



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

'Spoken Word' Poetry Slam

On Monday evening, four of our Navigators pupils represented St George's at the 'Spoken Word' Poetry Slam event at Essex University. Tulip, Ava, Kourtney and Annabel performed their poem in front of a huge audience, including their families and Mr Johnston, at the Lakeside Theatre. The girls had put together a powerful poem about the issues that matter to them and performed it with confidence and passion, complete with choreography.

Well done, girls, you should feel very proud of your achievement.

*The ice is melting
Polar bears are dying
We need to stop
This is our truth*

*Stop littering; save the animals
Our oceans are dying due to our plastic
Recycle more for a better world
This is our truth*

*Pollution is affecting animals
We aren't the only species in the world
Use less plastic
This is our truth*

*Our generation is the future
Grow more plants and use less plastic
Don't let our nature die
We need a beautiful and happy place*

This is our truth

Disasters Emergency Committee Fundraiser: Non-Uniform Day Wednesday 16th March

On Wednesday, we held a non-uniform day to support the Disasters Emergency Committee's 'Day for Ukraine'. Thank you so much for your generous donations - we raised **£202** in total. Well done everyone!

Parent Consultations

You received a Parentmail yesterday regarding the rearranged Parent Consultations. These will take place on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th March. All appointment times will be carried over; if your original time slot is not convenient, please contact the school office next week to rearrange.

Term Dates 2022-23

Please find next academic year's term dates on page four of this newsletter. Please note, we have only allocated four of the five non-pupil days at this point; the final day will be allocated as soon as possible in the new school year.

The term dates can also be found on our website <https://www.st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk/term-dates/>

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch

Explorers News



In Explorers Class our Reception children have started to learn the story 'The Little Red Hen' in our Literacy lessons.

We have been following a story map and learning 'Talk for Writing' actions to help us retell the story.

We have also been learning about old flour mills and how they were used to grind wheat into flour. We made our own junk model windmills and enjoyed exploring flour with our hands in a tuff tray.



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.

Our Y1 Explorers worked together to create their own Spring cross for our classroom using lots of brightly coloured tissue paper as flowers.



PTA Movie Nights

Don't forget to sign up for the PTA fundraising Movie Nights coming up before the end of term.

Thursday 24th March: KS1 - Sing 2

Thursday 31st March: KS2 - Mitchell and the Machines

Cost: £7.50, including food



ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENTS.....

In recent months, the PTA have been raising money towards our new Adventure Playground. We are pleased to say that plans are underway! Utilising the PTA fundraising, along with some of our school budget, Mrs Clyde Roberts has worked hard with a specialist company to design an exciting new play area which will be suitable for both KS1 and KS2 children. The School Council also gave their input.



On Saturday, Brendan Etheridge and Michelle Worn from the PTA, along with local resident, Craig Lee, worked hard to remove the current play equipment from the site. This saved us a considerable amount of money and we are very very grateful for their hard work.



Preliminary work for the new equipment is now being undertaken and we hope to have the new Adventure Playground installed early next term.

As you will have noticed, the area is now cordoned off with tape. There are sharp corners exposed so it is not a safe area for the children to play; please ensure your children do not enter the area after school.



Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2022-2023

September 2022							October 2022							November 2022							December 2022						
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= Schooldays
 = School holidays
 = Bank holidays
 = Weekends

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Thursday 1 September 2022 – Tuesday 20 December 2022 <i>Half Term 24 October – 28 October</i>	74 days
Spring Term:	Thursday 5 January 2023 – Friday 31 March 2023 <i>Half Term 13 February - 17 February</i>	57 days
Summer Term:	Monday 17 April 2023 – Friday 21 July 2023 <i>Half Term 29 May – 2 June, and May Bank Holiday - 1 May</i>	64 days
		195 days

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.

Week Beginning 21st March	Navigators Residential Trip to Bawdsey Manor
Thursday 24th March	PTA Movie Night (KS1)
Monday 28th March and Tuesday 29th March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 31st March	Easter Service at St George's Church 2pm
Thursday 31st March	PTA Movie Night (KS2)
Friday 1st April	Last day of term
Tuesday 19th April	Return to school
Monday 6th June	Non Pupil Day

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Eva - for persevering and learning how to climb on and off the rope swing carefully, first with support and then achieving it on your own.

Byron - for your interest and enthusiasm each session, when bug hunting.

Theo - for encouraging a friend while using the rope swing, and helping them to climb on and off.

Bailey - for your involvement in den building today, working with others and sharing ideas.

Fred - for being a great help in the 'working party' today, to clear the planter and sow the meadow flower seed mix.

Ellie, Jasmine and Lily - for a fantastic team effort to build a shelter. Well done for your creativity, problem solving and teamwork.

Amelia and Izzy - for great focus and persistence in building a bird box.

Liam - for excellent involvement in today's session and being helpful in untying knots at tidy up time.



Our Stars of the Week this week are:



Explorers

★ Chloe W - for concentrating well and working hard on all classroom activities

★ Alexander - for your super effort and understanding on subtraction in Maths this week.

Pathfinders

★ Layla - for sharing brilliant knowledge about the use of apostrophes

★ Ella-Rose - for always working hard and setting a brilliant example to others

Adventurers

★ Hollie - for your hard work in fractions and helping others in class

★ Saul - for your work ethic throughout every lesson this week

Navigators

★ Tulip - for an inspiring Poetry Slam performance

★ Ava - for an inspiring Poetry Slam performance

★ Annabel - for an inspiring Poetry Slam performance

★ Kourtney - for an inspiring Poetry Slam performance

Lunchtime Awards go to:

Explorers

★ Zachary L-H: for persevering with independent feeding, always smiling and laughing with your friends



Pathfinders

★ Ella - Rose - for setting an excellent example: lining up nicely, playing well and supporting your friends

Adventurers

★ Matthew - for helping to collect coats at the end of playtime

Navigators

★ Annabel - for being polite, kind and helpful at all times

Reader of the Week Awards go to:

Explorers

★ Darcy - for enthusiastic reading at home



Pathfinders

★ Lilly J - for reading with expression and clarity during Read, Write, Inc

Adventurers

★ Fred - for confident and enthusiastic reading

Navigators

★ Connor - for exploring higher level literature and very good logging of thoughts.

