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Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Adventurers Viking Day

On Thursday, the Adventurers children enjoyed their much-anticipated Viking Day in class. They came to school in costume and took part in a day of Viking-themed learning as part of their Dimensions topic, 'Viking Warrior'.



Collective Worship



This week we welcomed Canon Stephen, Sue and Jenny to St George's again for Thursday's Collective Worship. They told the children the parable of the Prodigal Son, complete with puppets, which the children really enjoyed! During reflection time, Sue encouraged the children to think about forgiveness and explained that Christians believe the God's love is for everyone, no matter what they have or do not have, and no matter what they may have done wrong.

Child First course for parents

Our Family Support Worker, Jackie Curtis, is running a course for parents after the Easter break alongside her colleague Amanda Rowe. The course takes place at Willowbrook Primary School and is free as part of our school membership of Child First Trust. Further information can be found on the flyer attached to the email version of the newsletter.



Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Counselling Service

Please also find attached to the email a flyer from the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS). We have worked with BCCS counsellors previously here at St George's and rate their service highly. BCCS are now offering a Child and Family Counselling service which parents can access directly—see the attached flyer for further details.

Comic Relief

Last Friday everyone came to school dressed in brightly-coloured clothes for Red Nose Day. I am pleased to tell you that we raised £132 for Comic Relief—thank you and well done!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Keitch

EXPLORERS NEWS

This half term we have been learning about the Easter story in RE. We have been thinking about how Christians get Churches ready for Easter time. It's tradition that congregations create an Easter and Spring cross using lots of Spring flowers such as daffodils. Explorers worked together to create their own Spring cross for our classroom using lots of brightly coloured tissue paper as flowers. We also had a go at creating our own Easter garden.



In our Forest School sessions Nicky Nightingale has been teaching the children how to use a butter knife to safely whittle a piece of willow.

Explorers class have also taken part in their first Philosophy for Children (P4C) session. We use video clips from the CBeebies programme 'What's the big

idea?' to ask age-appropriate questions to the children. The little boy Hugo in the video explores different viewpoints of big questions. The children are always keen to share their ideas and thoughts in the group. There is never a right or wrong answer. The children learn to listen carefully to each other, to explore differences of opinion respectfully, and to value the ideas of others.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Ben, Holly, Oliver, Eliza and Saul!

They all had a fantastic time at Karate this week, achieving their second belt in two months.

They are all now graded as white belt with purple stripe.

Well done to you all!

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.

Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th March	Adventurers Tending Vocal Project Festival
Thursday 30th March	Reception trip to Hasty's Farm
Friday 31 st March 2pm	Easter Service St George's Church - parents invited
Friday 31st March	Last day of term
Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th April	Non Pupil Days
Wednesday 19th April	First day of the Summer term - children return to school
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday (May Day)
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday (Coronation)
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May	Year Six SATs Week

PTA MEETING

Please come along to the next PTA meeting on **Monday 27th March, 7pm at The Crown Inn, Manningtree.** Everybody welcome!

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Isyla - For being the record holder for the most shrimp caught while pond dipping today!

Rosie - For being an eco-warrior, caring for our environment by litter picking.

Amelia - For your excellent idea to build a tree house and for working collaboratively with others positioning logs and securing with ropes.

Freddie Brown and William - For working collaboratively with others to create an excellent tree house using logs and ropes to secure.

Barnaby - For catching the first newt during pond dipping – what a fantastic find! For working collaboratively with others to create an excellent tree house using logs and ropes to secure.

Lily Jeffrey - For catching the second newt of the day while pond dipping!



★ **Our Stars of the Week this week are:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Jonathan - for doing your very best with your Spring Maths assessments

★ Archie - for working hard on your writing in Literacy



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★ **Pathfinders**

★ Lucas - for creating a beautiful leaflet all about kindness

★ Adara - for solving a big maths problem by finding the pattern



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★ **Adventurers**

★ Donovan - for trying to ensure your presentation is neat and working hard in all your lessons

★ Alfie M - for excellent listening in class and doing so well within recent assessments



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★ **Navigators**

★ Jasmine - for showing persistence and determination in your learning and being inquisitive about the world around you

★ Barnaby - for being a supportive team member and retelling a story with a wonderful narrator's voice



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★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Neive - for trying new foods and for playing nicely with your friends

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★ **Pathfinders**

★ Bella - for being a fantastic role model at lunchtime

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★ **Adventurers**

★ Sienna - for being a fantastic, patient friend at all times

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★ **Navigators**

★ Rosie - for helping to put up and take down the play equipment

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

★ **Explorers**

★ Noah - for trying hard in Phonics

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★ **Pathfinders**

★ Konon - for applying your Phonic knowledge

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★ **Adventurers**

★ Taylor - for working hard on your reading comprehension

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★ **Navigators**

★ Amelia M - completing four quizzes on Oxford Reading Buddy!

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