



# St Wilfrid's NEWSLETTER

## School Improvements

As you will know from the range of works that have already happened, we are trying to improve our school site and facilities. It has been suggested that as we have a range of parents at St Wilfrid's who may work for or own companies, there may be some who would donate services or materials towards some of these building and improvement projects.

There are obviously health and safety considerations and we would sometimes have particular guidance and procedures to follow within this.

If anybody thinks that they could help in some way, please let us know. Our current priorities are redecorating the school hall, refurbishing the KS1 corridor toilets and developing our outside areas, both the KS2 playground and a spiritual, prayer garden area.

We're so grateful for the parent and PTA support that has already enabled us to get our pond completely revamped and almost ready for use by children, and the new inclusion learning space off the hall.

Particular thanks to all those who supported the PTA quiz night, and to Steve Calder and Trish Pickering - parents who co-ordinated the pond campaign.

## House Reward

Congratulations to St George's house who earned the most house points last half term.

We will let you know when their reward will be happening as soon as we can.



## Y5 Super Science

In year 5 we love science! One of the best lessons we have had was when we designed our own animals.

We chose a habitat for animals and created our animals based on their adaptations to the environment. We were really thoughtful about how our animals would need to adapt to the environment. We thought about how they would find food and how they could protect themselves from predators.

We are really looking forward to some very exciting events happening in Science Week!



## Sporting Events

We have lots of exciting sports competitions in the next few weeks.

Y5 Futsal Finals at EIS on Monday 12th March

Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Regional Finals at EIS on Tuesday 20th March

Y3/4 Advanced Gymnastics Regional Finals at EIS on Tuesday 20th March

Y5/6 Squash Competition at Hallamshire Squash and Tennis Club on Wednesday 21st March

Y6 League Netball Finals at EIS on Thursday 22nd March

Good luck to all of our teams!

## Gymnastics News

The St Wilfrid's Gymnastics team did a fantastic job in their competition last week at Notre Dame and having come first, the Year 3/4 team are going on to represent Sheffield (and the school), in the regional finals on 20th March.

A huge thank you to Chloe for all her training and support in getting them this far.

Fantastic achievement and thanks to Mr Conway and Miss Bray for supervising them on the day and getting them to and from the school safely.





# Big Pedal Breakfast

**Sustrans invite you to get into gear for an active travel Breakfast.**

**When is it happening?** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30am

**Where is it happening?** The library, St Wilfrids

**What is happening?** A FREE breakfast (and bike safety check) awaits all who arrive by foot, bike or scooter.

N.B. The responsibility for your child cycling/scooting/walking safely to and from school rests with the parent(s)/carer(s). The school has no liability for any consequences of that decision. Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover for bikes as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles.

**Be safe, be seen - Please consider cycling with your child, wearing a helmet and high visibility vest.**

## Some crazy facts to ponder:

- A survey of Devon showed that *12 million miles* are travelled each year on the school run. (that's about 480x around the world)
- The estimated cost of 'inactivity' to the NHS & from work absences is...£8.2 Billion annually.
- We're all actively travelling less. We're burn huge quantities of fossil fuels on the school run meaning we're heating up our children's planet. We're facing an obesity epidemic in our own children – approximately 20% of Year 6 children are classed as obese.
- The majority of cars on the road between 8.00 & 9.00am and 3.00 & 4.00pm are school run cars.
- Most journeys to school are less than 3 miles – perfect for cycling and scooting
- Teachers say that Bike It children arrive energised, excited & ready to learn!
- 90% of children own a bike. Around 40% want to cycle to school. Only 2% of children actually do.

Please let the school know if you will be joining us for a Big Pedal Breakfast by completing the slip below and returning it to the school office ASAP. It will help us with judging quantities for breakfasts.

Thank you. Paula Edwards. Sustrans, Active Travel Officer (Sheffield).



**Bike it Breakfast** on:

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There will be (Number) \_\_\_\_\_ of us arriving for the **Bike It Breakfast**.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Relationship to child): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_



Tickets are available via this link: <https://www.picatic.com/event15199843403926>

St. Wilfrid's PTA Presents

# St Patrick's Díscó

**TICKETS  
ARE  
SELLING  
FAST!**



Friday 16th March  
5.30-7.30p.m.



**Tunes  
from DJ  
Conway**

**GREEN**

**IS THE THEME**

**Tickets  
£4**

Child's ticket  
includes crisps  
and a drink.

Adult's ticket  
includes a glass  
of wine or beer.

**Games**



**Face  
Painting**



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Children must be supervised and remain inside. Maximum of one adult per child please, so there are plenty of children's tickets available. This event is open to St Wilfrid's children only. Tickets are on a strictly first come, first served basis.