



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we gathered together for our first whole school Collective Worship and assembly since November! The children thoroughly impressed us by remembering how to lead into the Hall sensibly, listen carefully and share their ideas—from the five year-olds to the eleven-year-olds. We shared all the ideas the children had collected in class about what it means to belong to the St George's school community and we sang our school song together. It felt wonderful to be back together again.

On Tuesday, the Explorers children enjoyed a very exciting visit from the Police as part of their 'Help is at Hand' topic—further details and photos to follow next week! And Adventurers took part in an exciting practical Science lesson with a teacher from Manningtree High School.

Earlier in the week, you will have received a Parentmail with the results of the recent parent survey. Please take the time to look at these, and to read the accompanying letter.

We now look ahead to next week, the final week before the half term break—the term is just flying by!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch

STEM Learning Online Safety Parent Workshop

I have registered our school for an Online Safety Workshop for parents with STEM learning. I would strongly recommend that you attend this meeting if you can.

Date: Tuesday 8th February

Time: 7.30 - 8.30pm

[Click here for the Microsoft Teams Link](#) to join the meeting



This online webinar will cover the following topics:

- **Online safety in school:** A discussion on how online safety is taught in school through resources such as Project Evolve and Google Internet Legends
- **Safe use of online games and platforms:** A look at popular platforms and games such as Roblox, Minecraft and Tiktok
- **Managing devices:** Looking at how to set up parental controls on devices such as tablets, phones and games consoles.
- **Social Media:** Top tips and printout guides on TikTok, Twitter, Snapchat, Facebook and Instagram
- **Educating our children: free software and resources** to support parents

Pathfinders News

This week we looked at the history of flying. We found out that the first successful flying machine was a hot air balloon, we looked at lots of historical sources which showed paintings of this invention and peoples thoughts about it too.

We then learnt about the Wright brothers and their desire to create a flying machine. This flying machine looked a little bit scary and it took them a lot of tries to get it right. But they kept trying and we were impressed with their perseverance. We have learnt lots about the lives of two influential, female pilots; Amelia Earhart and Bessie Coleman. We explored how their journeys towards learning to fly were similar and different.

We then made our own bi-planes out of card, tape and straws. These were very fiddly and we had to use our own Yeti's and persevere just like The Wright Brothers. It was lots of fun! We also conducted a science experiment where we explored whether wing width would make our planes fly faster or slower. We picked a super windy day and our planes definitely flew a long way.



Navigators News

This week in Navigators has been very active, and we have spent a lot of time outdoors despite the crisp weather. At last, we have been able to take part in Forest Schools activities, and on display has been a great show of enthusiasm and teamwork, not to mention a large amount of mud! It has been highly gratifying seeing what the children can accomplish given time, natural materials and imagination.



We have also been looking very closely at the circulatory system and the heart this week (both in the scientific sense and the poetic). The children have been putting their scientific acumen into practice by testing their heart rates before and after exercise, as well as drawing on the prose of John Donne to create beautiful artworks.

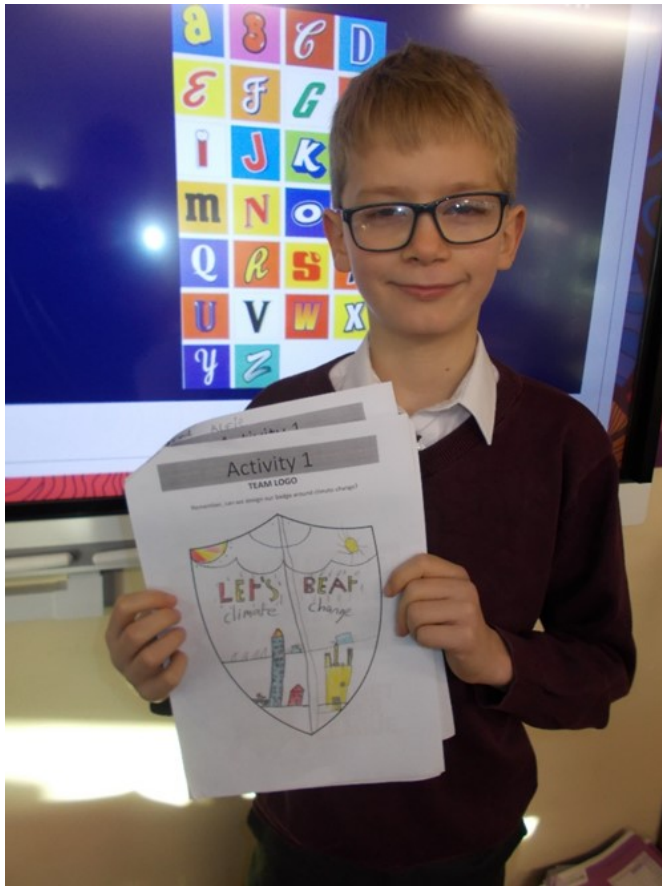


Next week, we will be winding down this half of Spring Term with an amusing narrative about a red blood cell and a heart health infographic.

Planet Super League Case study

Adventurers have now come to the end of their 'Planet Super League' project with Oliver from Colchester United. This was a pilot project and the class have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and learned a lot.

Oliver and Mrs Clyde Roberts were particularly impressed with Fred's engagement in the project and have chosen him as a Case Study, which Oliver will share with Colchester United and other schools.



Fred, a year four child at St George's has recently been involved in the Planet Super League Climate Change project. Fred has been learning all about Climate Change. Fred was particularly enthused about this project as he values and understands how we treat the world around us.

We were lucky to have Oliver O'Hare, from Colchester United, deliver this project to us over the last four weeks.

Fred designed his Team Logo 'Let's Beat Climate Change' and worked alongside Alfie, who also contributed some great ideas.

Fred says "We shouldn't eat meat because when we cook meat it increases our carbon emission and if our carbon emission increases then the world will continue to heat up and the polar ice caps will melt."

Fred also says "The simple act of turning off a light can save energy!" The whole of Adventurers class thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this Climate Change awareness project.

Well done Fred!

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Imogen - for showing a keen interest in bird watching, being quiet and still and using a sheet to record her findings.

Jacob - for being eager to climb trees, listening carefully to the safety talk and challenging himself. Well done!

Lucas - for showing excellent concentration when whittling today, using both a butter knife and potato peeler. Well done!

Fred - for great concentration when whittling with a potato peeler, and role modelling to the younger children.

Annabel and Lily S - for using tools safely to practise the skill of whittling.

Mathew - for being responsible and looking after our environment by picking up litter.

Dates for your Diary

You may wish to make a note if the dates below.

Further information will be sent out to you in due course.

Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day (with dressing up!)
Week Beginning 14th March	Parent Consultations (details to follow - please do not try to book your appointment yet!)
Week Beginning 21st March	Navigators Residential Trip to Bawdsey Manor
Thursday 31st March	Easter Service at St George's Church 2pm
Friday 1st April	Last day of term
Tuesday 19th April	Return to school
Monday 6th June	Non Pupil Day

**The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service presents
Virtual eSafety Parent Workshops with**



eSafetyTraining
'The 2 Johns'

Tuesday 15th February 2022

or

Tuesday 22nd February 2022

8.00pm – 9.30pm

*These **free** parent's workshops will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. How they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without the parent's knowledge.*

This includes :

- Favourite apps and games.
- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe.
- Stranger Danger message that parents are familiar with and make it ready for 2021



To book your place now please call us on **0300 247 0013**

Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

Services commissioned by:

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk



If you missed this week's Facebook Live event with the 'Two Johns', I would recommend that you register for one of these parent workshops later in the month.

Call 03002470013 to book a place through the Essex Family Wellbeing Service.



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

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Poppy- for challenging yourself in Maths this week through counting, comparing amounts and working out more or less.
- ★ Jude—for asking lots of great questions during the Police visit this week.



★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Isabelle—for working hard in English and doing excellent writing and editing.
- ★ Emily—for working very hard in English and having an excellent attitude to learning.

★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Emily—for your excellent efforts within your Maths learning. Understanding of money is improving as well as your estimating skills.
- ★ Beau—for your efforts within writing and being far more confident when asking questions and answering questions in class..

★ **Navigators**

- ★ Barnaby- for demonstrating great listening skills, composure I and maturity in mediating disputes.

★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Poppy—for being a kind and thoughtful friend.



★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Emily—for trying new foods and for being a good friend.

★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Charlie -for making good choices and being a good friend.

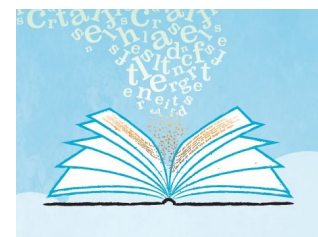
★ **Navigators**

- ★ Leo -for being a great help and tidying the play equipment shed.

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

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Zak—for working so hard in Read, Write, Inc. Phonics all week.



★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Meredel—for working hard with her reading in Phonics.

★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Amelia—for excellent focus within reading sessions. You are really making a noticeable effort.

★ **Navigators**

