

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has flown by! The children are all now settled back into the routines of school life and enjoying their learning. Here at St George's, we believe in the importance of engaging, rigorous whole class teaching with additional support for groups and individuals as appropriate. Our support staff team is second to none, working closely alongside our teachers to provide support and challenge to our pupils academically, emotionally and socially so that individual needs can be addressed.

Staffing Update

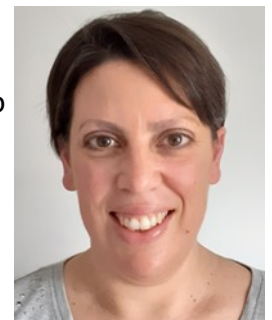
Mrs Cullum has taken on a whole-school Wellbeing remit, working with individuals and groups of children to support their emotional wellbeing. We know how important this is, not least to enable children to access their learning and reach their potential. Mrs Cullum still spends the majority of her week with Pathfinders.



This week we welcome Miss Woods to St George's who is working as a Learning Support Assistant in Navigators. She also works as a KS2 Midday Assistant three days per week and supports in Explorers and Pathfinders one afternoon per week. Miss Woods will be working with groups of KS2 children during the afternoons too.

Miss Woods is settling in well and enjoying getting to know the children and staff at St George's.

We also welcome Miss Baines to St George's. She is a very experienced teacher who is working for us two days per week in KS2. Miss Baines teaches Adventurers on a Monday and Navigators on a Tuesday in order for the class teachers to take their release time. She works closely with the class teachers to ensure consistency and continuity. Miss Baines was very impressed this week with the children's hard work and enthusiasm.



Covid Update

We currently have no Covid cases among our pupil population and just one among our staff team (the relevant families have been informed of this). I attended a Covid briefing for Heads with the Director of Public Health Essex this week, for an update on the picture across Essex. I will be looking at all this information to undertake a review of our risk assessment next week and will keep you updated regarding any changes I decide to make.

Have a lovely weekend.

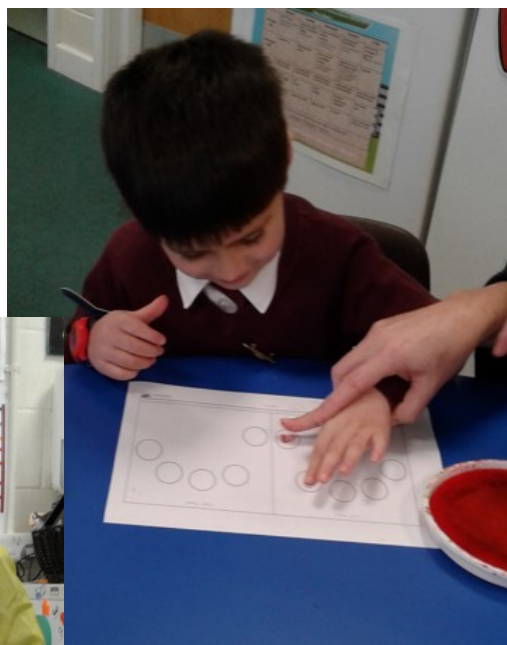
Mrs Keitch

Explorers News

In Explorers we have been continuing our 'Help is at Hand' Dimensions topic.

For the past two weeks we have been focusing on Emergency Services and how they help us. We have been learning about the Police Force, Firefighters and Paramedics. The children particularly enjoyed learning about the Police Force and their job role. They dressed up as Police Officers and engaged in role-play with their friends. One of the activities was to investigate finger prints using magnifying glasses. The children also had a go at printing their own finger prints using paint.

Next week we will be learning more about Doctors and Nurses.



Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

All of the Reception children - for fantastic listening and involvement in their first Forest Schools session.

Konon - for excellent involvement and working as part of a team.

Ellis - for his creative ideas and involvement in today's session. Well done!

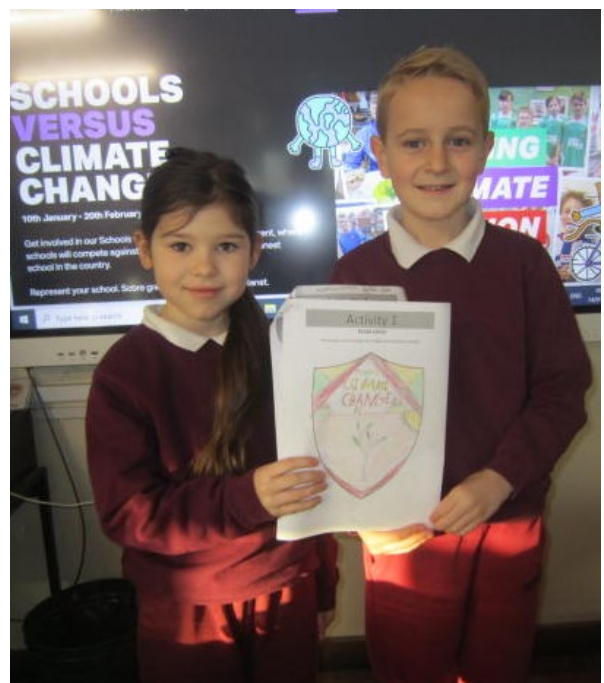
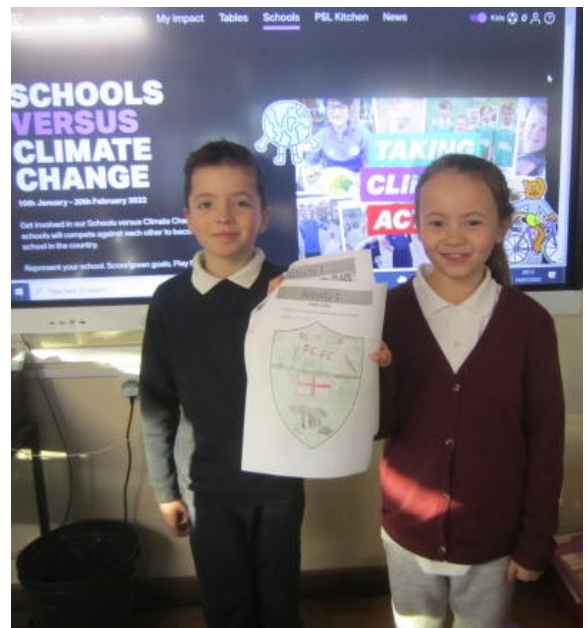
Adventurers News

Colchester United - Planet Super League!

Adventurers had their first Colchester United 'Planet Super League' lesson on Monday afternoon. We have joined **Planet Super League - Schools vs. Climate Change**. This is a national schools competition, to raise awareness of climate action, whilst having fun and scoring green goals. The competition will be running from **Monday 10th January to Sunday 20th February**.

Schools from across the country compete against each other to complete challenges and activities, battling it out to be the greenest school and crowned champions of Planet Super League's first ever, Schools vs Climate Change competition.

This week, the children enjoyed creating their super league logo - here are some examples.



Reading Books

Do you have any school reading books at home?

Please take a look at home to see if you have any school reading books - several have gone missing in recent weeks, particularly in Explorers and Pathfinders.

Our reading books are tightly aligned to our Phonics scheme and are a very precious resource. Please return any books you find to the class teacher or the office- no questions asked!



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

Could you help us out at Friday Forest School?

We are looking for a **volunteer to support our Friday morning Forest School sessions**, working alongside our Forest School Leader, Nicky Nightingale.

Session 1: 9.00-10.20 - a group of children from Years 1-4

Session 2: 10.30 - 11.45am - Reception

If you are able to help at either or both of these sessions, we would be very grateful. Please contact the school office.

We would also appreciate any **(used) wellies** you may be able to donate. We like to keep a selection of wellies in school for children who forget theirs and our stock is running low, particularly in the bigger sizes (11+).



