

# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Multi-Schools Council**



On Monday, we welcomed Kayleigh from the Multi-Schools Council. She spoke to the children about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and the importance of celebrating our differences.

We are proud to be an inclusive school and it was great to hear the children sharing their thoughts and experiences with Kayleigh.

In this photo, Kayleigh is demonstrating the 'spectrum' of neurodivergence.

We will be welcoming Kayleigh back to St George's just before half term, when she will be running a series of workshops for the children. In these workshops, the children will have the opportunity to find out more about Autism and develop their understanding of neurodivergence.

This complements our involvement in the PINS project - please do attend the parent meeting next week if you are able to (Wednesday 25th September at 5.00-6.00pm, creche provided).

### **Harvest donations - Thank you!**

Thank you very much to those who brought donations for our Harvest appeal. All the goods will be donated to the local Foodbank, helping local families in need.

If you attended this morning's Harvest Service, I hope you enjoyed hearing the children sing!

### **Save your food packaging for us!**

In November, we will be holding a 'Healthy Me' Week in which the children will be learning all about healthy eating and other ways to look after their health. We would really love you to pass on to us any **in-tact empty food and drinks packaging** so the children can study and compare the nutritional content of various foods. We would be very grateful if you could bring in clean, empty boxes/jars/tins/packaging with labels - for example, cereal packets, sauce jars or bottles, cake/biscuits boxes. Please **do not** bring packaging which held products containing nuts. Children should bring these items straight to the classroom, please, over the next few weeks. Thank you in advance for your help with this!



Wishing you a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Keitch*

## Spectacular Swimmers!

This week, Angus had been very excited to tell us all about his recent celebrity encounter!

Angus attends the Colchester Phoenix Swimming Club and, on Saturday, former club member and recent Paralympian gold medalist Ellie Challis came to pay a visit! Ellie showed Angus where she learned to swim and he even got to touch the Gold medal!

When Ellie asked Angus if he wanted to be a Paralympian, he said 'Yes'!

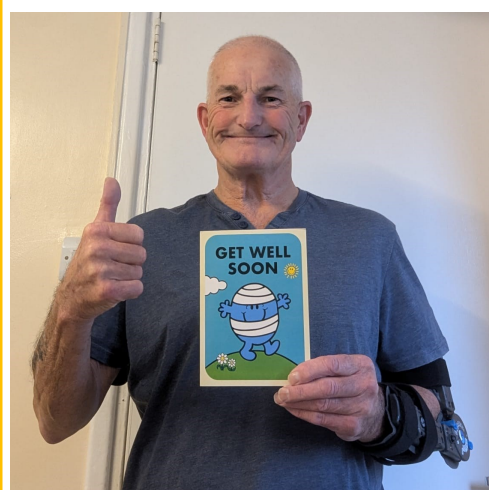


## Hello from Mr Stacey!

As you know, Mr Stacey is off work at the moment following an operation on his arm. He is recovering well and missing everybody here at St George's!

Here he is with the card all the staff sent him.

We all send Mr Stacey our best wishes for a speedy recovery - we hope to see you back at St George's soon!



## Parent Governor Elections

On Tuesday, you received information about our Parent Governor vacancy, including a nomination form (via Parentmail).

If you are interested but would like to find out more about the role before committing, please get in touch with our Chair of Governors, Lorna Sharp ([lsharp@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk](mailto:lsharp@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk)) or Mrs Keitch via the School Office.

Nominations should be submitted by Friday 4th October.



## Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

**Harry H** – for being creative and sculpting a two-sided apple face, representing characters from the Harry Potter film

**Crewe** – for sweeping all of the Autumn leaves and making a pathway for the hedgehogs to their newly filled house for winter.

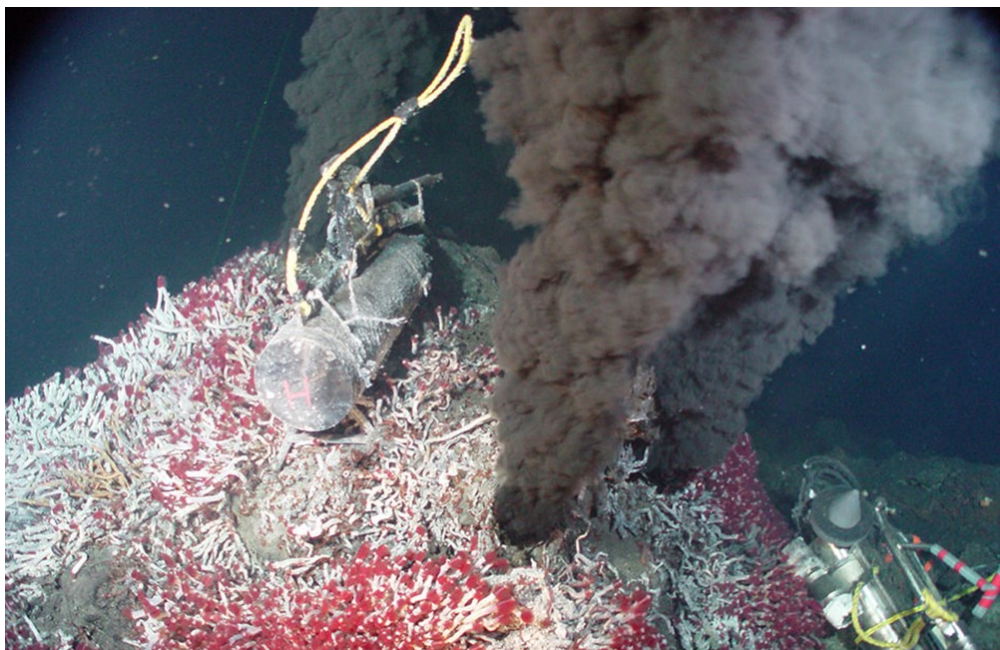
# Navigators News

This week in Navigators has had a lovely end in which the class delivered their lines for the autumn festival in St. George's Church and sang some fun songs to mark the changing of the seasons. We have also been learning about a wide array of topics, from the humble hydrothermal vent shrimp to the nature of the planets in our solar system.

One highlight of the week was the children's fantastically creative and amusing dramatic performances in which they acted the roles of the planets and bickered about which one was the best and why. Not only did we hear a lot of scientific facts from each respective planet, but we also witnessed a large number of memorable personalities, from a pompous and preening Saturn to a shouty and outrageous Mars to a shy and awkward Earth. All in all, a collection of performances that were out of this world.



Coming back down to Earth, the children have demonstrated a fantastic commitment to their reading with their Reading Records Rainbows, and it has been lovely to see so much reflective thinking about the diverse range of books they have read. One text that has captured their imaginations this week was a poem about hydrothermal vents (sometimes known as 'black smokers') and the small matter of the possible origin of life on Earth.



### Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

Wednesday 25th September	5.00-6.00pm PINS parent meeting - see Parentmail for further details
Monday 30th September	Road Safety for Reception and Year Five
Thursday 10th October	3.30pm PTA Annual General Meeting - School Hall There will be a creche provided
Friday 11th October	Flu immunisations - details to follow
Thursday 17th - Thursday 24th October	Book Fair in school
Thursday 23rd October and Thursday 24th October	Parent Consultations - we will let you know when booking opens!
Wednesday 23rd October	Navigators 'Step Into STEAM' event - details to follow
Thursday 24th October	Multi-Schools Council Autism workshops for the children
Friday 25th October	Non Pupil Day
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	Half term
Week Beginning Monday 4th November	St George's Book Week
Friday 8th November	Individual and sibling photographs - details to follow
Friday 15th November	Children in Need Day - details to follow
Thursday 5th December	Reception Christmas Singalong - details to follow
Friday 6th December	Whole School trip to Pantomime (Gt Bromley Village Hall) - details to follow
Thursday 12th December	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performances (morning and evening) - details to follow
Wednesday 18th December 2pm	Carol Service at St George's Church - parents invited
Friday 20th December	Last day of term
Monday 6th January 2024	First day of term for children

### Parking Reminder

Please remember to park considerately at drop-off and pick-up time. If you are parking in St George's Close, please ensure you are not on the turning circle or across a drive.

Thank you!