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Well done and farewell...

All the Greenbank, All Saints' and Saint Patrick's staff and pupils would like to say a big congratulations and well done to the leaving Year 6 pupils. Good luck at secondary school!



Greenbank Year 6



All Saints' Year 6



St Patrick's Year 6

During the year Saint Patrick's have been involved in various sporting competitions and tournaments. They have won a number of these competitions including gymnastics, handball, dodgeball, cross country, swimming and football.

One of the highlights for Miss Duffy, the Physical Education teacher, over the past twelve months was the magnificent gymnastic squad who have had a huge amount of success. Because they were crowned Rochdale champions the squad went on to represent Rochdale in the Winter Games achieving a top 5 position overall with individual successes too. Orlaith, a Year 1 child, was the youngest member at the Greater Manchester Games. She said, "I really enjoyed it. I would love to do it again."

Miss Duffy said, "The children who have

represented school this year have been magnificent. Many of them have got the qualities you need to be a successful sports person – teamwork, a positive mental attitude and determination."

Next year there will be one or two new sport clubs taking place in Saint Patrick's. In addition to the sport clubs run this year there will also be orienteering, archery and tag rugby to look forward to!



Joshua receiving the winner's trophy for Saint Patrick's Handball Team

Superkids Rock!

The Year 5 children at Greenbank have written a production to show children (and even adults!) how to care more about nature, instead of polluting the environment. The production will remind people to save energy, use less water and recycle.

In the production there are two gangs; Superkids and Boredkids – fighting against each other, wrong v right, and cool v recycling.

The Boredkids don't care about nature and recycling and they don't really care about what people think of them. The Superkids want to help people become 'green' and make our world a better place by recycling and caring for nature.

In the play, they all get annoyed with each other and suddenly have to prepare for a

dance off! This includes a terrifying dance, dance, which is called the HAKA and a showcase of amazing street dance skills. In addition, the Year 4 children have prepared songs to sing and sign using Makaton.

Will the Boredkids stop their bad habits, or will they continue with their dreadful deeds?



All Saints' Special Services

On the 17th and 18th of June, Year 2 and Year 6 took part in celebratory services at St Chad's Church and Manchester Cathedral.

On a rainy Wednesday, Year 2 walked the long way (and up 122 steps!) to St Chad's Church in Rochdale. This special banner service included Year 2 pupils from different Church of England schools. They made and decorated banners, which they took to the church, to display to all the pupils there. They also sang hymns and read special prayers. Green class said "It was fun, exciting and we all enjoyed the trip."

The next day Year 6 travelled to Manchester Cathedral by coach for the year 6 leavers celebration, with all the other church schools in the Manchester diocese. They also had to make a banner as well as an aspiration wall, with all their hopes and dreams for the

future. After the service they received a programme of events and a badge of attendance from the bishop. Mrs Coward, year 6 teaching assistant, said, "It was emotional and inspirational to see so many children celebrating together and hear their dreams for the future."

Both classes had a fantastic time and they represented All Saints' excellently.



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All Saints' Race For Life Fundraiser

Children from All Saints' Primary School completed their own Race For Life to raise money for Cancer Research. They held the race on their school field on Friday 3rd of July. Each class took turns to take part and children walked, jogged or ran the set distance, even the teachers took part! The Friends of All Saints' organised the event and set up the distance using balloons and a ribbon to mark the start. Ellesse said, "I thought it was really fun because I enjoyed taking part!"



As a reward, the children were awarded medals for their achievements, efforts to fundraise and great courage. All the children then had a break at the end of the race and had a refreshing drink of juice. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part because they felt proud and wanted to help raise a lot of money for a worthy cause. Harry quoted, "I liked the fact that we raised money to help cure cancer."

The Race For Life is an event to raise money for Cancer Research, they use the money to find new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer. Many people, who take part, dress up and wear a message on their back to show who they are running for. The children from All Saints' also participated by making cards and wrote about who or why they were taking part.



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St Patrick's RC School

Ready to Read

have been to the theatre to watch War Horse, The Secret Garden and have met many authors and illustrators.



On 9th July 2015 Saint Patrick's GAP reporters made an extravagant trip to Greenbank Primary School to learn all about their Reading University.

After working extremely hard for the past three years the children have made fantastic progress in reading and writing and celebrated this at a Graduation Ceremony at Rochdale Town Hall.

Faariha, aged 11, said, "I would recommend the reading university to everyone because it helps to improve your reading and assists you to understand books better."

First of all the reading champions introduced themselves to the GAP reporters. They had been specially chosen in Year 3 to work with Mr Stokes each Monday and Tuesday for three years. The aim of the university was to improve reading and writing skills as well as improving the children's understanding of books.

Mr Stokes is very proud of all the children who taken part in the project. He said, "The purpose of the university is to make you want to read and read and read. It has definitely worked!"

As part of the project the children

Well done to Naeem, Arman, Sadiyah, Faariha, Malieka and Kainat on your Graduation!

Election Fever At St Patrick's

On Wednesday 7th of May, the pupils at St Patrick's took part in their own general election. They did this to learn about the different parties and to compare their results with that of the real election.



6P were split into 6 parties Labour, Liberal Democrat, Green Group, UKIP, Conservative and Rochdale First. They researched on Ipads and watched videos about the parties. They found out about the manifesto and promises. The different parties then made speeches to years 2-6 and also made posters and banners.

in the ballot box. Everyone voted, including teachers. Overall labour won. Some of the children we interviewed thought that was the right decision.

On the day of their election, they used the booths that were set up for the general election. The children had to give their names to officers to ensure they only voted once. They then voted in secret and put the ballot papers

On the day of the real general election the children watched the votes coming in on the whiteboards.

Overall they thought it was really fun. Courtney from Year 6 said, "We enjoyed pretending to be adults."