



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Remembrance Day Service

On Sunday, a group of pupils joined me in attending the St George's Church Remembrance Service. It was a lovely community event, with representatives from the church, Parish Council, Seven Rivers Care Home, Village Hall and Cross Inn. Maya, Sebastian, Rosie and Fred read Remembrance Poems as part of the service. They were then joined by Elsie, Hollie S and Edith for a performance of John Rutter's 'For the Beauty of the Earth'. The children read with confidence and sang beautifully. One of our ex-pupils, Charlie, also read a poem he had written himself. I felt very proud to stand alongside the children and parents to represent St George's School at this important community event. Thank you to Canon Stephen, Rob Lord and Lorna Sharp and the Churchwardens, Jenny Nicholls and Gregory Frostick, for a lovely service.

I know that many of the children took part in other Remembrance Services in the local area, representing Cub/Brownie groups etc.

School Disco!

Thank you to everyone who attended last Friday's discos. The children had a wonderful time, dancing and joining in the party games. Thank you to the staff who volunteered their time to organise and run the discos; this was a fundraising event and we raised a total of **£214.65**. See over the page for photos!

Essex Police Community Christmas Giving Tree

This year we will once again be supporting the Essex Police Community Christmas Giving Tree Appeal. Please support this important cause by donating new, unopened toys/games/books for school-aged children; donations should be brought to the School Office by **Friday 8th December**. See [over the page](#) for further details.

Collective Worship



On Tuesday we welcomed Canon Stephen, Sue and Jenny to Collective Worship. With the help of some familiar friends, they began to tell the children the story of Moses from the Old Testament. In this week's instalment, we learned about Moses' early life. His mother placed him in a basket in the reeds by the river in order to spare him from the pharaoh's cruelty, where he was discovered by the pharaoh's daughter, the princess. The children are looking forward to hearing the next chapter of Moses' story!

Parent Survey Results

Your child brought home a hard copy of the results of our recent Parent Survey yesterday. I have attached an electronic copy to the email version of this newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Keitch

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Protecting and serving Essex

Tendring Police Community Christmas Giving Tree

Donate a small toy or gift so we can deliver
to a vulnerable child this Christmas

Working with volunteers and partners to make Christmas in Tendring special for
everyone!

The Tendring Police Community Giving Christmas Tree Project is an opportunity for members of the public to buy Christmas gifts for children and young people that might otherwise not receive anything at all.

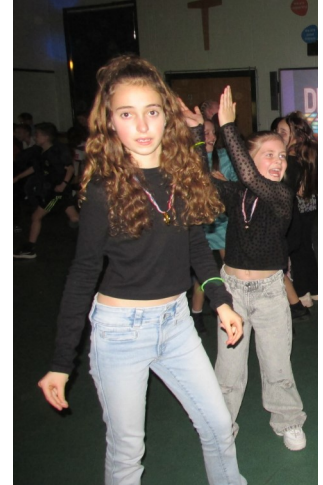
We will once again be supporting this initiative so that our pupils understand the importance of helping those less fortunate within our local community.

What? New, unopened toys/games/books

When? Please bring donations to the School Office
by Friday 8th December

We will then donate the gifts to Essex Police so they can be allocated and distributed in time for Christmas.

Thank you in advance for your support.

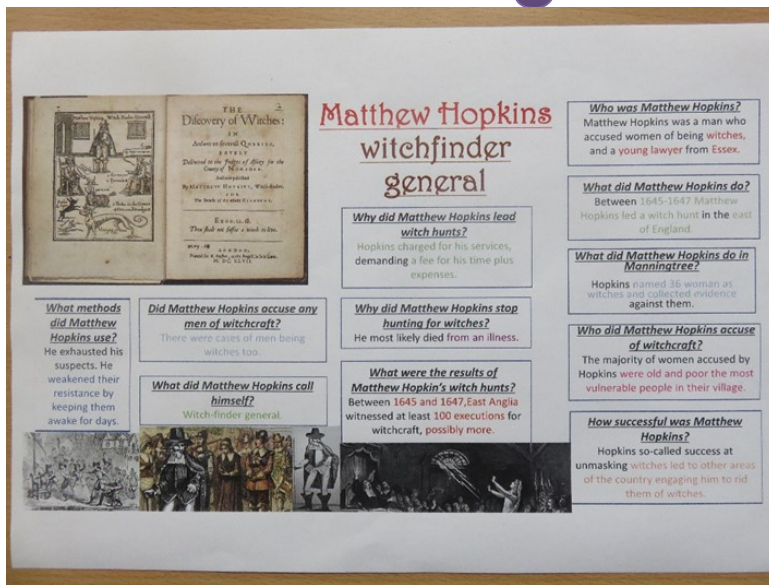


Tesco 'Stronger Starts' Blue token scheme

Don't forget to spread the word - please vote for St George's!!



Navigators News



This week in Navigators Class we have been wrapping up a serious historical investigation into the history of the local area, including a look at the Stone Brothers and their 17th century voyage to Massachusetts, as well as the sinister activities of the notorious Matthew Hopkins, Witchfinder General. The children have identified and examined a large amount of primary and secondary source evidence, and created a set of highly creative and informative fact files which will soon be gracing the walls of the classroom.

During the investigation, we also learned about the history of St George's School, and uncovered some fascinating journal entries from the Head Teacher of 1869, revealing that things today really haven't changed all that much since then - specifically, lots of handwriting practice, and a large number of overexcited children on Guy Fawkes Day!



Navigators children have also completed their own maps of the local area, including landmarks, roads, waterways, grid references, compass points and keys. I have been amazed at the technical drawing on display, with many of the completed maps looking professional in quality.

Mr Johnston

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Every little helps

Coastal Schools

We were excited to be back at the beach this week and were lucky to avoid the rain once again. On arrival at the bay, we noticed the beach looked somewhat different to a few weeks ago and talked about the strandline, where the tide washes objects in. John 'Jellyfish' had brought along some interesting beach finds to show the group; things he had collected from different



locations over time.

We started our session by talking about the dangers of litter and some of the group wore gloves to help litter pick, making the environment tidy and safe for beachcombing. We had plenty of beach to explore and masses of seaweed to investigate. Lots of interesting things were found today, including crab shells and claws, a mermaid's purse and whelk case, slipper limpets and various oyster shells. We filled a tray with sea water to put any living things so that we could watch them over the course of the session for any changes.



One activity the children have been keen to do is crabbing so this week we went up to the sea wall and gave it a go. A passer by told us that the end promenade is actually known as 'Crab Island' by locals, a popular crabbing spot where the crabs are washed up to the groin by the tide. We weren't fortunate enough to catch any this time but



it was certainly a big hit and we will

definitely go back for another try



8TH DECEMBER 2023, 3.15-5PM
**ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH OF
ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**
GREAT BROMLEY
CHRISTMAS FETE

SANTA'S GROTTTO
CHRISTMAS THEMED GAMES
FACE PAINTING
HOT FESTIVE FOOD & DRINK
XMAS CUPCAKES & BISCUIT BAKE-OFF



We would love to invite you to our

Festive Coffee Morning

On **Saturday 9th December**

between **10am** and **12 noon** at

**St. George's Church,
Great Bromley, CO7 7TS**



There will be lots to enjoy in our lovely church

Refreshments of mulled wine/tea/coffee/ mince pies

A **Cake Stall**, a great **Raffle**, Childrens **Lucky dip**,
Christmas Arrangements to buy, some **Bric a Brac**,
Book stall, **Bag a Bola**, a few **Christmas bits**, etc.

Free Admission

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

You may wish to make a note of the dates below.

Further information will be sent out to you in due course.

Friday 24th November	Adventurers Around the World workshop
Friday 1st December	Navigators Circus Skills workshop - note change of date
Wednesday 6th December 2pm	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performance (see letter for details)
Thursday 7th December 6pm	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performance (see letter for details)
Friday 8th December	PTA Christmas Fete 3:15 - 5pm
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Pantomime
Thursday 14th December	Reception Christmas Singalong (see letter for details) <i>*PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE*</i>
Friday 15th December 2pm	Carol Service at St George's Church - parents invited
Wednesday 20th December	Last day of term
Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January 2024	Non Pupil Days
Monday 8th January	First day of term for children
Week Beginning Mon 19th February	Half term
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Adara, Ella-Rose and Oscar - For working well as a group to help build the hibernaculum for our forest animals, giving them a warm place to spend the winter.

Alice - For listening well to the 'tool talk' and using the secateurs safely to prepare your piece of willow for your Christmas wreath. You worked extremely hard on this.

Lucas - For being creative with friends and sharing ideas as a group. Together you decided what your base camp would be and what everyone's role was, and used all areas of the forest to interact with other groups.

Sophie - For being fully engaged in your task and for fantastic problem solving, filling the water container and using a leaf as a funnel to catch more water.

Archie - For excellent concentration when creating your willow wreath. You practised many skills, including whittling, and created a beautiful finished product over two sessions. Well done!



Our Stars of the Week this week are:

★ **Explorers**

★ Freddie - for working really hard in the Set 3 Phonics group

★ Angus - for your excellent addition work in Maths



★ **Pathfinders**

★ Oliver - for your commitment and expression when sharing your lines in our

★ Nativity

★ Darcy L - for your enthusiasm towards school life!



★ **Adventurers**

★ Bailey - for excellent listening skills in the classroom and the Ark area

★ Konon - for politeness, kind words and working well with other children

★ Anabel - for brilliant focus and trying your best within all learning sessions



★ **Navigators**

★ Hollie W - for beautiful presentation and showing leadership in Maths

★ Nixon - for taking on your prefectural role with care and enthusiasm



★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Alayna - for being a good friend

★ **Pathfinders**

★ Archie - for always playing nicely and eating all your lunch

★ **Adventurers**

★ Adara - for being really helpful and always helping others

★ **Navigators**

★ Caleb - for always wanting to do things to help



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

★ **Explorers**

★ Lily - for your excellent enthusiasm towards your home reading

★ **Pathfinders**

★ Fifi - for using all your skills with confidence when learning your lines for our play

★ **Adventurers**

★ Edith - for excellent reading both at home and in school

★ **Navigators**

★ Elsie - for fantastic enthusiasm with your reading

