

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy few weeks at St George's! As always, the classrooms have been a hive of activity and we've also had lots of extras to celebrate too:

Volleyball Champions!

Huge congratulations to the Y5/6 children who won at the County Finals of the SSPA Sitting Volleyball tournament! They attended the competition in Rochford having won in the heats last month and proceeded to win nine out of ten of their games in the final. Thank you very much to Ms Mitchell and Mrs Usher for transporting the children. Well done!



World Book Day

Well done to everyone for entering into the spirit of World Book Day. There were lots of fantastic costumes representing some well-loved stories. Photos to follow next week.

Tending Vocal Festival



On Friday 8th March, the choir took part in the annual Tending Vocal Festival. Along with seven other local schools, they performed on stage at the Princes Theatre in Clacton, to a packed audience of proud friends and family. The St George's choir performed two songs: 'This Little Light of Mine' and 'True Colours' - they sang beautifully and did St George's proud. For the grand finale, all the schools joined together to sing three songs from 'Matilda the Musical'. It was such an uplifting experience and a pleasure to be part of. Well done, choir!

For more photos and a short video, please see the [news page](#) of our school website.

Fundraising Update

Thank you to family and friends for supporting our **sponsored pancake flip**, which raised a total of **£716.30!**

On Friday 1st March, we held a **Quiz Night fundraiser** here at St George's. A great time was had by all - thank you very much to Nigel and Amanda Rowe, our Quizmasters. We raised a total of **£365!**

We have two further fundraisers coming up before the end of term:

Break the Rules Day - Friday 22nd March - see over the page for details

Easter Egg Raffle - details to follow next week



We really appreciate your support in our fundraising efforts. It is more vital than ever that we generate additional income. As you know, costs are increasing significantly; however, this is not reflected in our funding. This means we are having to provide more and more with less and less.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch



Break the Rules!

Friday 22nd March 2024

For one day only at St George's you can break the rules!

Please encourage your child to choose from the list below:

- **Crazy hair**
- **Tattoos**
- **Wear nail varnish**
- **Have squash in your water bottle**
- **Bring your choice of snack
(no nuts please!)**
- **Wear trainers**
- **Wear non-uniform**
- **Bring a teddy**
- **Wear a hat**
- **Crazy socks**

Bring cash on the day and give it to your Teacher

£1
per rule

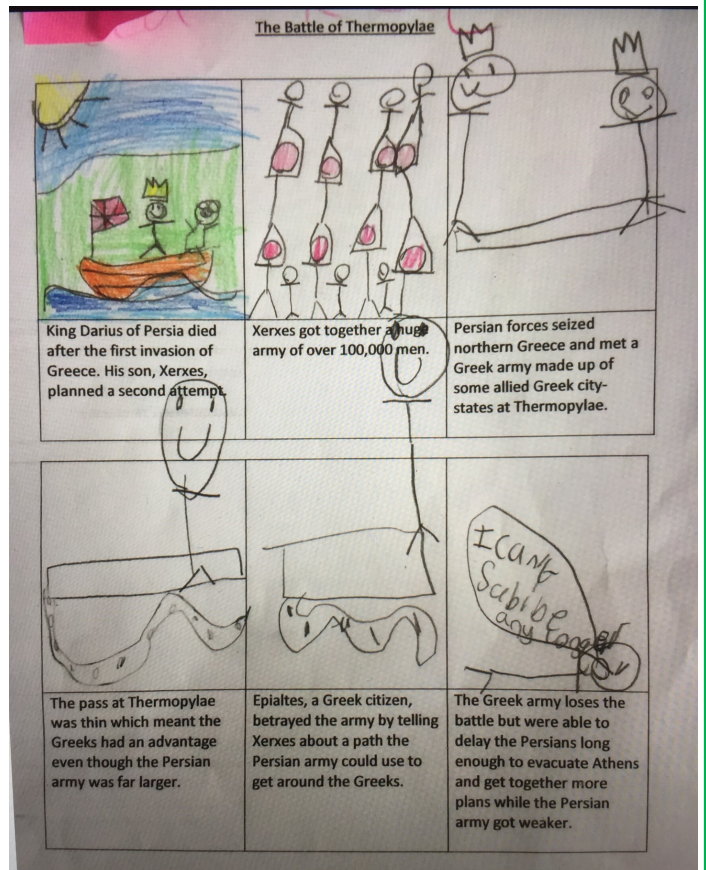
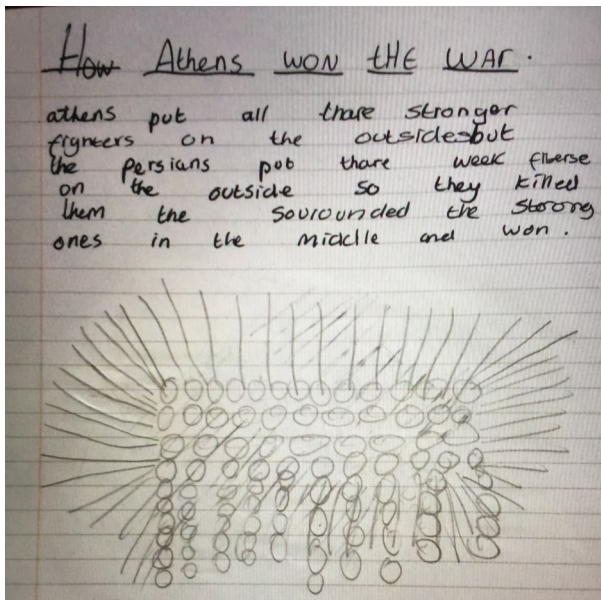
Adventurers News

With a short and busy term upon us, the Adventurers team have delved straight into learning. Over the past two weeks, we have discovered a lot about our new Dimensions topic Athens vs Sparta. The children have learned what life was like in Ancient Greece, discussed the origins of democracy and recently been introduced to two historical battles between Persia and Ancient Greece. The battle of Marathon and the battle of Thermopylae. We have looked closely at Phidippides, who ran 26 miles from Marathon to Athens, and how this event inspired the modern-day version of today's marathon races.

Our lesson on democracy and how it was invented by the Athenians, was supported with an in class vote: would you rather leave school early every day or have an afternoon playtime every day? The vote was not unanimous, and surprisingly to the girls, they were exempt from voting. Just like females in Ancient Greece, who were not considered citizens, neither were the girls! Frustration was sparked yet in equal measure came enthusiasm from all the children in Adventurers on the issues and challenges surrounding equal rights.

More recently this week, the children have researched how Athens won the Battle of Marathon despite having a much smaller army than the Persians and that the Phalanx formation was crucial to their success. Some pupils went on to create comic strips on the Battle of Thermopylae which ended in the success of the Persians. The children were surprised to learn this battle was won because a local Greek shepherd betrayed his own people.

Miss Brooks



Can you spare some time to help St George's?

Do you have a few hours to spare to help our team of dedicated *Governors* carry out some maintenance jobs around the school? We are hoping to recruit a team of volunteers to help us out on **Saturday 23rd March** to help with tasks such as: re-sealing our parquet floors, fitting the new kitchen unit, painting walls and outside huts.

Please follow [this link](#) to find out more and let us know your availability.

If you would like any further information, please contact our Chair of Governors, Nigel Rowe: nrowe@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk



Phonics Meeting for Parents

On Wednesday 27th March 2.30pm, Mrs Crouch will be running an information session for parents. This will focus on the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. If your child is in Y1 (or Y2 and needs to re-take the Check), you have received a Parentmail with further information. Please make an effort to attend this meeting if possible.

Pre-loved Summer Uniform

Please consider buying from our selection of pre-loved items, available via the School Office. We have a really good stock of shorts and summer dresses, all £1.00 per item.

Parking Reminder

Please can I remind you to be mindful of local residents when parking at drop-off and pick-up time. Please ensure you do not park across the drives in St George's Close, or in the turning circle there.

In addition to the Church Meadow car park, there are also spaces in Robinson Close.

Term Dates 2024-25

The term dates for academic year 2024-25 have now been approved by *Governors* and can be found on the [school website](#).

Please remember that we are unable to authorise term-time holidays.

Office Hours

Please note, the School Office is staffed until 4.00pm. Emails sent after this time will not be seen until the following morning.

If you need to contact the school after 4.00pm, please phone 01206 230305 and we will do our best to answer your call.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 20th March	Parent Workshop: Anxiety - Mental Health Support Team (see last week's newsletter for details)
Friday 22nd March	Break the Rules fundraiser - see attached poster for details
Wednesday 27th March	Phonics Check Information Session for Y1/2 parents
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term. No KS2 PE - all in school uniform. Easter Egg raffle. Easter Service in church 2.00pm - parents welcome
Monday 15th April	First day of term
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	Non Pupil Day
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	Half term break
Monday 3rd June	Return to school
Saturday 15th June	Summer Fair - Save the date!
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of term Leavers' assembly pm

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Angus - For your sheer joy in watching Miss Firmin and Mrs Andrews thread the Elder bead – you found this so funny and it was lovely to watch. You made a beautiful keepsake today. Well done!

Mrs Firmin and Mrs Andrews - For your determination and perseverance to thread the Elder bead. Angus found your efforts highly amusing!

Nixon - For persevering with your mini fire and having patience as you lit it three times to toast the marshmallow just how you like it! Well done!

Pixie - For your perseverance with the flint and steel to create sparks and light your mini fire. You showed resilience and determination, not giving up and you did it! Well done!

Violet - For working safely with different tools including a bow saw and hand drill, and working from an original idea. You learnt lots and developed skills through the process, modifying the product as you went along. Well done!

Fred, Harry, Amelia, Rosalie, Sienna, Sofia, Isyla, Rosie and Hollie W - For a fantastic, busy 'Tool Work' session! You all worked safely, with various tools, to develop your own ideas and were focused on the process of creating your product. Well done!



Our Stars of the Week this week are:

Explorers

Kiyra - for your excellent effort and progress in Phonics
Angus - for continuing your learning at home by creating a Goldilocks story picture



Pathfinders

Lavender - for fantastic effort in your learning and applying this in your assessments
Byron - for pushing yourself and thriving in all your learning!



Adventurers

Jude - for fantastic effort in our daily sessions of 'Table-Tastic'
Lilly J - for an inspirational acrostic poem linked to our class story book 'Lob'



Navigators

Isla A, Aimee, Isabella, Saul, Hugo and Poppie - for being Volleyball champions!

Lunchtime Awards go to:

Explorers

Velvet - for playing nicely with your friends and sitting in the lunch hall nicely



Pathfinders

Chloe CC - for playing games all together

Adventurers

Millie B and Lily W - for using your own time to tidy up classroom resources



Navigators

Isabella - for having lovely manners and being a fantastic role model

Reader of the Week Awards go to:

Explorers

Ivy H - for your enthusiasm towards your home reading

Pathfinders

Alicia - for applying your Phonics skills



Adventurers

Adara - for confident reading and asking questions about the text

Navigators

Amelia - for working so hard on your reading record and making big improvements in your PIRA

Ark Appreciation Award:

Konon - For making extra effort to look out for Angus this week - using your time to be his support in PE and encouraging him to join in.

