



Tudor Grange Samworth Academy TUDOR TIMES



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A Message from Mrs Roach

Celebrations began early at TGSA!

Whilst the Christmas season is now in full swing, everyone is thinking about celebrations. However, we started our celebrations a little earlier at TGSA. The school underwent a Section 5 Ofsted inspection on 2nd and 3rd November, and has been judged as 'Good' in all areas.

Peter Rock, Chairman of the Trust Board said that this was a "staggering achievement". Tudor Grange Samworth Academy joined the Trust in 2016 as a school in special measures. While the Trust has supported the school with initiatives and resources, Ofsted had not seen the improvement they desired until this inspection.

We have pulled together as a community, with strong staff and leaders and we have developed some key initiatives in reading, developing our through curriculum from early years right through to year 11 and introduced behaviour routines —all of which helped the school achieve the grading of 'GOOD'.

Jenny Bexon-Smith, the Chair of our Local Governing Body said, "we are delighted with this result and on behalf of the parents and community I would like to thank and praise the staff for all they do for our wonderful children."

You can read the inspection report here: https://www.samworth.tgacademy.org.uk/?wpfb_dl=563

Enjoy our bumper newsletter, packed with fabulous photographs of the wonderful activities the children have participated in. I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy and safe new year.

Ofsted
Good Provider

"Pupils say that they are safe and happy at school. They are very well cared for by staff, who are proud to work at this school."

Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

We are proud to have been rated

"GOOD"

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Teachers moving on

We wish you all the very best for the future.

- Mrs Collins (*Curriculum Leader for English*)
- Mr Farr (*Year 3 Teacher*)

New starters

We'd like to welcome our new staff members who will be joining us from January.

- Mrs Coates (*Receptionist*)



Fundraising Events for Festive Fortnight

TGSA are in the process of raising funds for Cancer Research UK. The student leadership team have arranged an exciting array of fundraising activities such as bake sales, Christmas jumper day, row to the North Pole, college sports competitions and raffles! We've already raised lots of money through the hard work of pupils, and hope to raise much more before the end of the term!



Key Dates

Friday 17th December

- Last day/End of term
- Primary to collect their grab bags at 11.45am and leave school at 12.00pm
- Secondary to collect their grab bags at 12.00pm and leave school at 12.15pm

Monday 3rd January

- Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4th January

- School closed (in lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee)

Wednesday 5th January

- Students return



EYFS Nativity Stories

Our two Reception classes Dragonflies and Ladybirds have joined together to perform a truly magical Nativity production. Well done to all of the children – the singing and acting was fabulous! Merry Christmas to all!

- Mrs Cooper



Key Stage 1 Extravaganza



Hello from KS1. All the children showed great resilience whilst practising their Christmas Extravaganza. They all worked hard learning their lines and practicing their songs. I am proud of each and every one of them! Thank you to all the KS1 staff who helped the children. The extravaganza will be uploaded this week onto the website and class dojo. We hope you enjoy it.

- Mrs Pancholi



Lower Key Stage 2 Extravaganza

The year 3 and 4 pantomime was a great success. All of the children worked really hard to learn their lines, practice their acting and perfect their singing. The show was well received by all and there was lots of laughter to be heard throughout. A huge well done to everybody involved.

- Mr Marchant



Upper Key Stage 2 Extravaganza

Year 5 and 6 joined together to perform their own version of Cinderella. Along with some excellent acting performances, the pupils who were not on stage joined to sing some popular Christmas carols. All pupils should be commended for their efforts in an event that has been greatly missed for the last couple of years. As the performance was filmed, parents should soon be able to access the footage on the school website.

- Mr Parkinson



Performing Arts Trips

Blood Brothers

On Thursday 4th November year 10 and 11 Performing Arts students enjoyed an afternoon out at the theatre watching "Blood Brothers" the musical at the Birmingham Hippodrome.

The students and staff thoroughly enjoyed this experience and were very appreciative to be back at the theatre at long last!



A Chorus Line

On Thursday 9th December staff and students had a lovely afternoon out at the Curve theatre watching "A Chorus Line". The students were delighted to be interviewed by the media team and meet some of the performers after the show!

Secondary Basketball

Well done to the Y11 basketball team as they beat Beaumont Leys this week 31-10. They are now the district champions which means they will go through to a knock-out competition against the other district winners in Leicestershire. It is a huge achievement as Beaumont Leys beat them by 20 points 2 years ago. Since then the team have worked really hard to get better and it all came together last night. Man of the match was Keane O'Brien for an all-round performance on offence and defence.



Well done to the Y8 and Y9 Basketball teams as they played their first competitive tournaments this year. All the players showed great team spirit and determination. The player of the tournament for the Y8's was Logan Smith and Moiad Alnoor for the Y9's.

- Mr Oldershaw

Secondary Netball

The Year 7 netball team had some tough games through their 3 rounds, but did so well considering some of them had never played netball before. (Team: Sofia Fecioru, Zahra Ibrahim, Kyla Zomba, Peighton Cooke, Monet Daniels-Ming, Lacie-Mae Pearson, Summer Willimott, Ocean Murphy, Chloe Maloney, Macey Maloney, Isabelle Barber).

The Year 9 netball team also had 3 rounds. They came 2nd in round 2 by 1 point and 3rd in round 3. Overall they won 8, drew 3 and lost 4. (Team: Nenah Bangura, Lyla Richards, Kyra Meade, Jessica Herbert, Brackyn Smullen, Libby Warren, Anaxa Rajah, Blessing Iyoha, Lovena Greenaway).

- Miss Hancox

Primary Football

The primary football team have done fantastically well so far. Out of 14 games played, they have 12 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. They have all shown great sportsmanship and work together as a team, and we are very proud of them!

They have progressed to division 1 where they now have the opportunity to possibly play at the King Power Stadium.

- Mr Roberts



Advice on Using E-scooters from Leicestershire Police

What is an e-scooter?

Electrical scooters (also known as e-scooters) come under the category of "powered transporters". This also covers a range of other personal transport devices which are powered by a motor.

"Powered transporters" fall within the legal definition of a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Therefore, the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters.

As a motor vehicle, they must comply with various pieces of Road Traffic Legislation, including but not limited to:

- driving with a licence
- driving/riding with insurance
- driving/riding other than on a road
- need to be taxed

It is not currently possible to get appropriate insurance for privately owned e-scooters, meaning it is illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces.

Rental e-scooter trials

Trials of rental e-scooters are taking place in the UK. Any person who uses a rental e-scooter on a public road or other public space, must comply with the relevant Road Traffic Legislation or they face potential prosecution.

Legal use of an e-scooter

It is legal to use an e-scooter on private land with the permission of the land owner. In areas where a trial rental scheme is running, it is legal to use a rental e-scooter on a public road or cycle lane.

Enforcement

The most appropriate action for the circumstances will be given, these include:

- a Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance, with a £300 fine and six penalty points
- a Fixed Penalty Notice for no driving licence, up to £100 fine and three to six penalty points

Rider behaviour

Police will also take action against rider behaviour, whether private or rental. Offences could include:

- riding on the footway: Fixed Penalty Notice and possible £50 fine
- using a mobile phone: £100 and six penalty points
- riding through red lights: Fixed Penalty Notice, £100 fine and possible penalty points
- drink driving offences: As with driving cars; court imposed fines, driving ban and possible imprisonment

If you are using an e-scooter in public in an anti-social manner, you can also risk the e-scooter being seized under section 59 of the Police Reform Act.

We would always recommend to wear safety protection such as a helmet when riding these vehicles, and to keep to the speed limit.

