

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday, we welcomed Canon Stephen, Sue and Jenny to St George's for Collective Worship. With the help of Rachel the mole, they told the children the next part of the story of Moses from the Old Testament: Moses and the Burning Bush.



Despite the rain, we have had another hardworking and fun-filled week at St George's, including:

- ★ Making the most of the puddles and mud pit at Forest School!
- ★ A gallery of fantastic mosaics in Navigators
- ★ Celebrating Chinese New Year in Explorers with a lovely range of activities and crafts
- ★ Postcards from Aliens in Pathfinders!
- ★ Investigating angles in Adventurers

Maintenance Volunteer Days

Please see p3 of this newsletter for information about the upcoming volunteer days and the link to sign up. We would really appreciate any time you are able to give; in these challenging economic times, we find ourselves reliant on volunteers to carry out essential work around the school. Please help if you can.

NSPCC videos

The NSPCC has released a series of new videos on their [You Tube channel](#) covering lots of different topics such as handling tantrums and managing wellbeing. You may find these videos helpful and interesting so please do take a look.

SEND Local Offer Roadshows

The [North East Essex SEND Roadshow](#) will take place on Wednesday 13th March, 9.00-11.45am, at the Jobserve Stadium. This event is for parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (no diagnosis required) and is an opportunity to talk to lots of different professionals and find out about local support groups. In the afternoon, the SENDIASS service is running a series of workshops on topics such as Routine and Regulation, Self-Regulation and Sensory Awareness. The workshops can be booked by following a [link on this page](#).

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

Explorers News

In Explorers Class we have been celebrating Chinese New Year! The children enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year traditions and they had great fun making dragon masks, tasting prawn crackers, painting Chinese number symbols and playing in our role-play Chinese restaurant.

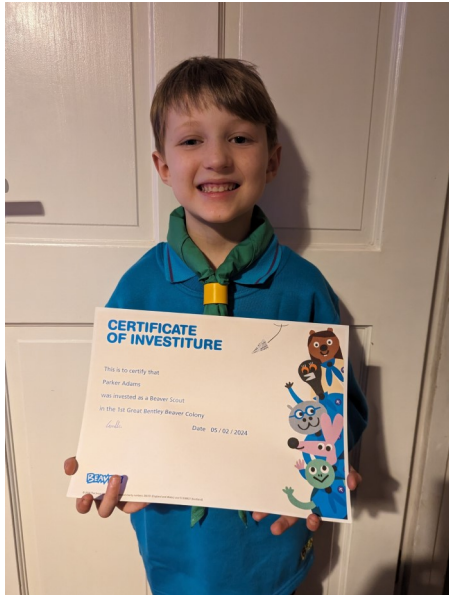
Our Reception children have been working on repeating patterns in maths. The children have been creating their own repeating patterns using real objects and colours.

Year 1 have been learning about the features of non-fiction books, the children have been exploring information books to find photographs, labels and captions.

The children have loved our Dimensions topic 'Ticket to Ride', which has covered different modes of transport from boats, buses, trains to planes! This week's theme is planes and holidays. The children have made their own passports. They have also enjoyed learning about seaside holidays and made salt dough shells.

The Explorers Team





Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Parker** who was invested at Beavers this week! Parker has enjoyed telling us all about Beavers and is very proud of his achievement.

Well done to **Millie B** for participating in a Cheerleading competition and congratulations for being awarded Cheerleader of the month!

Congratulations to **Sienna A** who has secured a leading role in a local production of High School Musical!

Well done to **Sienna A** (piano) and **Hollie S** (keyboard and vocals) who both performed in last Friday's assembly.

We love hearing about the children's achievements outside school - well done!

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



Thank you to those who have brought in donations of the items listed in the last two newsletters. We are always in need of any items you may be able to donate - we are very grateful for any support you are able to give us.

Ideas include:

- ★ Stationery items, particularly A4 card, colouring pens and pencils, glue sticks
- ★ Craft items
- ★ Gardening tools for Forest School

If you have anything else you think the school might be able to utilise, please contact the School Office before throwing it out!

Dates for your Diary

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| Tuesday 13th February | Sponsored Pancake Flip |
| Thursday 15th February | Explorers and Pathfinders 'Little City' experience |
| 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 - 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

Jessica - For your love of mud! You fully involved yourself with mud play, mixing it with water and smearing it onto the tree. It was lovely to watch you so engaged and happy in your learning.

Noah - For developing your gross motor skills, showing off some excellent digging, and being interested in worms found. You also discovered some sleeping ladybirds on your investigations today. A great session – well done!

Imogen - For your pure delight when puddle jumping. You loved making a splash in the water-filled mud pit!

Pixie - For problem solving when the zip line was out of reach. You used the stool to give yourself extra height and moved the slider pulley safely back to the starting position.

Rosie D - For being imaginative and creating your own rope swing. You were keen to learn how to tie the overhand knot in order to add more ropes to the branch. Well done!

Isla A - For having your own idea to make a teepee style shelter and working well, both independently and with others. What an amazing space you created which you enjoyed relaxing in with friends.

Isla W - For spending time mixing ingredients and making your own bird feeders which you chose to hang around the Peace Garden. I wonder if any birds have visited them yet?

