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Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy week here at St George's!

On Tuesday, we took part in national Internet Safety Day. The children took part in lessons and activities throughout the day with a focus on staying safe online. We began with an assembly, led by Mr Morelli, all about awareness of online scams: offers that are too-good-to-be-true or messages asking for your personal details. The children engaged really well with this discussion, and throughout the day, developing their confidence to stay safe online.

On Thursday morning, the Explorers and Pathfinders children enjoyed time in the 'Little City'. This is a fantastic role-play experience which gives them the opportunity to play in various different everyday scenarios, such as the doctor's surgery, post office and police station. It was wonderful to see the children immersing themselves in their play and having so much fun—I was even arrested and taken to jail!



On Thursday, the Navigators children went on an educational visit to the Imperial War Museum, Duxford. They had a great time and really enjoyed seeing the planes up close. Thank you to all the adults who organised and accompanied the children on the trip—further details to follow after half term!

Thank you to everyone for joining in our 'Break the Rules Day' with such enthusiasm! It's wonderful to see the children expressing their individuality and having fun with colour and style! We will share some photos after half term and let you know the fundraising total.

Reminder: Monday 24th February is a non-pupil day. We look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 25th February.

Wishing you a lovely half term break,
Mrs Keitch

Volleyball Team

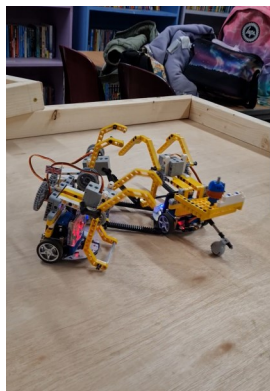
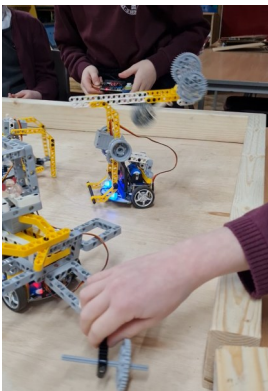


On Tuesday, a team of Y5 pupils took part in a local sports tournament, held at St Clare's Primary School in Clacton. The sport was seated volleyball and there were eight teams competing in total.

The St George's team did very well and finished the tournament in third place. They really enjoyed the experience and were very proud of their achievement.

Thank you to Mrs Brown and Mrs Sandell for transporting, encouraging and organising the children!

STEAM Club



On Wednesday afternoons, Mr McGregor runs our KS2 STEAM Club.

This term, they have been working on designing and building robots—here are some photos of their creations!

Create Club Half term workshop

Jade, from Creation Station, runs our Friday afternoon Create Club. She is offering a workshop on Saturday 22nd February in Lawford:

****Rainbow-tastic slime workshop!****

With Jade from Create Club!

BOOKING NOW OPEN for this awesome colourful slime workshop in February half term!

Adult to stay for the duration of the workshop please. Ages 4 years and over. Aprons provided.

Saturday 22nd February
Oglivie Hall, Lawford 3-4pm
£12 per child (their grown ups are free!)



<https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/7985>

Explorers News

This half term, Explorers Class have spent time looking at the story of 'Handa's Surprise' which has been fantastic for developing our *Understanding of the World*. After receiving a 'Surprise' package and making predictions about what could be inside, we discovered a basket of fruit and were introduced to our story. We enjoyed tasting the fruits and found out where in the world they are imported from, adding this to our world map in class. We identified Africa and more specifically, Kenya, where the story is set. We also got to try out African drumming and created our own traditional African necklaces.



Our Dimensions topic 'If You Go Down to the Woods' has been very much enjoyed, teaching us about wild animals and those native to England. Most recently we have focused on bears and fitting in with this 'just right' was the Literacy focus story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', with lots of measuring opportunities in Maths. We have even learnt the song 'When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears' with Makaton signs.



Forest School News

This half term it has been short and sweet for Navigators but the few visits they have made to Forest Schools has certainly been well used and enjoyed by them all!

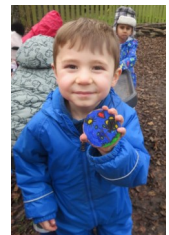
Although the forest is looking very bare at this time of year, with the majority of trees deciduous, it has not stopped them from enjoying a game of 'Hide and Seek', being creative with their hiding spots. We have seen some fantastic teamwork and problem solving from the children, with high ropes, swings and adventure playgrounds being created, as well as shelters, bridges and base camps being built.



The newest addition to our Forest Schools area is the Stag Beetle stumpery which the Year 5 and 6 children have been involved in creating. After clearing the brambles and nettles from beside the fire pit, the ground was dug over and logs stood upright in a deep hole. We were fortunate to find a Stag Beetle larvae at the exact spot where the stumpery now stands so are excited that this will provide a much needed habitat for this protected species.



The Reception children have loved their first experiences of Forest Schools at St George's, deciding on their Forest School names and creating medals from log slices. So far, there have been opportunities for balancing, rope swings and hammocks, bird spotting and tree climbing and we are looking forward to more exciting adventures.



By Nicky 'Nightingale' Powell

Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

w/b 17th February	Half term break
Monday 24th February	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 25th February	Return to school
Wednesday 26th February 3.30-5.00pm	Parent/Staff Workshop: Emotional Regulation
Tuesday 4th March	Autism Reality Experience Bus—if you requested a slot, please check your Parentmail for confirmation
Tuesday 4th March	Pancake Flip fundraiser — see letter for details
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day—dress up!
Wednesday 19th March 3.30-5.00pm	Parent/Staff Workshop: Neurodevelopmental Neurodiversity
Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th March	Parent Consultations—bookings open on Tuesday 25th February (see below)
Wednesday 2nd April 9.30am	Easter Service at St George's Church
Thursday 3rd April	Adventurers trip to London
Friday 4th April	Last day of Spring Term
Friday 4th April (evening)	Choir: Tendring Vocal Festival, Princes Theatre

Spring Term Parent Consultations

Our Spring Term Parent Consultations take place on Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th March. Please make every effort to attend these consultations, which will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and attainment with their teacher and to look at their classwork.

Bookings can be made from Tuesday 25th February.

Please contact the School Office, either in person or on the phone, to make your appointment(s).

Please note that appointments are ten minutes long and teachers must adhere to this in order to ensure everyone is seen.

As always, please do not wait until the parent consultations to discuss any current concerns/queries. Contact your child's teacher via the School Office or Seesaw/Tapestry to make an appointment; we always prefer to nip any worries in the bud and address them at an early stage.