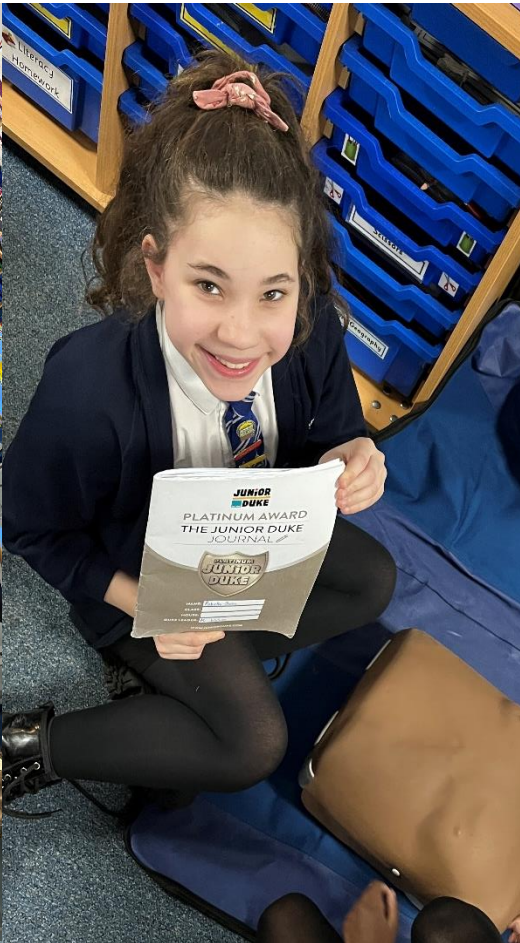


# Extra-Curricular Clubs Newsletter

Here at St. Andrew's we are very proud of the curriculum we have created for our children. One of the branches of our curriculum is our extra-curricular activities that we offer to children. We believe these experiences outside of the 'normal' lessons helps develop the whole child and is great opportunity for children to develop new skills and showcase their talents outside of the classroom. Take a look at what some of the children have been getting up to this year in some of our clubs!

## Mini and Junior Duke

Children from Y1, Y2, Y5 and Y6 have been working hard trying to achieve their mini or junior Duke award, which is part of the Duke of Edinburgh programme. Children have to complete tasks at home and at school in order to achieve their badges! Tasks range from cooking, to cleaning, to being creative and showing their artistic side and much more! Here are some photos of them in action!



## Eco Team

We have an eco-team here at St. Andrew's who meet on a regular basis with Mrs Duncan and take part in a variety of eco initiatives! The children recently were visited by the local MP who they quizzed on the key environmental issues facing us today! The children also take care of our school grounds, picking up litter, weeding and planting!



### School Council

Two children from every class, from Y2 up to Y6, are voted by their peers to be on the school council. They take part in regular meetings with Miss Bailey where they bring forward suggestions and requests from their peers. Miss Bailey then works alongside Mr Platt in trying to action some of them. Although we do often have to say no to ideas such as getting a swimming pool, there are suggestions that we can put into practice! One of the most recent being new playground equipment, that the children have loved playing with, especially the space hoppers!!

### Gymnastics Team

Some of our children in KS2 were selected to represent St. Andrew's at a Salford primary gymnastics competition where both the Y3/4 and Y5/6 team came home with gold individual and team medals, well done girls!



### Football

We have a year six boys and girls football team that take part in the Worsley and Salford league. We also enter where possible other year groups into tournaments hosted by Manchester United. So far this season, the boys have made it into the semi-final of the Salford cup and are going into the latter stages of the league in a good position to challenge for some silverware. The girls team, many of whom have never played competitively before, enjoyed their first 5 games, improving with every game! I can't wait to see them all in action again soon! Our Y4 team had a great time at the Manchester United tournament where they performed admirably and had a great day out!



### School Choir and Orchestra

We have an incredible amount of fabulous musicians and singers here at St. Andrew's and it was great to see Mr Johnson's orchestra, who practise every Friday lunchtime, perform for us all just before the Christmas holidays! We have a fabulous school choir, run by Mrs Curran and Mr Johnson who sang amazingly at the Bridgewater hall, as well as a number of Christmas shows in school and at church. They have also just performed at the Co-Op arena in the young voices choir – a fabulous occasion at an incredible venue! The choir and musicians are not resting, as they are now preparing for the summer events!



### Lacrosse and Tag Rugby Team

Our Y6s were in action in the Salford primary lacrosse and tag rugby events. In the rugby they came so close to a medal! They missed out on the final with a narrow 3-2 loss! Nevertheless, the children played some fabulous rugby and represented the school brilliantly! The lacrosse saw some fabulous team spirit and effort and the group were delighted with the opportunity to represent the school team!



### Swimming Team

Our swim team recently competed in the Worsley gala where they came second in terms of total points and won the relay trophy thanks to a third place finish for the boys and a first place finish for the girls! We also had lots of children make the final and even two individual medallists in Megan and Katie!!

