

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Lunchtime Club

This week, we have introduced a daily lunchtime club for the children to use. Lunchtime Club is for calm, quiet activities such as colouring, drawing, reading etc. It takes place in a different classroom each day and is supervised by a member of teaching staff. Lunchtime Club can be used on a 'drop-in' basis by any child in any year group and offers an alternative to the busy playground.



The children have enjoyed trialling lunchtime club this week; they have been very sensible and it's lovely to see children of different ages playing and chatting together.

Respect!

On Tuesday, Amanda led the first in a series of Collective Worships all about Respect. This is mentioned in our School Vision and is one of our Core Values too. Amanda encouraged the children to think about how they can show respect to others and themselves and shared the following poem with us:

St George's Vision



Respect is using kind words
And listening when we should
It's treating people gently
And choosing to be good
It's caring for each other
In every game we play
It's showing we value everyone
In all we do and say

St George's Values



Multi-Schools Council



On Wednesday, we hosted a Multi-Schools Council 'Share Zone' meeting, led by Kierran Pearce. Our Y2-4 Happiness Heroes represented St George's and we joined together with other local schools to discuss a range of issues including: Sports Day, Food and Inclusion. They had some fantastic ideas and enjoyed taking part. Well done!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch and the St George's Team

Well done, Imogen!



Over the half term break, Imogen in Pathfinders donated 16 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust.

The Little Princess Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. They also fund childhood cancer research searching to find kinder and more effective treatments.

We are very proud of Imogen for such a generous act of kindness—and we think the new look really suits you too!

Angus's visit to Parliament



On Monday, Angus travelled to Westminster with his mum and dad to meet Members of Parliament and talk about the challenges faced by children with disabilities and their families. The visit was organised to help raise awareness of the difficulties many families experience in accessing specialist therapy and support. Throughout the day, Angus met MPs from across the country and helped them understand how important these services are for children like him.

The day was a great success. By the end of the visit, 27 MPs had agreed to support a call for a Parliamentary debate later this autumn. This debate would give MPs the opportunity to discuss how support for disabled children and their families could be improved.

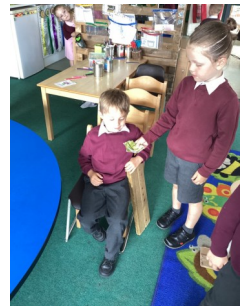
Angus represented his school brilliantly, showing confidence, determination and good humour throughout the day. His family were very proud of how he helped tell his story and speak up for other children who may not always have the opportunity to have their voices heard. We look forward to hearing more about the proposed debate in the coming months.

Explorers News

This week, we have come back to school with a spring in our step and the children have been keen to get started on our new Dimensions topic, 'Ticket to Ride'. We have talked about different types of transport and used our creative skills to build different vehicles, using a range of construction resources. There were trains, planes and even a boat! The children have written construction labels for their designs, using their independent writing skills.



We watched a clip from the film 'Charlie and The Chocolate Factory' where Charlie found a golden ticket in his chocolate wrapper! We have used our own golden tickets to role play journeys, collecting them as the passengers came aboard, and counting them on and off the vehicles.



After lots of holidays and day trips during half term, we have shared different tickets and journeys that we have been on and the children shared lots of ideas for when tickets might be used.



One of our class friends very kindly brought in paper aeroplanes to make with us and we had great fun trying them out yesterday afternoon. The wind really helped them to fly high!

We are looking forward to the next few weeks in class and finding out where our topic will take us!

Dates for your Diary

w/b Monday 8th June	Y1 Phonics Check Week
Friday 12th June	Year 4 Enrichment Day at St Joseph's College—please return permission slip
Friday 12th June	Y5/6 Step Into STEAM event at Essex University
Monday 15th June	Pathfinders Class- Colchester Zoo trip
Friday 26th June	Flower Festival at St George's Church: 'Hobbies in Bloom'. Parents will be invited to watch their children perform in church during the school day—details to follow. After School: School/church joint Summer Fair
Tuesday 30th June pm	Sports Day—letter to follow next week
Thursday 9th July 6pm	Navigators production of 'Alice in Wonderland' performance to parents
Friday 17th July	Last day of term (Monday 20th July is a Non Pupil Day)
Friday 17th July 1.30pm	Year Six Leavers' Assembly

Online Safety: OFCOM Report

Ofcom have published their new report which goes into a lot of detail about the online experiences of children (attached to the email.)

Here are some of the key findings :

- AI is widely used, but not well understood. AI is used by over half of 8-17 year olds rising to two-thirds of 16-17's
- Harmful content remains an issue - nearly three-quarters of 11-17's said they had seen harmful content. Importantly, there has been little change since new legislation came into place and the biggest factor is personalised feeds (algorithms)
- Children are using devices younger than ever with 65% of children under the age of two already going online.



Can you help?

We are taking part in the Great Bromley village Scarecrow Competition and we need you help to accessorize our scarecrow!

We need the following items:

Flippers
Snorkel tube and mask
Plain black wetsuit
Bale of straw
Pale neutral tights
Black cable ties
Golden toy dragon
Treasure box/chest



We would be very grateful of any donations. Thank you to Michelle Easter for organising our scarecrow!