



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and productive week here at St George's! Every classroom has been a hive of activity as always, including:

- ☆ Designing and building aqueducts in **Navigators**
- ☆ Investigating friction in **Adventurers**, exploring the effect of different surfaces on the movement of toy cars
- ☆ Fantastic poetry writing in **Pathfinders**
- ☆ A visit to St George's church by **Explorers** (see photo below)
- ☆ Delicious baking: bread and pastries!



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

On Monday, I spoke to the children in Collective Worship about the importance of saying 'thank you'. We thought of lots of examples of when we might say 'thank you' and agreed that it shows people we are appreciative of them. I told the story of Jesus and the ten lepers from the book of Luke, in which only one of the ten men took the time to come back and thank Jesus for healing him. We talked about the fact that sometimes we forget to say 'thank you' but that it is important to do so.

I have challenged the children to remember to say 'thank you' at school and at home - let me know how they get on!

Have a lovely weekend,

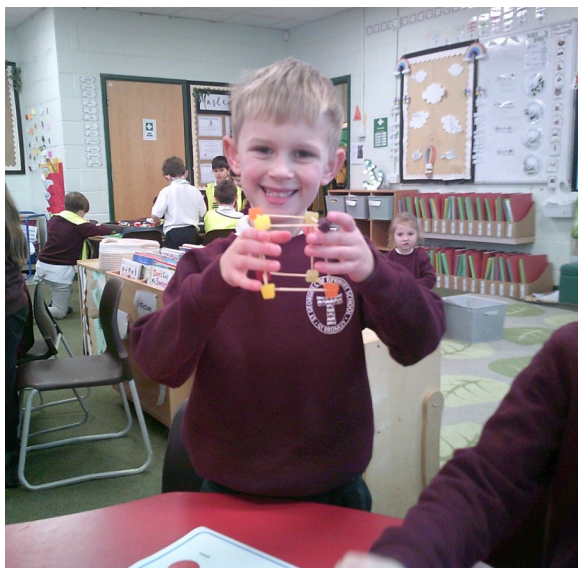
Mrs Keitch



Pathfinders News

We have had such a busy and fun filled week in Pathfinders class this week. We have been working really hard in our English lessons and have concentrated on poetry this week. We have pretended to be aliens landing on earth and have created simile poems and senses poems about our wonderful planet Earth.

In Maths this week we have been learning about 3D shapes and their properties. We have been on a shape hunt and found real life 3D shapes. Then we made our own 3D shapes using cocktail sticks and sweets (we were super and didn't eat any!) We used these shapes to learn all about the properties of our 3D shapes. During our 'Get busy time' many of us have continued to explore 3D shapes using our den-building set, our measure worms and even our lego.



Great work this week
Pathfinders!



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!

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QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Friday 1st March 7.00pm

● Max 6 per team

● £5 per head - pay on the door

● Bring your own nibbles and drinks

● Book via School Office by Fri 16th Feb

Dates for your Diary

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

Ivy H - For showing interest in the hedgehog house, wanting to know more about why they hibernate.

Alayna and Neive - For being so keen to bird watch and collect data on species spotted, for the Big Garden Birdwatch.

Ava - For collecting natural items, including Alder pine cones and creating a beautiful nature wand.

Rosie E - For exploring all areas of Forest School, looking for different birds. You collected accurate counts of all birds spotted which has now been submitted towards the Big Garden Birdwatch 2024 - well done!

Maddie, Elana and Caleb - For showing interest and enthusiasm when watching the Robins, spending time finding out more about them, including where their nest is located. You set up a homemade bird feeder and enjoyed watching them as they repeatedly visited and took food back



Our Stars of the Week this week are:

Explorers

★ Alayna - for using phonics to write your weekend news independently

★ Freddie - for great work in Maths and recognising shapes



Pathfinders

★ Harry - for your improved and positive attitude to learning

★ Imogen Adams - for your fantastically positive attitude towards your learning



Adventurers

★ Zachary L-H - for fantastic interaction and using your walking skills

★ Zachary B - for a great start at St George's



Navigators

★ Fred - for showing strong leadership and focus, and building an excellent aqueduct

★ Poppie - for finding great solutions to design problems and overcoming maths challenges

Lunchtime Awards go to:

Explorers

★ Joseph - for helping to put the lunch time equipment away



Pathfinders

★ Zak J - for always lining up nicely for lunch

Adventurers

★ Meredel - for helping to sort out the skipping ropes



Navigators

★ Hollie W, Aimee and Isla A - for helping to tidy the equipment shed

Reader of the Week Awards go to:

Explorers

★ Angus - for great enthusiasm towards your home reading and for moving up a level in your reading



Pathfinders

★ Chloe C - for using your phonics to sound out your words

★ James - for a fantastic effort in your reading

Adventurers

★ Konon - for fantastic reading with Mrs Pip

Navigators

★ Alfie - for lovely information retrieval of historical facts

Ark Appreciation Award:

★ Angus - for becoming Super Angus and persevering with your walker!

