

# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our Mindfulness Monday Club welcomed a very special visitor. Baloo is a Belgian Malinois who was tragically injured whilst deployed with Essex Police in 2018. Her injuries were severe: she lost a leg and had extensive metalwork in her pelvis. Baloo visited us with her handler, Mandy, who told the children the story of Baloo's bravery and resilience. It was an inspiring session which really lifted everybody's spirit and made us think about how we respond to challenging situations.



On Monday, we also welcomed Richard Hopkins, our School Advisor from Chelmsford Diocese. He joined us for Collective Worship, which focused on the questions: 'What makes you you?' and 'What made Jesus Jesus?'. Richard reported the following:

*"The act of worship reflected the inclusivity and compassion that are at the heart of the school's Christian vision. Pupils felt comfortable to join in with singing and responding to questions."*

### **Ignition Arts**

This term, our Key Stage Two pupils are working alongside a local organisation, Ignition Arts. The Y6 children are nearing the end of an exciting filming project focused on wellbeing and the Adventurers children are taking part in a series of workshops all about working together as a team. The children are really enjoying both projects and it's great to do something new and different!

### **Online Safety: Wearable Technology**

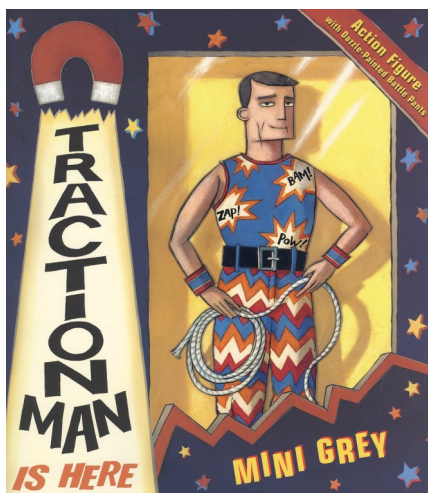
Internet Matters have produced a really helpful [guide for parents](#) about wearable technology for children. I have also added a link to the [Online Safety page](#) of our website.



Wishing you a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Keitch

# Pathfinders News

What a busy half term Pathfinders have had! The children have been working really hard on exploring some tricky new Maths concepts and have shown a great understanding of the concept of sharing. The children have used counters and then also moved onto pictorial representations of sharing too. The children have really enjoyed using our 'party plates' to share the party food out fairly in our 'busy time' showing great enthusiasm for including their learning in their independent learning time.



We have also begun to explore story telling, the children have loved using our puppet theatre and making super hero puppets to become expert story tellers. Our current text is 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey. The children have loved beginning to explore the world of Traction Man and have begun to explore our main characters thoughts and feelings.

This is a book that has certainly set everyone's imaginations into full throttle!

Finally, in our dimensions learning, the children have been exploring 'Zero to Hero'. We have really enjoyed exploring our own 'super strengths' and have also had the opportunity to enter a national drawing competition involving creating our own superhero illustrations- with winners being included in a special 'Super Me' published book. The children have all worked incredibly hard on their entries so we will all be eager to see if any of our entries get chosen.

Great work so far this term Pathfinders!



