

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term is flying by - here we are at half term already! It's been another very productive week at St George's:

Sponsored Pancake Flip

The children all had a wonderful time taking part in our annual sponsored pancake flip on Tuesday. Many thanks to Mrs Brown and Mrs Burton for giving their time to run the fast-paced event - a firm favourite with everyone at St George's! Thank you to family and friends for sponsoring the children; please ensure all monies are brought to the School Office by **Friday 1st March**. See over the page for photos.

Congratulations to the Volleyball team

On Tuesday, a group of Navigators children took part in a sit-down Volleyball tournament at St Clare's school in Clacton. They were accompanied by Ms Mitchell, who reports that the children represented St George's very well. I am pleased to say that the team did very well and have qualified for the county finals in March - well done!



Choir Workshop

On Wednesday, Kristian from Essex Music Services came to work with the choir to help them prepare for the Tendring Vocal Festival in March. The children thoroughly enjoyed their workshop and sang with great gusto. We are really looking forward to performing on stage with all the other schools!

KS1 Gymnastics with EPC

The Explorers and Pathfinders children have been working on their Gymnastics skills this half term, with Jacob and Josh from Essex Professional Coaching (EPC). This week, they set the Hall up with a circuit of activities so the children could practise all their skills, including balancing, jumping and climbing. Well done!



Have a lovely half term break. We look forward to seeing you all again on **Monday 26th February**.

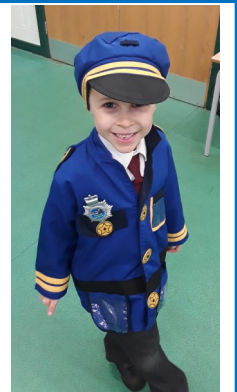
Mrs Keitch

Pancake Flip 2024



Little City!

On Thursday, the Explorers and Pathfinders children spent a wonderful morning engaging in role play at 'Little City', taking on lots of different roles including police officers, vets and beauticians!



Navigators News

This week in Navigators, we have rounded off 'You're Not Invited: Invaders and Settlers' in style with the last of the fantastic Roman-style mosaics. It seems that every time Navigators are set a creative or artistic task they exceed expectations, and this is especially true in this case.



We have used the Bayeux Tapestry to learn about the Norman invasion of England, and the children have been using their body language and voices to give powerful speeches by famous historical figures such as Queen Boudicca.

It has been a bit of a rollercoaster ride through history (and not always the nicest parts of it), but it has been nice to finish the topic where we started - with a newspaper report on the fall of Troy.

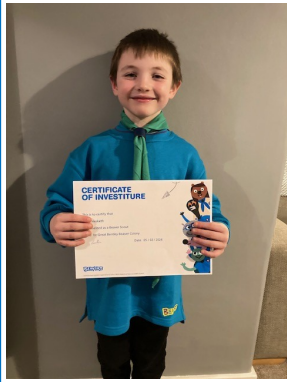
Special mention to Navigators' volleyball team, who won Tuesday's competition and are now set to take part in the county championships!



Well done team, you did us proud!

Mr Johnston





Congratulations!

Well done to Harry in Pathfinders who was invested at Beavers last week.

Harry is very proud to be a Beaver!

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 17th February** and **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



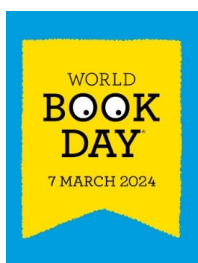
Quiz Night - last chance to reserve your place!

Our Quiz Night fundraiser takes place on **Friday 1st March**. If you would like to enter a team, please let the School Office know via email by Monday 26th February at the latest.

Workshop for Parents: Supporting your child with anxiety Wednesday 20th March

Our local Mental Health Support Team is based at Manningtree High School and they provide outreach support to local schools. We have arranged for the team to deliver a workshop for parents focusing on supporting children with feelings of anxiety.

The workshop will take place in the School Hall on Wednesday 20th March at 9.00am - 10.30am. It will be an opportunity to learn more about the causes and management of anxiety in children and to ask questions in an informal environment.



World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Children should come to school dressed as their favourite book character, along with a copy of the book (named, please!). There is no need to purchase expensive outfits - and please avoid superhero/movie costumes!

Dates for your Diary

Week Beginning Mon 19th February	Half term
Friday 1st March	Quiz Night Fundraiser! Book your place via the School Office by Friday 16th February
Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March	Y6 Bikeability - information to follow
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 8th March	Choir - Tendring Vocal Festival - see letter for details
w/b 11th March	Parent Consultations - booking available via the Office from Wednesday 28th February
Wednesday 20th March	Parent Workshop: Anxiety - Mental Health Support Team - details to follow
Friday 22nd March	Break the Rules fundraiser
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term. No KS2 PE - all in school uniform. Easter Service in church 2.00pm - parents welcome

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.



Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Maisie - For a fantastic, busy session! You practised moving logs safely around the woods, creating marks in the mud as you dragged them along. You loved hunting for bugs with friends and showed care as you held them on your hand. Well done!

Lily K-W - For your interest in shaped sticks, finding a 'Y' shape and recognising that it is in your name. You spent time positioning sticks to spell 'Lily'. Well done!

Amelie - For learning new information and sharing this with others, teaching them to keep safe near stinging nettles.

Caleb - For your willingness to help prepare the main fire, by safely splitting the kindling and for organising your classmates in serving up the pancakes!



Our Stars of the Week this week are:

Explorers

- ★ Leo - for excellent work in Maths
- ★ Ava - for fantastic effort in all areas of school



Pathfinders

- ★ Jacob - for working really hard on your writing and sentence structure
- ★ Theodore - for working really hard on your writing, demonstrating outstanding phonics skills



Adventurers

- ★ Adara - for a detailed and well-planned fact file on Isaac Newton
- ★ Emily - for improved writing and making extra efforts in your presentation



Navigators

- ★ Isla W - for a wonderful dramatic performance and showing a great example to the rest of the school
- ★ Alfie - for determination and persistence in your studies and completing your mosaic



Lunchtime Awards go to:

Explorers

- ★ Lily - for always playing nicely with your friends

Pathfinders

- ★ Darcy L - for playing nicely with your friends

Adventurers

- ★ Crewe - for all round good behaviour!

Navigators

- ★ Islya - for sensibly taking Pathfinders around to class at the end of lunchtime



Reader of the Week Awards go to:

Explorers

- ★ Maisie - for achieving your Silver bookmark

Pathfinders

- ★ Eliza - for fantastic reading comprehension



Adventurers

- ★ Monroe - for excellent reading on Oxford Reading Buddy

Navigators

- ★ Violet - for colour-coding your reading by genre

Ark Appreciation Award:

- ★ Rosie D - for being a kind and supportive friend in class and assisting others with their work.

