



ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

At St George's, God calls us by name to love,
learn and achieve together, safe in the palm of His hands.

'I have called you by your name; you are mine' Isaiah 43



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To our wonderful parents, families and community,

Whether you are at home or at school, it's been another very busy week for St George's community. I know the teachers have loved speaking to the children and parents this week. The staff are hoping to finish all remaining phone calls next week. We will keep you updated with the specific day.

As many of you would have seen in the news this week, the government have scrapped plans to bring back all year groups, even for a limited time, before the summer holidays begin. I know that so many of our children and families are upset by this news. As you can imagine, I, and all of the staff at St George's, are deeply saddened that a significant amount of time would have passed since many of our children have attended school and we are missing the children terribly. However, we were aware that it would have been an impossible task, due to the size of the classrooms and the social distancing rules.

Over the next few weeks, the government have stated that they will send out guidance to schools, regarding the return of ALL year groups from September. I anticipate that this guidance will continue to evolve over time, as it will be based on scientific evidence. As a school, we have already begun the initial planning of possible approaches to safely bring the children back, and will be looking closely at the guidance as it arrives. I will endeavour to keep you informed as we move through the next few weeks, and I trust that there will be some definite timeframes to work from before the summer holiday.

Please be assured, when planning St George's reopening to all pupils, the health and safety of all of our community will be at the forefront of all decisions made. This may take time, but we will endeavour to reopen the school as soon as we are ready to do so to. We cannot wait to get all the children back and carrying on with the learning journey together.

Much love, Annabelle Delgado



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Head Teacher's Award

Well done to all the children recognised for their achievements this week.



Chloe (St Francis) ~ for always completing home learning activities brilliantly and for a making a super 'jellyfish' as part of our 'Commotion in the Ocean' theme.

Olivia (St Therese) ~ for her enthusiasm in coming back to school and being so keen with all of her work.

Jacob S. (St Elizabeth) ~ - for being a fantastic home learner and consistently working hard on ALL of the activities set for him on the weekly timetable. Well done Jacob I am really proud of you!

Jacob R (St Bernadette) for his outstanding work and enthusiasm, in maths and topic work.

Chloe (St Joseph) ~ for being so engaged with her online learning this half term. Chloe's work is demonstrating great understanding in all subjects and is presented to a high standard. Keep up the good work!

Sophia (St Anthony) ~ Sophia has been working on a secret project at home for the last few months and finally, this week she was able to reveal what she has been hard at work on. Sophia has successfully completed a sign language course which had 10 modules with over 90 different signs in each one. On her final assessment she got 95% and the pass mark was 85%. Sophia has shown outstanding effort and determination and I am so impressed by her- well done Sophia!

Emma (St Peter) ~ for coming into school with a lovely smile on her face this week and having a great attitude towards her activities. Keep up the great work Emma!



Weekly update 8th -12th June 2020



Wow Reception! What a packed week, full of a range of activities linked to our book 'Commotion in the Ocean'. We have been looking at rhyming words and identifying them in the poems in this book. This will lead on to some more rhyming activities next week. Our maths focus has been 'capacity' and the children have really enjoyed practical activities, filling containers with different amounts of water and explaining these to an adult. We have also been using Purple Mash for creating some wonderful repeating patterns on a fish outline

as well as designing our own fish tanks! The creativity continued with some very detailed playdoh models of sea creatures and some fabulous, brightly coloured jellyfish made from different craft materials. Once again, those who have been coming into school have also enjoyed completing some of these 'Commotion in the Ocean' themed activities. Despite the weather not being quite as good this week, some children have still managed to get outside to enjoy some learning and have fun! Well done to you all for your fantastic efforts this week - you are all superstars!



Year One



Another week has flown by and it's been another busy one for our Year Wonderful with lots of children enjoying their time in school and all still working hard at home.

We have been practising lots of counting in 2's, 5's and 10's this week and getting very snappy at it too! Turns out that counting backwards is a bit trickier but year one are taking on the challenge! We have been loving reading 'Sharing a Shell' this week and not only have we been producing super writing and art but it has also got us

thinking about how kind we are and how helpful we are at home! Great job!



Zacchaeus has made an impression this week and there have been lots of conversations about how he changed his ways, said sorry and Jesus and others forgave him. Some children have remembered the story by creating art or using Lego to tell the story. Our pirate topic is still as exciting and children have been making pirates inside and outside of school.



Back in March all of our children went home with a sunflower seed and pot and the children have looked after them carefully by watering them and having them in a sunny place in the garden. We are now beginning to see how much they have grown and will soon be finding out who has the tallest sunflower! Well done Year One on another busy and productive week!



Year Two



St Elizabeth's Class have had another fantastic week of home learning! This week many of the children started to use our new website that we have subscribed to called NUMBOTS, where children could work through a selection of challenges to freshen up their knowledge of number bonds, addition and subtraction. In R.E we have started our new topic about rules and why we need them to be caring and responsible people. Samuel made

a wonderful poster about the rules that are important at home, showing us that God is at the centre of our families. Mrs Cracknell had set the children a Science assessment all about Plants and I have been very impressed with the things the children have remembered over the last few weeks. We have also started a new topic called, 'Beside the Seaside' for this half-term. The children watched a PowerPoint to find out where our main seaside resorts are in the UK and then they did some research about seaside resorts that they have visited. I really enjoyed reading about the different places and can't wait to visit some of them now! Here is Isabelle's research all about East Beach.



The children have really impressed me over the last few weeks with some of their hobbies that they have been doing in their spare time. Hannah has learnt how to knit and she has made a blanket for her guinea pigs! Otilie made a beautiful garden plaque from clay and Oliver has been busy growing some amazing crystals!



Finally Oscar has been busy making and painting an insect house! It has been fantastic to see children using their time at home so productively. I have loved looking at all of the work uploaded on Purple Mash again this week! Well done Year 2's!



Finally finished Fifty K!

This morning, Archie from St Elizabeth's class finished his 50km run for June. He raised an AMAZING £1000 for the British Heart Foundation. His highest daily total was 7.5km and he loved seeing all his friends when running. Archie would like to say a very big THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored him. Well done Archie, we are very proud of you.

GoFundMe. gf.me/u/x56gqd



Year Three

Year 3 have got into the spirit of our new Ancient Egyptian topic this week. They were even met by Cleopatra herself, on Monday morning (a bad version of Cleopatra I may add!). They have been taken to a mysterious

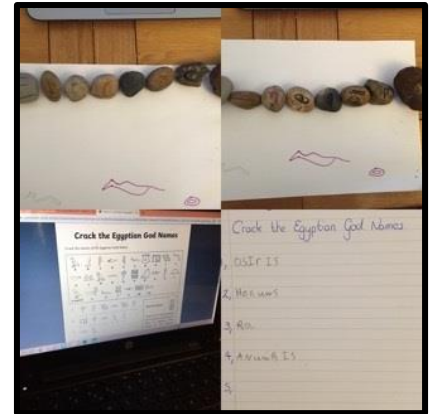
excavation in Egypt and discovered a secret tomb, that they have written about. They have written their names in hieroglyphics in very creative ways, including Florence I who has painted hieroglyphics on stones.

The children have discovered some really disgusting facts about the Egyptians and proudly shared them on our blog. As well as this, Thomas has even dressed up as a mummy! It's so lovely to see everyone's enthusiasm for our new topic. I have some exciting activities planned for next week, so watch this space...

There has been lots of baking this week including some chocolate chip cookies made by Aubrey, a banana cake by Samuel S and Egyptian sugar cookies by Jacob R. They all look good enough for the 'Great British Bake Off!' Lucy used the theme of pizza making to learn about fractions too.

This has been a very special week, because I got to speak to the children in our class. It was so great to hear what you have been getting up to at home, and hearing about what you've enjoyed about the work we have been doing recently.

Have a lovely weekend year 3!



Year Four



It was World Ocean's Day on Monday and we have taken that as the theme throughout this week. I enjoyed reading 'Little Turtle Turns the Tide' to the class and received some wonderful, brightly coloured and eye-catching posters to spread the message to Save our Oceans. We also took the theme to tie in with



our current Science topic, Animals and their Habitats, looking at how sea creatures adapt to this environment. In English, the descriptive writing continues to impress me. The children's writing is really maturing; I look forward to reading more of their fabulous work. I have been delighted to see that St Joseph Class are doing a wide range of non-curricular activities too, yet still learning, improving skills and having fun. These include baking, gardening, playing



board games, completing jigsaws and even looking after the world around us.



William and Harry C have been litter-picking down on the beach, even though the weather was not as bright and sunny as lots of recent days.

Of course, my favourite part of this week has been making phone calls to all the children on Tuesday. I couldn't stop smiling all day!

These children really are a joy and I miss them all. We have had great conversations and the children have put lots of questions and ideas to me about what different activities we might do in the weeks ahead. They are keeping me busy!



Year Five

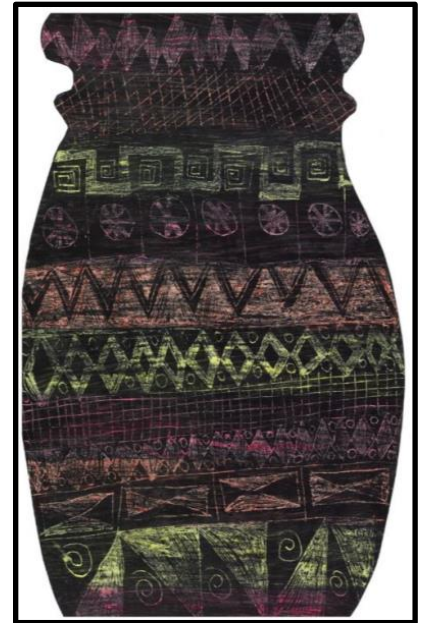


Another wonderful week in year 5 has flown by where we continue to be as busy as ever. We have still been continuing our themes of Ancient Greece, Animals & Their Habitats, Freedom & Responsibility and Myths & Legends.

In English this week, we have been looking at creation myths from around the world. Although as Christians, we believe God created the world and everything in it, we have enjoyed looking at Mayan, Viking and old Chinese myths which try to explain how the world started. We have used these as inspirations to write our own stories which include people being made of stardust and stars, the world being made from

asteroids and lightning, the grass made out of a goddesses' hair and lakes and rivers made from their tears. I am so amazed by the creativity and the uniqueness of all the ideas in the class.

In our Ancient Greece topic, we have been learning about different Gods and Goddesses and also the Battle of Marathon. Did you know that the race we know as the 'Marathon' originates from this battle because one of the Athenian Soldiers ran 26 miles to tell Sparta of their victory. He also used the word 'nike'



which means victory - so think of this battle and being victorious the next time you put on your Nike sports gear! We have also been doing some artwork linked to our topic, we have created perspective artwork of a temple and we have made Greek pots using black paint that we have scratched off. They look amazing!

In science, we have been learning about how to classify animals and learning about Carl Linnaeus. Some of us have even been on a virtual zoo trip and learnt a lot about different animals. Then we have designed our own zoos. I didn't get to make our phone calls this week but I can't wait to catch up next week instead! I'm so excited to hear from you all. Have a lovely weekend of rest and I can't wait for what next week brings.



Year Six

As Year 6 would have been on their residential trip last week they



were set a series of challenges to complete at home starting with making their bed with clean bedding as this is always the first task when arriving at their dorm! They have shown their creativity, ingenuity and imagination when building floating rafts, having a 'sleep over' in a different part of their house, creating indoor and outdoor dens for some quiet time and posing for 'illusion' photographs as well as a fantastic obstacle course video from Marley. We have been very impressed by their efforts! In RE we have started our new topic 'Healing', Year 6 have been examining scripture and thinking about the Christian



responsibility of caring for those in need. Some very poignant, topical prayers have been written as well as newspaper reports about Jesus healing the sick. In school this week Year 6 have been completing some transition activities, enjoying spending time socialising with each other and stretching their brains with some Maths



problem solving. As well as completing all of the work set there has been time for baking brownies, carrot cake, bread, lake swimming and hatching chicks! Another successful week for Year 6!



Artist of the week



The theme for this week's Artist of the Week was 'Self-Portraits'. Mrs Gillett has been really missing seeing everyone lately, so this was a great way to see some of your smiley faces on the Art Blog. The winner of this week's Artist of the Week goes to **Edie** (St Joseph's Class) who used a combination of shaving foam, laminating paper, card, acrylic paint and black sharpies

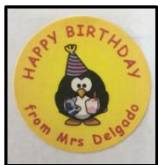


to create her stunning picture!

The runners up were **Jasmine** (St Joseph's Class) and **Samuel** (St Elizabeth's Class) Well done to everyone who entered.



Birthdays



Happy birthday to everyone who celebrated their birthday this week

Elise (St Francis), **Max** (St Therese), **Conor** (St Bernadette), **Summer** (St Joseph),
Gabriel (St Anthony) and **Mrs Philips**

Reading Awards

WELL DONE to:

Ernie (St Joseph) our **SILVER** reader who reached 100 reads, **Amaya** (St Francis), **Kamila** (St Therese), **Oscar** (St Elizabeth) and **Daniel & Joshua** (St Bernadette) our **DIAMOND** readers, who have reached 200 reads
and **Albert** (St Therese) and **Sophia** (St Anthony), our **STAR READERS**, who have reached 250 reads.

Sports Awards

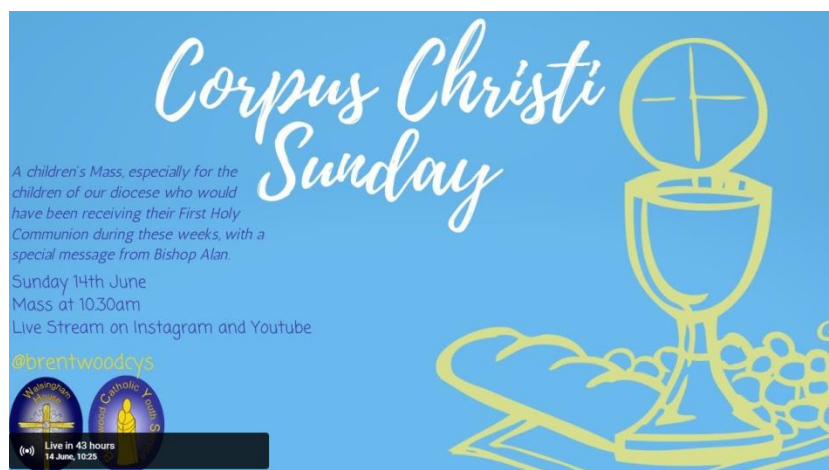
There can only be one performer of this week! Congratulations to **Archie** from St Elizabeth's class for your fantastic endurance run.

Next week, we will be publishing details of our first ever virtual sports day! Miss Rusz is very excited to share all the different events with you and explain how the events will run.

Holy Communion 2020

I ask you to keep in your thoughts and prayers the children who should have been making their First Holy Communion this weekend, and their families. This should have been a real celebration, however like many things, it has been put on hold. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We pray for:

Thomas, Joseph, Jacob, Florence I., Daniel, Satya, Kundai and Reuben.



Father Dominic and the team at BCYS will be celebrating a special Mass on Sunday, 10.30am, for all the children, across the diocese, who should have made their First Holy Communion over the next couple of weekends. There will be a special message from Bishop Alan. During Mass. You can follow the Mass online either on YouTube or Instagram.

Have a wonderful weekend,

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado