



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Kit Camp Workshops

You may remember that the PTA secured funding and resources from Change X last year which helped to fund our September Fun Afternoon and lots of fantastic equipment. This included the Kit Camp set which the children have been thoroughly enjoying playing with. On Wednesday, we welcomed Emma from The Play Project who spent an hour with every class. She showed the children lots of tips and tricks for using the equipment safely and creatively - they had a wonderful time and it's given us lots of ideas for how to use the kit in school. See over the page for some photos of the workshops.

Another huge thank you to the PTA for sourcing this great resource for our children.

Navigators - STEAM event

On Tuesday, the Year 5 and 6 children attended a 'Step Into STEAM' event in Clacton (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths). The children had a really interesting afternoon and represented St George's very well. See over the page for further information and photos.

St George's Church

Both Pathfinders and Navigators have recently visited St George's Church as part of their RE studies. The children had a wonderful time at our beautiful church. The Pathfinders children are learning about celebrations, as part of their 'Unity in the Community' topic - here they are staging a baptism in the church. The Navigators children have been learning all about stained glass windows so found out the stories of the St George's window designs.



Thank you to Jenny Nicholls and Rev John Saxon for accompanying the children on their visits, sharing their knowledge and answering some tricky questions!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

Navigators 'Step into STEAM' event

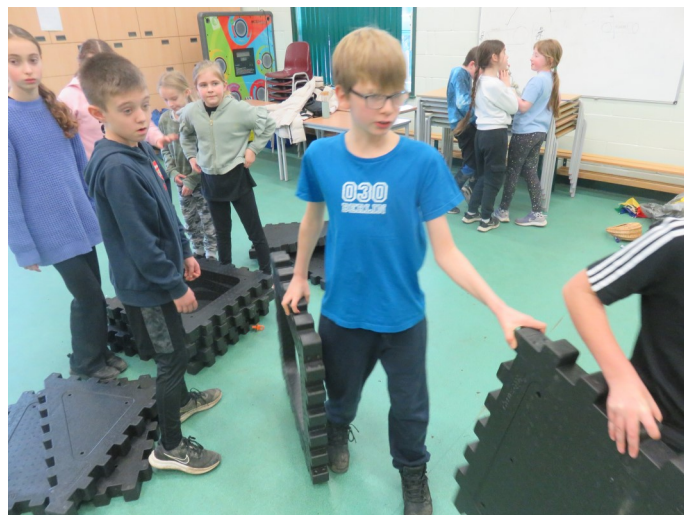
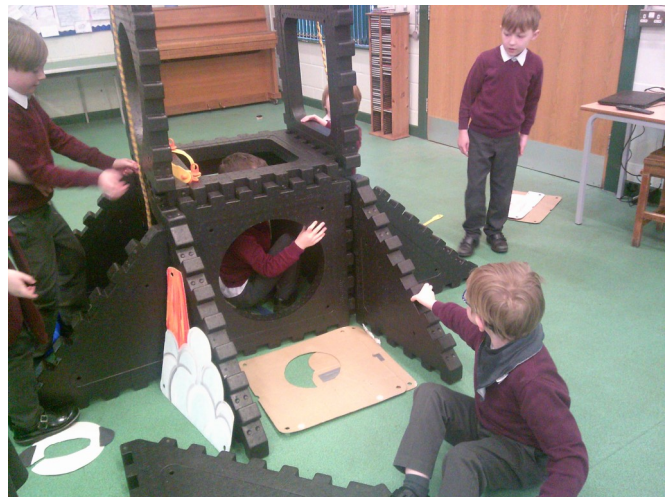
On Tuesday 23rd of January, Navigators Class visited Prince's Theatre in Clacton-on-Sea, which was hosting the STEAM workshop. It was a wonderfully enriching event for the children, who had the opportunity to meet professional healthcare workers, bricklayers, pharmacists, police officers, theatre performers, zoologists and a whole lot more.

Children were invited to create costumes to adorn mannequins, put on a VR headset to experience life on a North Sea wind farm, perform CPR on a dummy, investigate products made from animals on the endangered species list... far too many other things to mention here. Imaginations were most certainly sparked, and curiosity awakened.

Navigators children are now aware of a whole lot of potential future career paths which they were not aware of prior to the workshop - and it was fun from start to finish!



Kit Camp Workshops



Pre-loved Uniform

We have a good stock of pre-loved uniform, in a range of sizes. Please come to the school office and ask to have a look through the selection. All items are £1 each and we only keep clothing which is in very good condition.



Do you have any unwanted items you could donate to the school?

Wraparound - toys and resources

We are keen to source some additional resources for our Breakfast and After School Clubs. If you are able to donate any of the following items we would be very grateful:

- ☆ Hair brushes, bands, bows etc
- ☆ Beads and string for making necklaces, bracelets etc
- ☆ Loom bands (or similar)
- ☆ Toys cars plus a garage
- ☆ CDs of popular music/film music etc



Forest School gardening tools



The children love to dig during their Forest School sessions but our gardening tools are very old and on their last legs. Do you have any spare spades/forks etc in your garden shed that you might be able to donate to the school?

General school resources

We are always very grateful for any donations to the school. School budgets are under huge pressure and we want to make sure the children have the resources they need to support their learning. Here are a few ideas of items you may be able to donate:

- Colouring pens / pencils
- Card, coloured paper
- Glue sticks, crafting items



We are also looking for a **replacement kitchen unit** (sink, worktop, cupboard) for our Explorers classroom. Please contact the School Office for further details and measurements if you think you may be able to help us out with this item.

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

Please bring donations to the school office. Thank you for your support.

Essex Professional Coaching Holiday Camps

This week, every child has been given a 'Golden Ticket' by our EPC coach, Jacob. This ticket entitles every child to a free day at one of the EPC holiday camps, usually priced at £25.

The camps are taking place during February half term and also run during all other school holidays. You can find out more information about the camps here <https://www.epcoaching.co.uk/school-holiday/>

The Colchester camp takes place at Philip Morant School and the Clacton camp is at the Tendring Education Centre.

Scan the QR code on the Golden Ticket to redeem the voucher.



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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

Verity - For your enthusiasm around the homemade bird feeders, keeping an eye out this week for birds feeding from them and being keen to share this with me.

Leo - For being engaged in making your own nature stick, choosing different coloured wool to decorate it. What a fantastic creation you made!

Ellis - For thinking logically and problem solving how to make improvements to the zip line. It is great to see you so enthused by your learning.

Hugo, Fred and Isyla - For enjoying some quiet time with friends at the peace garden, clearing leaves along the paths and working well together as a team.



Our Stars of the Week this week are:

★ Explorers

- ★ Jessica - for using your phonics in Literacy
- ★ Miller - for great explanations in Maths



★ Pathfinders

- ★ Jonathon - for working hard to improve your finger spaces in your writing
- ★ Ivy - for fantastic explanations about arrays in Maths



★ Adventurers

- ★ Crewe - for taking part in all lessons and always sitting nicely in assembly
- ★ Layla - for excellent focus in class and always working hard



★ Navigators

- ★ Sofia - for endless creativity and organization with your excellent timeline and spooky short story
- ★ Isla W - for being wonderfully supportive to your peers and showing fantastic enthusiasm in DT

★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ Explorers

- ★ Ava - for being polite and helpful



★ Pathfinders

- ★ Archie - for always eating your lunch and cleaning up nicely

★ Adventurers

- ★ Harriet, Millie and Lily W - for setting up games for the younger children



★ Navigators

- ★ Maddie - for sensibly leading younger children back to their class after lunch

★ **Reader of the Week Awards go to:**

★ Explorers

- ★ Verity - for making great progress with your reading

★ Pathfinders

- ★ Archie - for working hard to share your fantastic phonics skills



★ Adventurers

- ★ Millie B - for a fantastic result on your Oxford Reading Quiz
- ★ Bailey - for reading four books this week!

★ Navigators

- ★ Hollie W - for a very nicely written and brilliantly detailed reading record

★ **Ark Appreciation Award:**

- ★ Bailey - for working really hard on your learning and supporting your friends with theirs too.

