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Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week here at St George's with lots of exciting learning happening. We began the week with a poetry performance from the Navigators children. Jenny Nicholls joined me and Mrs Clyde Roberts on the judging panel - we had such a difficult job selecting the winning group as they all did so well, writing and performing their poetry with passion and confidence. Well done to Tulip, Ava, Kourtney and Annabel who will represent St George's at the Spoken Word event at Essex University next week. On Tuesday, the Adventurers children took part in a fantastic African Dance workshop - photos to follow next week.

World Book Day

As promised, the photographs from World Book Day have been uploaded to the school website and can be found here <https://www.st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk/st-georges-news/>

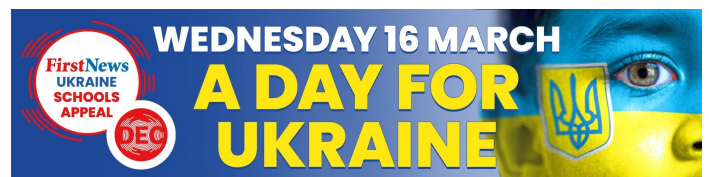
Disasters Emergency Committee Fundraiser: Non-Uniform Day Wednesday 16th March

We have all watched in horror at the unfolding events in Ukraine over the past few weeks. As a school, we have made the decision to address children's questions and concerns at classroom level rather than in whole school assemblies at this stage, although we will be saying a prayer for the people of Ukraine in Monday's Collective Worship.

We are keen to show our compassion, concern and support for those affected by war and will therefore be taking part in the Day for Ukraine next Wednesday, organised by First News in conjunction with the Disasters Emergency Committee.

Children should come to school wearing **non-uniform and bring a donation for the DEC (minimum £1)**.

If you feel it appropriate, you may talk to older children about wearing blue and yellow (the colours of the Ukrainian flag) for the day but this is not a requirement.



Red Nose Day

Next Friday is Red Nose Day. The children will be able to purchase red noses during the school day. They cost £1.50 - please ensure that your child brings their money in a named envelope or purse.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are coming up on Monday and Tuesday next week. This is an opportunity to find out about your child's attainment and progress.

Consultations will take place in the Hall. **Please arrive at least ten minutes before your appointment time so that you can view your child's work in the classroom.**

If your child is with you, please bring them to the Hall while you speak to the teachers - there will be toys and lego set up for them to play with.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch

Pathfinders News

This week Pathfinders have continued looking at the Arctic in their topic '**Come Fly With Me: the Arctic**'. In English we have been researching different Arctic animals and writing fact files full of interesting facts about them. Did you know that a polar bear's skin is black not white and a narwhal's tusk is actually a tooth?

In Art we have been looking at the work of artist Ted Harrison, the British- Canadian painter noted for his colourful landscape paintings of the Yukon. The children really enjoyed using bold black lines and bright block colouring to produce Harrison-inspired landscapes of the Arctic.



Navigators News

This week in Navigators Class we swallowed the metaphorical toad and went through with our PIRA and PUMA assessments, which I know the children have been concerned about, and I would like to take the opportunity to point out just how sensibly and maturely all of the children performed in these tests.

Aside from assessment work, the children have loved crafting their Native American style dream catchers, as well as learning about the myths from which they

spring. I'm sure you will agree, the photos say more than I could. They have been assured (after very many nicely worded requests) that they will certainly be allowed to take them home in the due course of time.

I hope that many a pleasant dream will follow.



Well done Poppy and Lily!

Poppy and Lily are keen ballroom dancers and have both done very well at a recent competition.

Lily danced the Tango and Rumba and is now the London area NATD pre bronze double champion in Ballroom and Latin



Poppy also did very well:

Under 8 Ballroom 3rd (Waltz)

Under 8 Latin 2nd (Cha Cha)

Pairs under 8 Double champion for Ballroom and Latin

Well done girls! You should feel very proud of your achievements. Keep Dancing!



PTA SPONSORED PANCAKE FLIP

Last Friday, all the children took part in a sponsored pancake flip organised by the PTA. It was a very busy morning and the children (and adults!) had great fun.

Thank you to everyone who helped to organise and run the event.

Please ensure all sponsorship money is brought the school office as soon as possible - as soon as we have a fundraising total, the PTA will share this with you.



Sienna took part in the pancake flip from home and managed 26 flips. Well done!



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.

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| Monday 14th March and Tuesday 15th March | Parent Consultations—please contact the school office to make an appointment if you have not already done so. |
| Wednesday 16th March | Day for Ukraine. Non-uniform and minimum £1 donation. |
| Friday 18th March | Red Nose Day. Red noses available to purchase £1.50 |
| Week Beginning 21st March | Navigators Residential Trip to Bawdsey Manor |
| Thursday 24th March | PTA Movie Night (KS1) |
| 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

Theodore - for making a fabulous birds nest and explaining his understanding of the difference between slugs and snails.

Meredel - for being creative in her den building, attaching ropes and developing her ideas week on week.

Taylor - for excellent involvement in every session and always being helpful at tidy up time.

Frankie - for persevering with the flint and steel to light her mini fire. Well done!

Zach - for being supportive of his peers, helping them with the flint and steel to light mini fires.

Oliver - for showing determination and persevering with the flint and steel to light his mini fire. Well done!

George - for his determination to keep his mini fire burning, adding dry natural resources.



Our Stars of the Week this week are:



Explorers

- ★ Harry - for working really hard in Phonics this half term
- ★ Eva - for engagement in RE lessons and enthusiasm when making your Easter garden

Pathfinders

- ★ Oscar - for your enthusiasm and knowledge of Arctic animals in your English writing
- ★ Millie B - for working hard in English and Maths and for beginning to edit your writing

Adventurers

- ★ Elana - for excellent engagement within our Dance workshop and speaking in a fluent French accent!
- ★ Jack - for excellent perseverance throughout the Dance workshop and getting involved in all of the session

Navigators

- ★ Amelia - for courage in trying difficult challenges and fantastic determination
- ★ Oliver R-W - for excellent patience and perseverance with your Maths and great effort with home learning

Lunchtime Awards go to:



Explorers

- ★ Alexander - for excellent manners at lunchtime

Pathfinders

- ★ Edith - for eating all of your lunch and for playing nicely with your friends

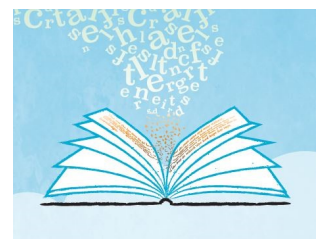
Adventurers

- ★ Harry - for having a smart school uniform during the school day

Navigators

- ★ Isabelle - for excellent lunchtime manners. You are a fantastic role model

Reader of the Week Awards go to:



Explorers

- ★ Oliver - for enthusiastic reading at home

Pathfinders

- ★ Anabel - for excellent effort and progress in reading comprehension

Adventurers

- ★ Elsie - for improving with your reading in class and gaining confidence

Navigators

- ★ Freya-Mai - for reading so much and with wonderful enthusiasm

