



# 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,

It is unbelievable to think that we are so close to the end of this school year. Whilst many of us were able to see the silver linings during this time, for some it has been a time of missing key times in the life of primary school, especially for our wonderful year six children. However, they have adopted an unbelievable attitude of, 'enjoy every minute when you can', during their days in school over the last few weeks. This week, Mrs Sayer talked through the timetable of events for their last day, including the Leaver's Mass, which Fr Brett will celebrate with them. We look forward to spending that last day together and having the time to say goodbye and good luck properly.

To the rest of our school, we look forward to getting you back in September. I know your class teachers are also very excited and I am pleased to publish next year's classes below.

**Reception (St Francis) ~ Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Philips**

**Year 1 (St Therese) ~ Mrs McLoughlin**

**Year 2 (St Elizabeth) ~ Mrs Gillett**

**Year 3 (St Bernadette) ~ Miss Rusz**

**Year 4 (St Joseph) ~ Mr Sims**

**Year 5 (St Anthony) ~ Mrs Howell**

**Year 6 (St Peter) ~ Mrs Bracknell and Mrs Sayer**

On Monday you will be sent a link to a special video message that your child's new teacher has recorded and each teacher will visit the current class blog page on Purple Mash or Tapestry on Wednesday for a chat. I know they would love to hear from ALL the children.

**Much love, Annabelle Delgado**

## **Goodbye, Good Luck and welcome back!**

During this term two staff members left St George's, Mrs Davey and Mrs Stoner. The children knew about Mrs Davey just before the lockdown in March and managed to make cards and say thanks, and Mrs Stoner informed us this week that she was hanging up her breakfast club apron and looks forward to enjoying retirement. It was impossible to arrange our usual send off for our much loved staff members. However, once we begin the new year, we will arrange something to say thank you properly and show our appreciation for all their hard work. Next week we welcome Mr Sims back to St George's. I know he has appreciated all your love, support and prayers during the time he has been away.



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## Sports Week

It was great to celebrate the individual winners in last week's newsletter. However, there was an error! The ball catching event was won by Sophie Nathan, not by her Mum, Elsa. Apologies for the mistake and WELL DONE Sophie!

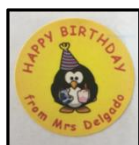
## Things that would normally happen, but can't...

At the end of the Summer Term, the children would normally bring home their school work from this year. This will be delayed to September, when the children return, for Reception, Year 2, 3, 4 and 5. Years 1 and 6 will collect their work when they are in school during these last couple of weeks. We would usually ask for all reading books to be returned in these last two weeks of term but will not be doing so this year. We ask that the books are returned in September when the children return.

This year, the children will not be receiving an end of year report, as it would be impossible to write an accurate assessment of your child's progress and attainment during this year. In March, the week before the lockdown, the class teachers met with parents to discuss how well they had achieved during the first half of the year. Since then, the feedback on Tapestry and Purple Mash has served as on-going formative assessment and feedback across all areas of the curriculum. All statutory assessments (EYFS, KS1 & KS2 SATs and phonics screening) were cancelled this year so we are unable to give end of key stage or year results.

However, every child will receive an end of year certificate from their class teacher with a personal comment on (a little like the Head Teachers award), and this will be emailed to all parents before the end of the year. I know that for many of you, the comment from your child's class teacher is the best bit as it is so personal and individual. I hope you feel we have found a suitable substitution for what has been a very different year when reporting to parents.

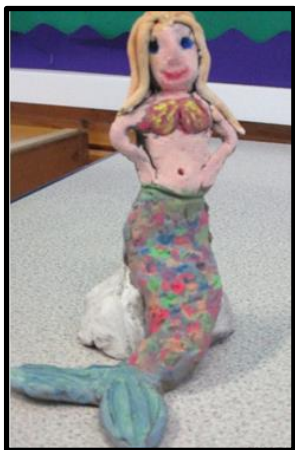
## Birthdays



Happy birthday to everyone who celebrated their birthday this week

**Meredith** (St Francis), **Sarah-Jane** (St Therese), **Oscar** (St Elizabeth),  
**Harry C.** (St Joseph) and **Mrs Ellegard**

## Artist of the week



This week's theme for the 'Artist of the Week' was about making something three-dimensional! The children produced things like pots, candleholders, bowls and models of some of their favourite characters. This week Mrs Gillett has picked two winners for their incredible 3D work. The winners are **Jessica** (St Anthony's Class) for her truly amazing mermaid and **Kieran** (St Elizabeth's Class) for his models of animals and mermaids (Go to the Art Blog if you would like to see more!) They have both managed to create such life-like characters with superb detail and

wonderful colours. Well done Jessica and Kieran you are remarkable artists!



## Head Teacher's Award

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



*Aaron (St Francis) ~ for engaging so well in learning at school and at home. Well done Aaron!*

*Beatrice (St Therese) ~ for being so creative with her work this week, using brilliant thinking and making fantastic models linking to the topic.*

*Ted (St Elizabeth) ~ for his amazing involvement in all of his home school learning about our Seaside topic and for working with a great sense of enthusiasm and fun, especially when writing his summary on his Blogs!*

*Declan (St Bernadette) ~ for his enthusiasm and contribution to our class discussions this week. Great work Declan!*

*Charlie (St Joseph) ~ for continuing to work on his home learning tasks with great effort each week. Also, for working hard at improving his reading, especially expression and comprehension skills. I am so proud of you Charlie, keep up the great work!*

*Grace (St Anthony) ~ Grace has worked so hard over the last few months. She has been enthusiastic and has produced some amazing pieces of art and writing but I am particularly impressed with her maths. Grace you are fabulous!*

*Lily-Grace (St Peter) ~ for her excellent and informative PowerPoint about CAFOD and for coming back to school this week with such enthusiasm and the biggest smile. It was so lovely to see you back with your classmates.*



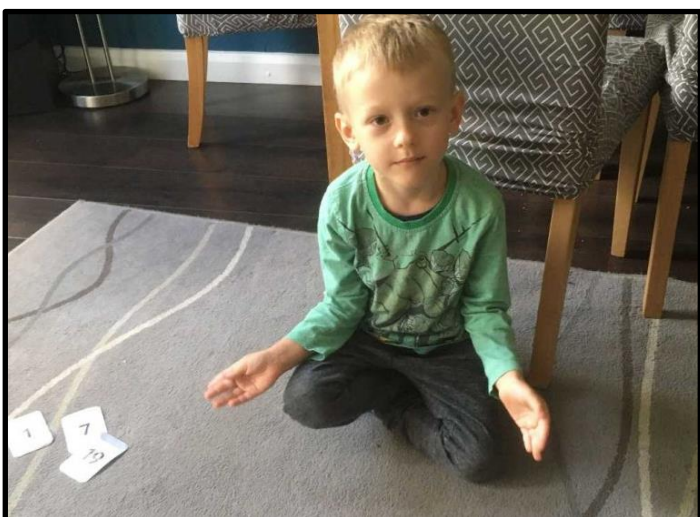
EYFS



This week has flown by! Year R have been completing some wonderful learning based around 'nocturnal animals' and the story 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark'. In our Literacy, we have looked at adjectives and how they can be used to make our sentences more interesting. We then chose a nocturnal animal and wrote descriptive sentences about it. In Maths, we have been thinking about 'time' and how each day is split into morning,

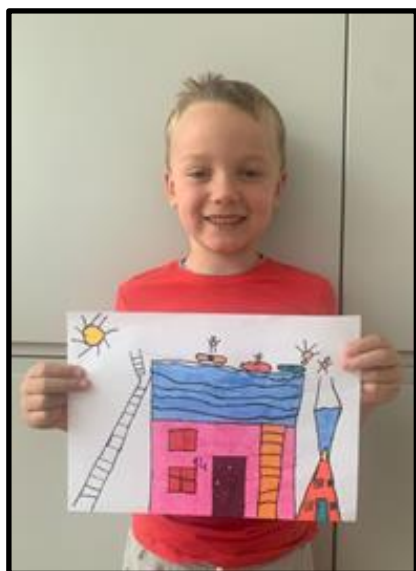


afternoon and evening. The children then recorded in their journals some pictures to match activities that they might do at different times of the day. Year R have really enjoyed finding out about 'nocturnal' animals and completed a sorting activity on animals that are awake during the day and animals that are awake at night. It is great to see the fantastic phonics

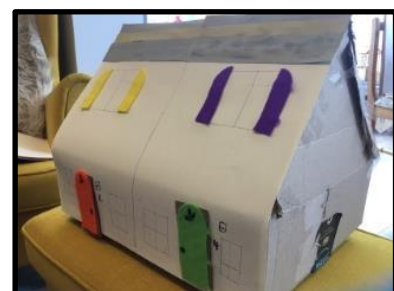


and reading that has been continuing too. Many children in the class have also been enjoying fun in the outdoors, visiting the woods and helping with the gardening. It has been lovely seeing all of the wonderful learning on the 'Tapestry' posts, as well as working with the children who have been coming into school. Well done to you all and have a lovely weekend!

Year One



Another creative week has been had in year one this week with children working hard in all different areas of the curriculum. We have continued to learn about our local area and have had a look at different styles and types of homes. The children designed their own homes with features that they felt were important and some even made their designs too. Beatrice followed her design carefully and made detailed terraced houses. She even extended her creativity to making a dog as part of her English work and an amazing umbrella!



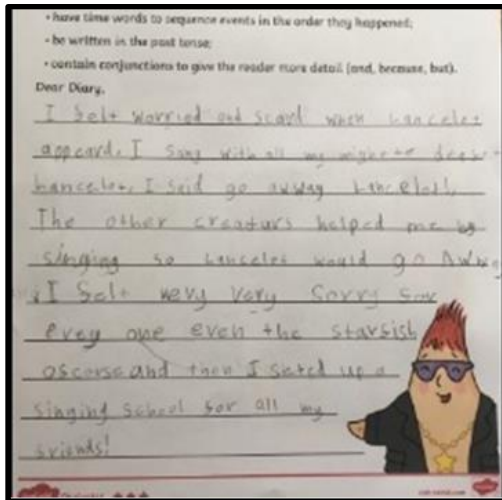


In Science we have been looking at how important it is to keep safe in the sun. The children have also kept up with their plants and are monitoring the rain by using their rain gauges. There was even a little disappointment that we had less than 1cm of rainfall this week! Our English this week has been all about 'Barry the Fish with Fingers'. We have been writing for all different purposes this week including planning a party, writing invitations, making lists and writing a news report. Super job everyone!



In school has been just as exciting and we are working on making clay 3D objects as part of the Artist of the Week this week. We loved working with the clay and have made an array of models and pots ready for decoration next week! Well done Year One on another fabulous week!

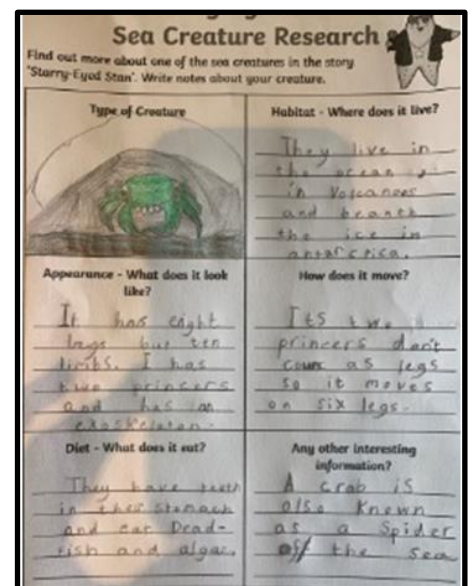
## Year Two



This week has been another incredibly busy week with lots of fantastic writing going on based around our seaside Topic. The children have been retelling an under the sea story about a star fish called Stan, writing a diary from the character's view point, making a character description, producing a sea creature fact file and even creating some poetry! I have really enjoyed reading the children's variety of work. Here is Hannah's Diary account and Samuel's Sea Creature Research all about a crab.

The children have also been busy learning about natural and man-made features at the seaside. They have explored a seaside town and used compass directions, a key and map symbols to describe a route around the area.

One thing I have also really enjoyed seeing this week is the amazing prayers based on Peace. The children have been learning about the importance of giving each other the sign of peace at Mass, to show that we want to be friends with one another.

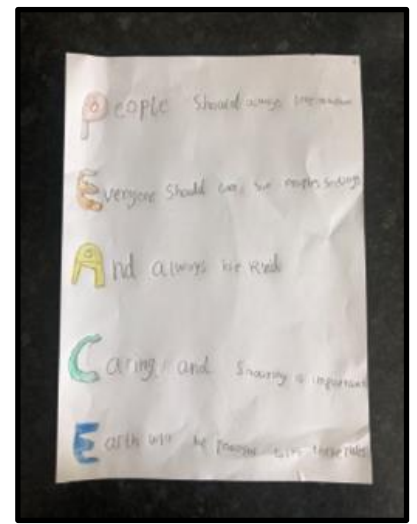


They have also been learning about Jesus' one rule, 'love God and love one another'. Here is Isabelle's Peace Poem.

I have also been very impressed with the Maths work all about measuring Mass and Volume. The competitive nature has also been



good to see on our Girls v Boys Battle on Times Table Rock Stars. The boys are winning for the third week in a row! Mrs Cracknell set the children a great Science task this week to learn about the life of Louis Pasteur and his discovery of germs. The children were set a glittery activity to learn about how germs spread and design a handwashing superhero. Here is Kieran's Captain Bubbles superhero!



### Year Three



Year 3 have recently finished reading, 'There's a Pharaoh in our bath'. It was a pleasure reading this story to them, and I have enjoyed reading about their favourite parts of the story.

Muscles has been our theme this week in science, and the children have been exploring why we have muscles in our body. They have also investigated which muscles are used during different physical activities, such as reading a book and running. I have really enjoyed hearing your ideas about muscles - Well done year 3!



I have enjoyed reading all about the physical activities, you have got up to this week. Aubrey has been training with his dad, by climbing the Leigh-on-Sea steps a number of times. I would certainly struggle doing this the once! Corey has been practising his BMX skills and has become more confident riding his bike. Florence I. has also been busy by taking part in an England netball virtual bee. It's great to hear the different ways, year 3 are keeping fit.

There has also been some lovely news about new pets in year 3.



Jacob S has a beautiful new kitten and Florence R-F has been visiting her gorgeous new puppy, who she is hoping to bring home soon. Thank you for keeping us posted. Myself and Mrs Williams love to hear about your news. Have a lovely weekend and look forward to hearing more news next week



## Year Four

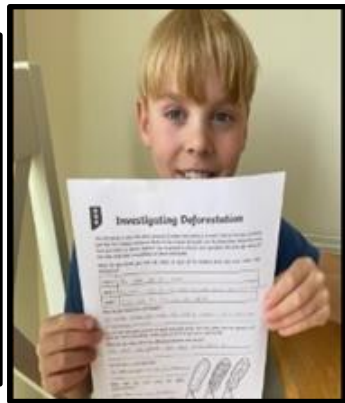


This week, Year 4 have been using the book *Zoo* by Anthony Browne to write some very creative stories about animal dreams and also what life would be like if we lived in a zoo and the animals were the keepers. Imagination ran wild, a key to a great story! Continuing with the zoo theme, the children have been designing their own zoo enclosure. The plans have been so detailed and I can see a lot of thought and effort has been

put into this task. Home-made bird feeders are bringing birds to the gardens of many of our children this week; it has been interesting to find out the different 'recipes' that have been created. We have also been revising the use of graphs to record data in Maths. It has been great to see that our children are still working hard in this subject.



The girls succeeded in beating the boys in a landslide victory in a TTRS tournament. Next week, St Joseph Class has challenged St Peter Class to a final battle of the year. Results in next week's newsletter!

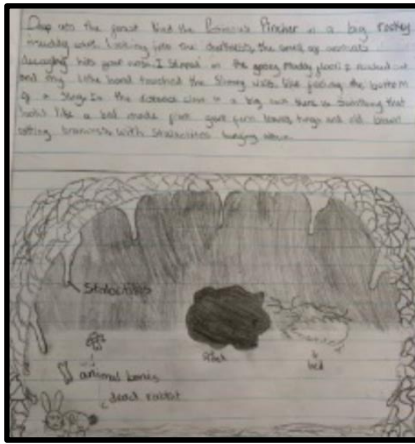


We have continued to think about animals in the rainforest and a deforestation experiment has been set, in which many of the children were able to see just how different materials and rainfall affects this habitat. The photos which have been uploaded to our blog have been fantastic.

I have been delighted to see other skills being worked on this week – cooking, gardening, playing musical instruments, reading, and even playing golf! Keep up the positive attitude to work and play Fabulous 4s. I wish you all a happy and safe week ahead.



## Year Five



Another fabulous week in year 5. We are really getting stuck into our myth writing now and have planned our own heroes, gods and mythical creatures. I have been blown away by the effort and the high standard of writing still going on at home and I cannot wait to see how the stories unfold. Good thing I enjoy reading, as I'll be very busy next week!



We've been learning about the Olympics and Olympic traditions, so many children have investigated costumes, events and customs. Finley has made an Olympic Torch whilst Alvin and Grace have designed a costume and Harley has made an Olympic medal. We've also been continuing looking at Picasso, lots of children have enjoyed



making their random Picasso faces by rolling a dice. Each is a completely different design but all absolutely amazing.

To keep us happy and smiling, we have been sharing jokes on our class blog. Here are our favourite to make you smile too:



I've just lost my mood ring, I don't know how I feel about it! **Casey**  
Why did the photographer go to prison? Because he was framed! - **Florance**  
Why is it so easy to weigh fish? Because they have scales! **Jason**

## Year Six

In school this week Year 6 have challenged themselves with some Maths puzzles, learnt and performed a leaver's poem and typed their autograph book messages to one another. We can't believe it's nearly time to say goodbye. For our Healing topic in RE Year 6 have been researching the fantastic charity CAFOD this week – they have produced some great posters and power points all about the work they do. This week was our final TTRS girls vs. boys battle which saw the girls victorious with a score of 4603 to the boys 1698. Well done girls! Next week we have been challenged to a battle by Year 4, can we end the term by winning this final TTRS competition?





In other news, Joseph showed off his fantastic engineering skills with his spaghetti and jelly baby construction – due to using a triangulation technique his structure was able to hold a 311g wooden chopping board without collapsing. Fantastic work Joseph! Holly has been practising her trampoline skills in the garden, keep it up Holly.



### Reading Awards

#### WELL DONE to:

Meredith & Chloe (St Francis) and Beatrice (St Therese), Florence O. (St Anthony) and Marley (St Peter), our DIAMOND readers who have reached 200 reads and Jude (St Francis), Matthias (St Elizabeth), Leah & Florence I. (St Bernadette), Scarlett, Hannah & Jasmine (St Joseph) and James (St Peter), our SUPER READERS who have reached 250 Reads.

### Prayers



We pray for all our community at this time.

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*