered acting, singing and dancing.

We hope that you enjoy these fabulous pictures from across the performances.



Read on for more information and pictures from these wonderful nights...

Messages

Mrs Hickey

As we come to the end of another school year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. This year has been filled with remarkable achievements, joyous celebrations and collective efforts that have brought us closer.

To our pupils: your hard work, resilience, and enthusiasm have been truly inspiring. Watching you grow, learn and thrive has been a privilege. Whether you are moving on to secondary school or continuing your journey with us, remember that you are capable of achieving great things.

To our parents and carers: thank you for your unwavering support and partnership. Your involvement in school activities, commitment to your children's education and contributions to our community events have made a significant impact. Together, we have created a nurturing and inclusive environment where every child feels valued.

To our staff: your dedication and passion for teaching and nurturing our students have been the cornerstone of our success. Your continuous professional development and commitment to our inclusive mission makes St. Austin's a place where everyone can flourish. A special farewell to Miss Sullivan and Pachi; you will be sadly missed but not too far from our thoughts.

As we celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 pupils and bid them farewell, I want to extend my best wishes for their future. You have been an integral part of our school, and we are incredibly proud of each one of you. Good luck on your new adventures and remember that you will always be part of the St. Austin's family.

Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs Hickey - Headteacher

Mr Ayre

Summer is here again and with it, I thought that I'd share one of my favourite poems that's inspired me to travel and explore the world. I hope that you enjoy it and that you have a wonderful summer break.

The Magic Box by Kit Wright

*I will put in the box,
The swish of a silk sari on a summer night,
Fire from the nostrils of a Chinese dragon,
The tip of a tongue touching a tooth.*

*I will put in the box a snowman with a rumbling belly,
A sip of the bluest water from Lake Lucerne,
A leaping spark from an electric fish.*

*I will put into the box three violet wishes spoken in Gujarati,
The last joke of an ancient uncle,
And the first smile of a baby.*

*I will put into the box a fifth season and a black sun,
A cowboy on a broomstick and a witch on a white horse.*

*My box is fashioned from ice and gold and steel,
With stars on the lid and secrets in the corners,
Its hinges are the toe joints of dinosaurs.*

*I shall surf in my box on the great high-rolling breakers
of the wild Atlantic,
Then wash ashore on a yellow beach the colour of the sun.*

Mr Ayre – Editor of In Our School

Inclusion Quality Mark

In our school, where everyone is included...



At the start of July, we had the opportunity to invite an assessor into our school to share the fantastic work that happens here around inclusion. The assessment took place over two days where they were very busy seeing all of the experiences our children are exposed to including sensory circuits, sanctuary time, OT exercises, gardening club, meetings with external services, prayer and liturgy assemblies and transition activities in preparation for the next academic year.

The assessor met with a number of pupils and was very complimentary of their behaviour, work they presented and of how proud they are to be part of our school family. In addition to this, the assessor also met with parents, staff, parishioners, governors and our School Improvement Officer. We are delighted that we were given the Inclusion Quality Mark and have been put forward as a school of excellence for our inclusion.

To quote the report:

Inclusion is a fundamental part of the school's mission, with every child participating in all activities. Positive relationships between staff and pupils are emphasised and pupil voice is central to the transition process. The school's environment is safe and welcoming, with pupils feeling valued and proud of their school.

Mrs Hughes - SENCO

Wellbeing Week 2024

Neurodiversity coffee morning



During our wellbeing week, we had the fantastic opportunity to invite some of our parents to a coffee morning, where a number of professionals that work with our school, presented the support that they can offer.

Gemma from OSSME, who works with our school on a weekly basis, talked in detail about the support she gives around sensory needs, social difficulties and routines.

The Autism training team informed those who attended about courses and support that they can access in Liverpool.

Those who attended showed great interest in the CVI team who talked about what CVI is, support that can be put in place and how they work with individuals and their families.

It was such a lovely opportunity to get together and share our own experiences as well as get ideas from fellow parents and professionals on how we can support our children.

Thank you to all who attended and we hope to hold such events again in the next academic year.

Mrs Hughes - SENCO

Your news team

A huge thank you!

One of our main aims with the school newspaper is to include as many of the children as possible in its production. They've been wonderful to work with and without them, it would not be possible. Thank you!



Liverpool Watersports Centre

Making a splash!



All aboard!



With our friends...



Making a splash!



Girls in pink...

Y5 had a wonderful time visiting Liverpool Watersports Centre for their most recent trip.

They enjoyed kayaking, an inflatable assault course on the water and swan pedalos.

Please read on for more pictures and a wonderful review by Jolene Jaimon of 5CA.

Liverpool Watersports Centre

A review by Jolene Jaimon



At first, when we got on the boats, we were put into groups of eight. In my group, we had Beatrice, Meabh, Oghonero, Lucia, Bethany, Milo, Teddy and me. Meabh told us that we should learn how to kayak before we started. Meabh knew how to kayak, so she showed us how to do it. One of the lifeguards spotted us and was pleased and I felt proud. Then, the lifeguards loosened our ropes to see if we knew how to kayak. He showed us how to go left and right and then he went to teach everybody else how to kayak. Once we all knew how to do it, they untied everybody's ropes and we started to paddle, but don't worry, we had a safety speedboat following us. Later on, we were getting a bit cold, so we headed back towards the centre. On the way back, Beatrice accidentally splashed water on us.

When we got back to the centre, we put on a dry top then we ate lunch. Some of the girls sat in one room and in the larger room, there were both boys and girls. After lunch, a lifeguard asked us if we could swim to the inflatable assault course and back.

Me and some other people couldn't swim for too long, so we chose to go on the swan pedaloes. At first, it was quite fun, but then, our legs became tired, so Annie and Autumn had to do it while Ewan was steering.

Then, we had the chance to go on the floating assault course. We had to go in the water to get there. When I got in the water, I couldn't swim too well, but the centre staff were excellent and helped me across. I enjoyed sliding on the smooth surfaces.

We had lots of fun!

Y6 show



Eva, Camille and Charlotte

Y6 show



Left: Eliza, Lucas and Jenson / right: Owen



Left: Luca and Ceira / right: Brooklyn and Josh

Y6 show



Charlie

Y6 show



Left: Liam / right: Shaun



Lilly

Y6 show



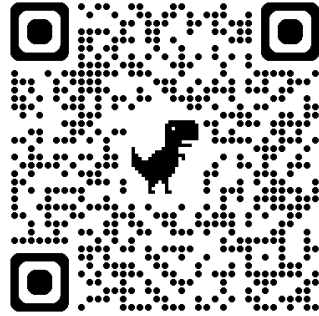
Left: Lyla / right: Winnie



Left: Poppy / right: Charlotte

Y6 show

Use this QR code to watch the full Y6 show



See you soon Pachi



Our beloved Pachi is leaving our school this year to take up a new role and we wish her the very best. She's a much-loved member of St. Austin's and it's not adios Pachi, but see you soon...

Annie of Y5 wrote this wonderful article about her and we hope that you enjoy it.

Good luck Pachi!

SPANISH

Pachi's favourite topic to teach in Spanish is learning all about food, she likes this topic because you learn it at an early age and is interesting for the children. She also loves teaching Spanish culture because it is very fun because of all the activities. She enjoys teaching both KS1 and KS2. She feels that nursery and reception are a very fun group to teach and learn faster than the other years, but it can also be challenging at times when teaching younger children. Very fun though! She loves preparing the infants and watching them progress between nursery and Y6.

It is a challenge every year to prepare for Hispanic Day and perform it to everyone, however, she really enjoys teaching the children songs and dances to show their family. Hispanic Day is a day that happens every year to celebrate Spanish in our school. Pachi likes the activities on the day that Mrs Docherty and her plan.

COLOMBIA

Pachi is from Columbia in South America and she was born in the capital Bogota. It is a very tropical country. It has very many connections to Liverpool such as football players including Luis Diaz, etc. She came to England in 1989 and started teaching at St. Austins in 2007 and she has now been here for 17 years.

ALL ABOUT PACHI

Her favourite music is salsa and merengue and she also likes listening to this type of music. Her favourite food is arepas, which look a little bit like bread. This is a traditional Colombian food. Her favourite drink is Colombian coffee and sangria, which is a Spanish drink. Pachi also loves to watch Encanto as this is her favourite film because it is all about Colombia and it helps her teach the children about where she is from. Her favourite sports are swimming and cycling, but she also likes walking and her favourite hobbies are reading, sewing and cooking Spanish and South American food.

By Annie

Vibrant violins

Learning to play the violin in Y4



This year, the children of Y4 have been learning to play the violin and recently performed to their families and did so exquisitely. Well done to Y4! Your performance was wonderful!

Meet the team

Miss Sullivan

Where do you live?

Liverpool dock area.

What's your favourite food?

Pizza and tacos.

What are your favourite colours?

Pink and green.

Do you have a pet?

No.

What's your favourite sport?

No sports, but I like dancing.

When's your birthday?

4th July.

Do you have children?

No.

How old are you?

30.

What's your favourite book?

All Harry Potter books.

Favourite year group?

Y2 and Y3.

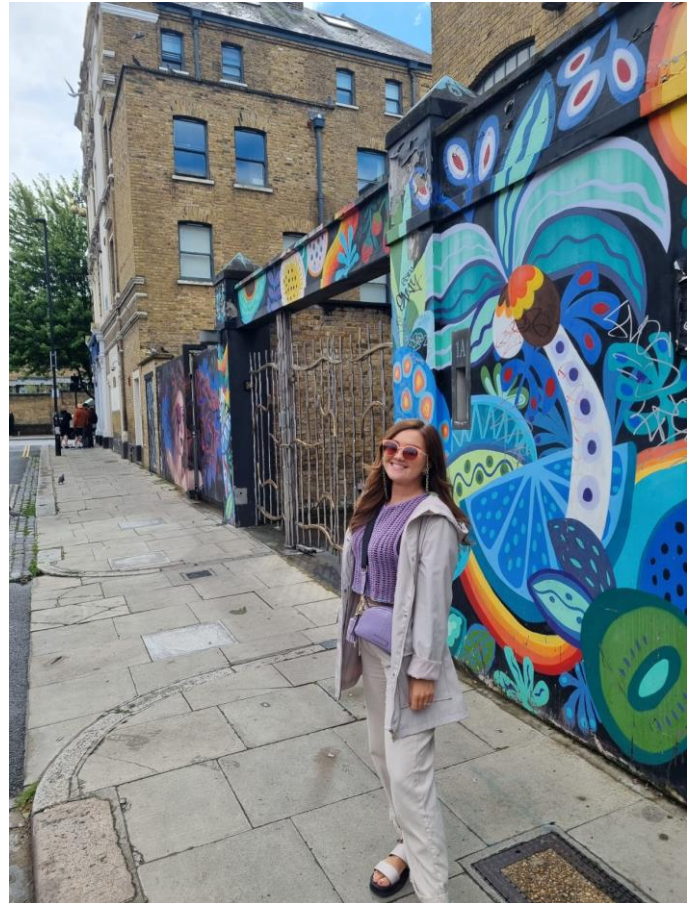
What do you look forward to in Ireland?

Every day with family.



Miss Sullivan

A fond farewell



After a very successful period at our school, Miss Sullivan is returning home to Northern Ireland to further her career and be closer to family and friends.

She's a much-loved member of our school, both as a colleague and as a teacher, and she'll be sorely missed by all.

We wish her the very best of luck and we hope to see her again soon.

Good luck Miss Sullivan!

Catholic Life

Spirituality Day 2024



For Spirituality Day 2024, 5EV were split up into different groups. Each group was assigned with two classes to teach peer massage to. Shortly afterwards, Y5 met with our reception classes to teach them the school prayer and to read them a short story. It was a wonderful day!

By Lilly

Always welcome

Miss Sullivan's and Pachi's leaving assembly



To say thank you and to celebrate the time of Miss Sullivan and Pachi for their time at St. Austin's, an assembly was organised by Mrs Docherty and children were invited to participate. They delivered their assembly brilliantly and Miss Sullivan and Pachi were both delighted.

Well done to all those involved!

Y6 memories

My favourite memory is our leavers' mass – **Henry**

My favourite memory is making hats in art – **Thea**

My favourite time was making friends and Miss Clarke – **Brooklyn**

My favourite memory is the Y6 disco. I loved spending time with my friends and how the girls sang to Taylor Swift – **Bethan**

My favourite memory is Colomendy – **Armani**

My favourite memory is the inflatable assault course – **Cassius**

My favourite memory is when Cassius, Edward, Miss Clarke and I got lost in the museum – **Shaun**

My favourite memory in Y6 is when we did Leap of Faith in Colomendy – **Hallie**

My favourite memory from Y6 is getting my leavers' book signed – **Lilly**

My favourite Y6 memory is when we did athletics at Wavertree – **Camille**

My favourite memory from Y6 is the production and everything about it – **Winnie**

My favourite memory from Y6 is the production and trying new things – **Dan**

My favourite memory from Y6 is caving in Colomendy – **Poppy**

My favourite memory is the assault course – **Lucy**

My favourite memory is doing the zipline in Colomendy – **Finley**

My favourite memory is the Y6 production. I made so many memories - **Anna**

Sports, sports, sports...

Champion of champions



Wednesday 26th June saw thirty local Catholic schools and approximately seven hundred children participate in a variety of events at Wavertree Mystery Park.

Our children competed like the true athletes they are and achieved gold medals in 600m, 800m, relay, high jump as well as receiving 2nd place and certificates in 75m, 135m and long jump.

Any child who placed 3rd or higher in their event was invited to the Champion of Champions event at Wavertree.

Well done to all those who participated!

Farewell to Y6

Dear Y6,

In our school, where everyone is special, ...

L – you have learnt

E – you have explored new things

A – you have always tried your best

R – you have reflected and improved

N – you have never given up

Hold the special memories that you have created within and as you move forwards, we'll always be here when you need us.

The St. Austin's family

