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Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This Week's Collective Worship

On Monday, I showed the children a video of the GB Men's Group performing their Gold medal-winning Acrobatic Gymnastics routine at the 2022 World Games. You can see the routine [here](#). The children loved watching the routine so much that we watched it again this morning. It really is a very impressive display which demonstrates what can be achieved with hard work.

I encouraged the children to think about the skills and attributes required to reach such excellence. They thought of: perseverance, teamwork, dedication, courage, hard work and trust. We then thought about the teachings of the Bible, which encourages us all to play our part and 'build each other up'. This is one of our key messages at St George's - we build each other up, we don't tear each other down.

On Thursday, we welcomed Sue Carter and Jenny Nicholls who led a Collective Worship all about Candlemas. With the help of some volunteers, they told the children the story of the presentation of Christ at the temple and we gave thanks for Jesus, the Light of the World.

Parents' Guide to raising concerns and complaints

Our Parents' Guide has been updated to reflect our current Complaints Policy. I have attached the guide to this email for your information. It can also be found, along with the policy, on our [school website](#).

Seesaw (Years 1-6)

You received a Parentmail on Monday regarding changes to Seesaw. We are moving to the free version of Seesaw and, unfortunately, this means that you will lose your current connection. Your new activation code will come home with your child today; please ensure that you follow the instructions so that you are reconnected in time for next week. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Next week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and next Thursday is Safer Internet Day. See over the page for more information about how we will be marking these in school and links to helpful information and resources.

Next Friday is our PTA 'Break the Rules' fundraiser day - please do encourage your child to get involved and help to raise vital funds for our school.

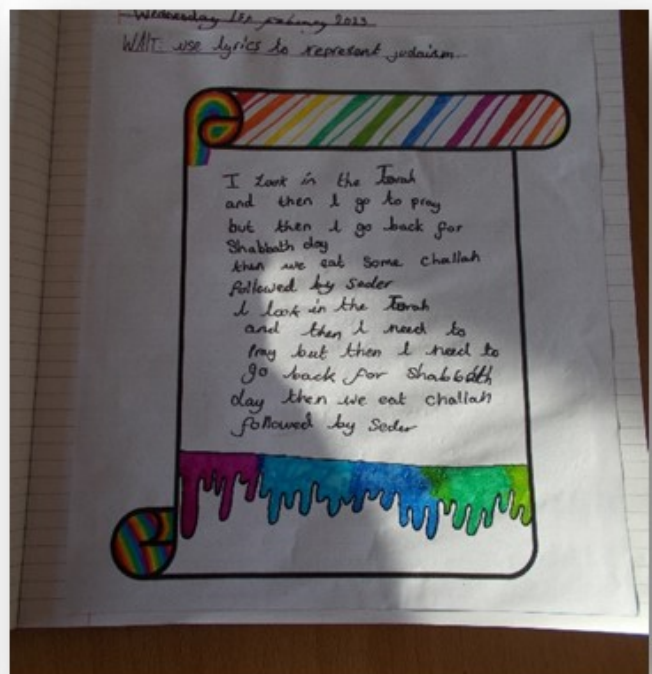
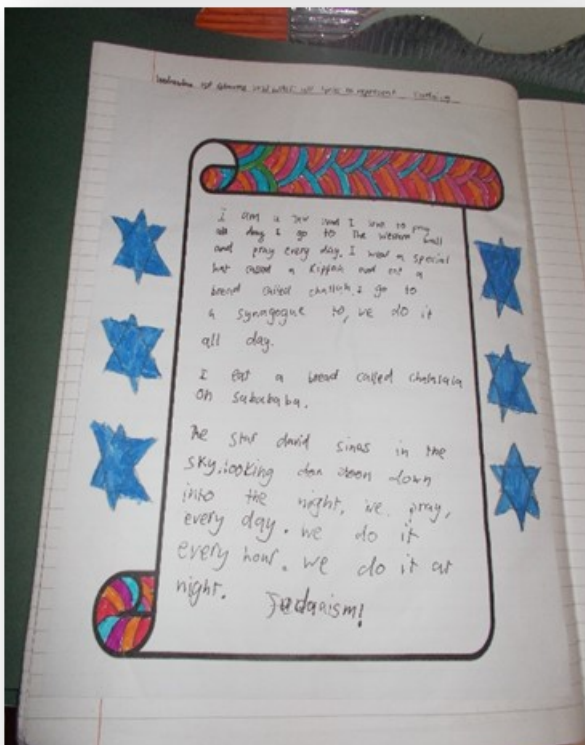
Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch



Adventurers News

In Adventurer's class we have been creating lyrics to remember key facts linked to Judaism. The children have remembered items such as the Torah, Kippah and Sabbath Day, by recounting in their songs.



Kanopy - new free Streaming Service



Kanopy is a streaming site where you can access thousands of films and series, all for free with your Essex library card!

Kanopy offers more than 20,000 films, including critically acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, award-winning foreign films, and more. You need to be 18+ to set up a Kanopy account with your library card.

You can use Kanopy on all your favourite devices, like your phone, tablet, desktop computer or Smart TVs.



Kanopy Kids is a curated educational and entertainment collection just for children, complete with parental controls so you can manage their viewing. Set up a PIN so your children will only be able to access the Kanopy Kids section, which has lots of great features, including TV shows and films, read-along storybooks, classic stories and myths, and language learning videos.

Find out more information and set up your account on the [Essex Libraries Website](#).

Children's Mental Health Week 2023 and Safer Internet Day



Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme this year is 'Let's Connect'. 'Connect' is also one of the NHS 5 Ways to Wellbeing which you can find out more about [here](#). Evidence shows that social connection has a positive impact on our mental wellbeing and can help our sense of belonging and self-worth.

Next Thursday is Safer Internet Day. This year's slogan is 'Want to Talk About It? Making space for conversations about life online'. I try to keep you updated on all things Online Safety via the newsletter and on the [E Safety page](#) of our school website. The online world is such an integral and powerful aspect of our children's lives and it is vital that we keep the channels of communication open with them so as to ensure they are informed and confident to tackle any problems which may occur.



Find out more and get involved
Safer Internet Day -
7th February 2023

Mental health and online wellbeing are topics which are relevant to everyone and are often closely linked. We will be talking to the children about both of these initiatives in next week's assemblies and in the classroom.

Attached to this email is a Children's Mental Health Week guide for parents from Place2Be.

Here is the link to the Safer Internet Day 'Top tips for Parents and Carers' page <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

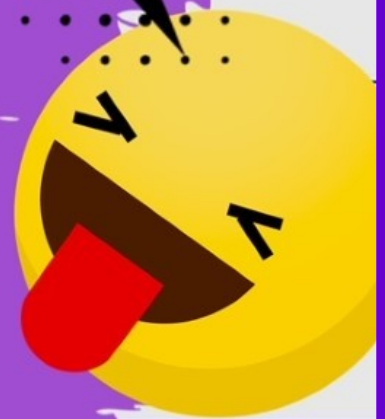
PTA News

BREAK THE RULES DAY

FRIDAY 10TH FEB
50P PER RULE

1. CRAZY HAIR
2. TATTOOS
3. YOUR CHOICE OF SNACK FOR MORNING BREAK (STILL NO NUTS PLEASE!)
4. BRING A TEDDY
5. EAT PUDDING BEFORE LUNCH
6. WEAR NAIL VARNISH
7. SQUASH IN YOUR WATER BOTTLE
8. WEAR A HAT
9. WEAR TRAINERS
10. NO UNIFORM

PLEASE BRING CASH ON THE DAY AND HAND INTO YOUR TEACHER



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 10th February	PTA Break the Rules Day
Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th February	Half Term break
Thursday 23 rd and Friday 24 th March	Y6 Bikeability
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 8th May	Bank Holiday (Coronation)
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May	Year Six SATs Week

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Fred, Saul and Hugo - For taking ownership of the wild flower garden, removing last year's dead grasses and clearing the weeds. You uncovered lots of Spring shoots – I look forward to seeing what flowers arrive soon.

Connor - For balancing carefully along the slackline and using it as a tightrope, with no hands! You showed great concentration and control.

Imogen - For showing increasing confidence when tree climbing, doing so safely and problem solving to get yourself back down to the ground. Well done!

Jenson - For being creative in the mud kitchen, making cupcakes and a cake, decorating with natural materials and stirring your 'icing' with a stick.

Lotan - For your enthusiasm in finding woodland animals hiding around the forest. I wonder if you can remember all six?

Sophie - For concentrating and working hard to create your Elder necklace, hollowing the beads and threading them onto your piece of wool.



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

★ **Explorers**

★ Angus—for excellent counting in Maths this week

★ Imogen—for excellent progress in Writing

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★ **Pathfinders**

★ Bailey—for participating in Read, Write, Inc with a positive attitude

★ Harriet—for working hard during her Phonics sessions

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★ **Adventurers**

★ Isabella—for improving in confidence over the last couple of weeks!

★ Nikkita—for settling down within lessons and working hard

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★ **Navigators**

★ Lily—for following her Maths methods—and achieving fantastic results

★ Hollie and Matthew—for helping to make the classroom sparkle after a painting activity!

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★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Parker—for helping to put the equipment away

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★ **Pathfinders**

★ FiFi—for adapting to our lunchtime routine and playing beautifully

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★ **Adventurers**

★ Elsie—for being a good friend and playing nicely

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★ **Navigators**

★ Isla A—for setting a good example to everyone around you by

★ always being so calm and polite

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

★ **Explorers**

★ Lavender—

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★ **Pathfinders**

★ Oliver—for showing confidence in your reading

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★ **Adventurers**

★ Alfie M—for great dedication to reading and keeping your reading

★ record up to date

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★ **Navigators**

★ Harry—for reading a wide variety of books, including non-fiction

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