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Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Act of Remembrance

In Monday's Collective Worship, I spoke to the children about Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppy. I encouraged the children to think about how they can work for peace within their class, school and family.

Today we gathered in the school Hall for our Act of Remembrance. Some of the Year 6 pupils helped me to lead the short service, which included a two minute silence - thank you to Harry, Sofia, Poppie and Charlie.



Christmas Fete - Sweet donations please!



Our PTA Christmas Fete is coming up on Friday 8th December (please note the change of date) and preparations are underway!

We are asking everyone to **bring in a donation of sweeties (no nuts, please!) this week**. These will be used as prizes at our sports games stalls and should be individually wrapped or in small packets, please.

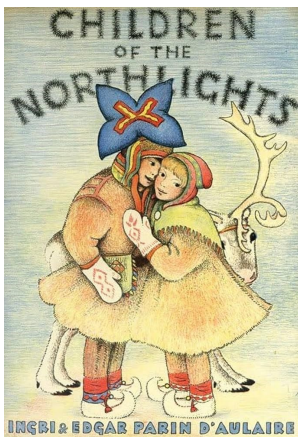
Please bring donations to the school office or via your child's classroom.

Children In Need - Friday 17th November: SPOTacular Non-Uniform day

Next Friday we will be raising money for the annual Children In Need appeal. Children should come to school dressed in their own clothes - the brighter the better! - including something SPOTTY for Children In Need. Please bring a donation for the charity (suggested minimum £1.00), to be collected by class teachers.



Book Week: Children of the North Lights



On Friday 20th October, the children enjoyed finding out all about the landscape, wildlife and people of the Arctic regions. This was in preparation for our St George's Book Week, which took place last week. The children had a wonderful, creative week, immersing themselves in the book 'Children of the North Lights' by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire and producing some fantastic work. The book inspired some wonderful writing, including Reindeer Factfiles and letters. On Friday, we got together to share and showcase all the children's work and enjoyed a fantastic 'Fire Fox' dance performance from Adventurers and Navigators.

We took lots of photos throughout the week and these will be added to the school website soon - I will share the link with you when the photos are ready!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

Remembrance Service at St George's Church



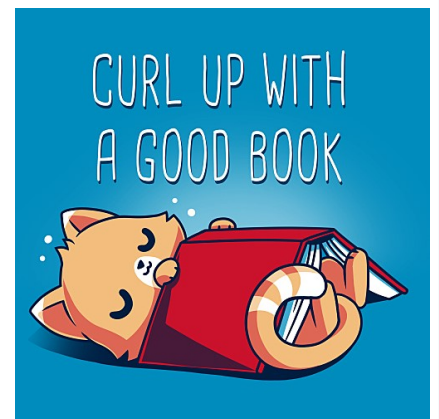
This Sunday, there will be an Act of Remembrance at the Gt Bromley memorial at 10.50am, followed by a service in St George's church. Some of our pupils will be providing readings and singing as part of the service.

Please join us if you can.

Get Caught Reading competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in our 'Get Caught Reading' competition. We received some lovely photographs of the children reading in their favourite cosy spots as well as some more exotic locations such as Paris and Copenhagen!

The photos will be uploaded to the school website in due course and the winners will be announced soon!



Book Fair



Thank you to all who supported the Scholastic Book Fair before half term. We took a total of £404.69 which is fantastic for such a small school! This means we have earned £162 in Scholastic Rewards, which we can spend on books for the classrooms.

Thanks again for your support.

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.



Explorers News

This week in Explorers we have been learning more about Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. The children listened to the story of 'Rama and Sita', the story of how good over powers evil and how people lit lamps to guide them back home. We then had a go at making our own Diva lamps out of clay. Once they were dry the children enjoyed painting them using bright colours. The children watched a video of a Hindu girl celebrating Diwali with her family. Explorers class enjoyed taking part in some of the festival traditions such as colouring Rangoli patterns and painting Mehndi hand patterns.



We have started our new Dimensions topic 'Food Glorious Food'. This week we have been thinking about different foods which contain sugar and understanding the importance of brushing our teeth and visiting the dentist. The children enjoyed sorting pictures into two groups, one group which is food and drink that is good for our teeth (no sugar) and the other which is food and drink that isn't good for our teeth (high in sugar). The children had lots of fun colouring in laminated sheets of teeth (using a whiteboard pen) and using a toothbrush to brush them clean again.

In Maths our Year 1 children have been working on the part whole model. They have been placing a selection of counters in the whole number circle and then splitting them into two parts. Reception children have created a number staircase whereby they had to add one more brick each time.

Tesco 'Stronger Starts' Blue token scheme

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

Stronger TESCO
Starts. Every little helps



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

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

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.

Sunday 12th November 10.45am	Remembrance Day Service at Gt Bromley Memorial and St George's Church
Monday 13th November	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 15th November	Reading Information Meeting - KS1 parents only
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Day - see front page for details
Wednesday 6th December	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performance (afternoon - details to follow)
Thursday 7th December	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performance (evening -details to follow)
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
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

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Bella - For your enthusiasm and creativity today, bringing a new idea for a swing to Forest Schools, which was enjoyed by many!

Sienna W - For linking your own experiences to Forest Schools, sharing your ideas for a swing with Mr Bartford-Buzzard.

Luca - For working collaboratively with others to create a natural shelter with a hammock seat for comfort.

Emily and Taylor - For excellent teamwork and problem solving to free the wheelbarrow when it got stuck in the hole, tying ropes and giving it a heave-ho! You persevered when you weren't successful and achieved the end goal. Well done!

Pathfinders Class - For being resilient with a change to our session this week, understanding that the forecast gusts of wind were preventing us from being in the Forest Schools area. You all busied yourselves with potion making, role play 'fishing', looking at non-fiction books and making a start on our exciting willow, Christmas craft.

★ Our Stars of the Week this week are:

★ Jessica - for working hard in RE on the festival Diwali.

★ Alayna - for excellent contributions to class discussions

★ ★ Pathfinders

★ Navigators

★ Ellis - for challenging yourself and writing a beautiful narrative and letter

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