

# 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,

## Virtual Sports Day!

Next week marks the much awaited arrival of our 'Virtual Sports Week.' The events are designed with minimal equipment, with all of the family in mind and to have fun. Although it's different from our usual sports day, I hope you all have a great week. Please watch all of the videos, read the instructions and



don't forget to take lots of pictures (we want to see all of your lovely smiley faces having a great time). There are a few special surprises throughout the week to keep you motivated so make sure you click all the videos! Good luck, have fun and let the best house win!

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- With the usual Family Day celebrations for 2020 cancelled for this year, we are setting up a virtual Sports Week instead.
- It's going to look a little bit different to our normal activities but there are things you can complete as a family too, to have fun together.
- We will collate all the scores and a Virtual Sports Day winner will be announced in a little video on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June
- We are encouraging pupils to have a go at different activities at home/garden/with their family in the park with limited equipment.
- This will take place between Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June
- You can do activities in one afternoon or spread them out

videos, information and the forms to confirm your scores. <https://stgeorges-cps-southend.secure-primariesite.net/pe-1/>

I would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to the **MARVELLOUS** Miss Rusz for putting this together so we can still enjoy and element of Celebration Day.

Good luck to **EVERYONE** and make sure you get involved!

Much love, Annabelle Delgado

## Activities

	Children's event	Parents/Older siblings	Toddlers
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ball around the waist	Ball shooting	Ball catching
<b>Wednesday</b>	Shuttle Runs	Shuttle Runs	Shuttle Runs
<b>Thursday</b>	Speed Bounce	Plank	Jumping Jacks

- Virtual Tug of war on social media
- Staff Challenge- Who can get the most steps in a day for their house?

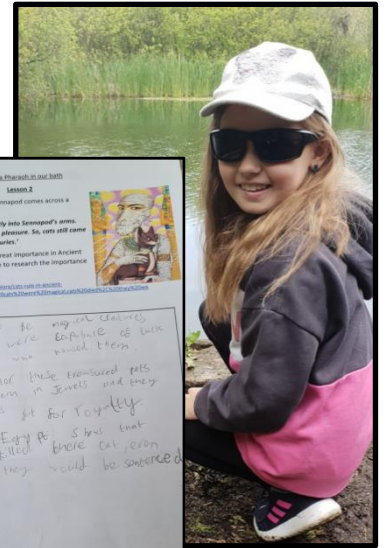
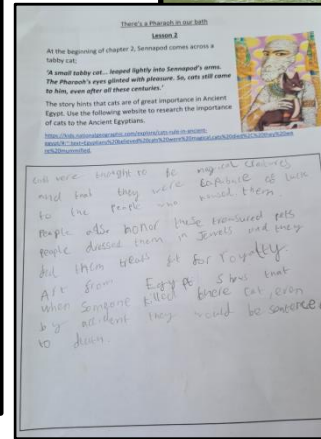


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## Head Teacher's Award

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



*Eliana (St Francis) ~ for a fantastic effort with all of the activities that she is completing in school. Well done Eliana!*

*Max (St Therese) ~ for his hard work in all areas and a beautiful, illustrated prayer for his RE.*

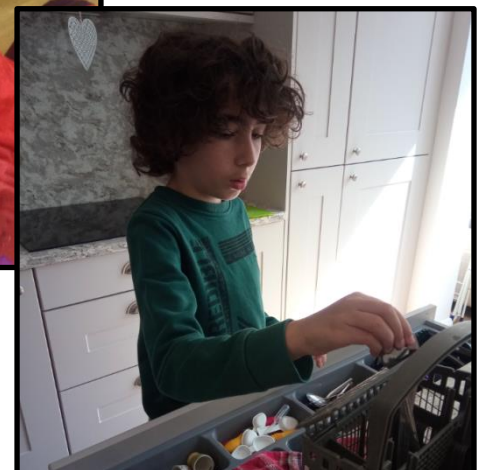
*Samuel (St Elizabeth) ~ for working really hard on all of the activities set for him on the weekly timetable, showing his excellent skills in Maths, English, R.E, Topic and Art work! Well done Samuel I am really proud of you!*

*Leah (St Bernadette) ~ for her outstanding effort in her written work. She has produced some fabulous pieces of work for our Egyptian topic. Well done!*

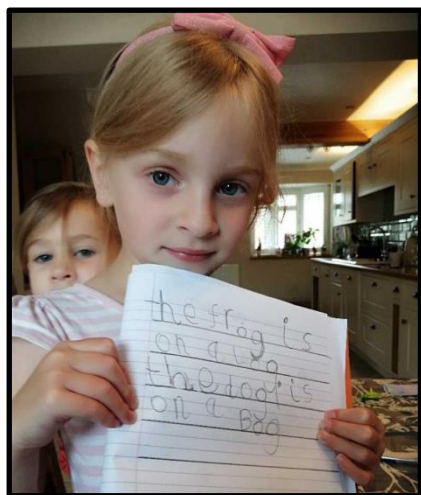
*Elicia (St Joseph) ~ for being really engaged in the online tasks and putting her best efforts into these. Keep it up Elicia, you are doing really well!*

*Jessica (St Anthony) ~ Jessica has impressed us all with her hard work and effort. It is clear to see she is still enthusiastic and being a role model in all that she does. Keep being a superstar Jessica!*

*Marley (St Peter) ~ for showing great enthusiasm both in school and at home by completing tasks to a high standard with a smile on your face and for your fantastic acrostic poem about lockdown. Well done Marley!*



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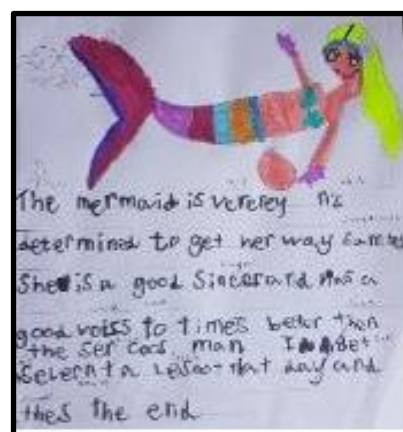


It has been another fabulous week in Reception, both with home and in-school learning. Our focus book this week has been a firm favourite-‘Rumble in the Jungle’. The children have enjoyed listening to all of the different poems in this book about the various animals that you might find in the jungle. We have been continuing with the theme of rhyming words from last week and have looked at completing sentences with pairs of rhyming words. It has also been wonderful to see lots of handwriting practice and some excellent phonics work. Keep it up children; you are doing so well! Our maths learning has been all about ‘number bonds to

10’, where the children have been completing some practical and recorded activities for this topic. There has also been a great response to our daily maths tasks, with some lovely photos uploaded onto Tapestry. Our creative work has included making paper plate snakes! George Bear has also enjoyed hearing about some of the fun things that the children have been doing at home. We are sure that George Bear would be joining in if he could! This week has been slightly shorter due the INSET Day, however, the Reception children have been just as busy! We hope that you enjoy a lovely long weekend.



Year One



Although it's been a short week we

have still managed to squeeze a lot in! In our English we have continued looking at our Julia Donaldson books and have been very creatively working around ‘The Singing Mermaid’. The children have used fantastic describing words, have created posters to advertise the circus and thought about the amazing skills and talents they could perform at the circus.

In our Maths we have been making arrays and doubling and have impressed me by how well they have all worked this week.

Our local area has also been a big hit this week with the children continuing to do their exercise but finding and recognising places on a map, learning their address and looking at directions. Great work everyone! We have also seen brilliant bird boxes being decorated, fantastic fairy gardens being planted and looked after and superb sunflowers that are now overtaking the children in height!

In school we have also been really busy and exhausted ourselves with working hard in the classroom and doing lots of circuit exercises outside. I have never seen our children so worn out! Well done everyone on another super week. Have a wonderful long weekend!

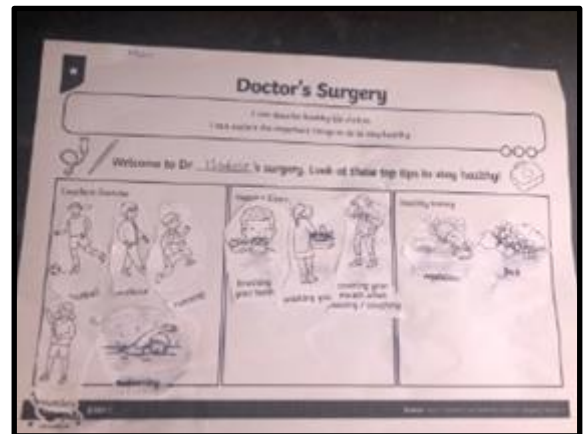


## Year Two



St Elizabeth's Class have had another busy week of home learning! This week in Maths, the children were learning about 2d and 3d shapes. Samuel said the following on our Maths Blog. "I have been using my Mag Formers to check my work on vertices. I built the shapes on the worksheets and marked the vertices with play dough. I then put them together to make a building".

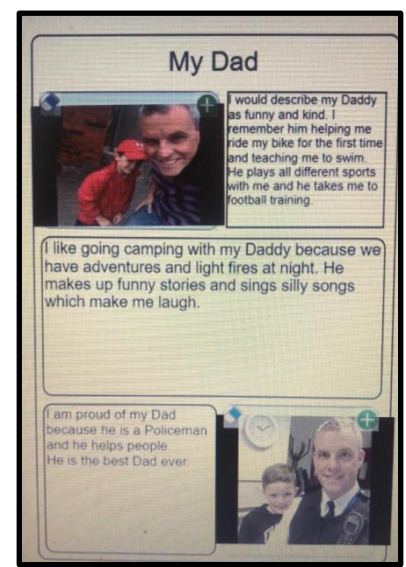
Mrs Cracknell had set the children a Science task about 'Scientists and Inventors'. They looked at a PowerPoint about Doctors and Elizabeth Garrett Anderson and completed a worksheet to explain how doctors use science and described what is important in order to stay healthy.



For our Seaside topic work this week, the children looked at the features of a seaside resort and labelled them. They thought about the things they might be able to see, hear, feel or smell if they were there. A few children also completed a challenge to write a postcard and imagine they were on holiday at a seaside resort and then describe what the place was like.

Today the children were asked to write a description about their Dad, including memories of growing up and how he has helped them over the years. They also made Father's Day card to thank and show how much they love their dad.

I have loved looking at all of the work uploaded on Purple Mash again this week you really have been working so hard again! Well done Year 2's!



### Year Three



Year 3 have been enthusiastic as ever this week, especially with our Ancient Egyptian topic. They have researched why cats are sacred to the Ancient Egyptians, as well as learning about mummification. They have also watched my demonstration, of the mummification of an orange this week. I know that some of you are eager to have a go yourselves at some point, and I look forward to seeing the results in a few weeks time.



It has been lovely to hear some of your news, including some reuniting of families. Aubrey has been reunited with his nanny after four months apart. Enjoy your time together! Alicia has also had a very big responsibility, of looking after a baby canary this week. She has been doing a fabulous job!



The children were asked by Mrs Archer to write a prayer this week about being sorry. They have written some very thoughtful and reflective prayers that were a joy to read. I wish you all a lovely (slightly longer) weekend. You all deserve a rest, because of all the fabulous work you have completed this week. Well done year 3!

## Year Four



Although this is a short week, our Fabulous 4s have again been really engaged and hard-working, as I see every week. Their attitude to home learning is fantastic; I really enjoy seeing their efforts each day. We have been getting very creative looking at different habitats in our Science topic. This week, the children have been designing Oceans dioramas with great success. In RE, the children have been thinking about recognising wrong-doings and 'building bridges' to renew friendships by writing their own prayers. These show the kindness of our wonderful class.

In Maths, we continue to work on our knowledge of decimals and I know St Joseph Class have been enjoying battling to demonstrate their improving multiplication in a Rock Stars tournament against St Anthony class. I can tell that our Year 4s were determined to succeed from the start. Results are as follows - **Year 4: 6,539 versus Year 5: 1,172**



We have completed our latest Class Read and it has been a fun trip around the world. I look forward each day to reading the excellent writing pieces being uploaded by our children. This week, they have also been challenged to suggest what they would do if they found a caseful of cash. I am not surprised to read of their first thoughts of honesty, but also concerns and thoughts of others, particularly at this time; their empathy, hope and love shines brightly. Enjoy the long weekend, take care and stay safe.



## Year Five

A short but sweet week in year 5. We are really getting stuck into our 'Myths and Legends' topic in English. We have looked at a variety of stories including Pandora's box and now we are moving onto the legend of Hercules. We have studied the different challenges Hercules had to complete and have started to think about what challenges we have faced in year 5. Some of our children have found remembering chores, times tables, keeping tidy and





organised, Challenging but I am so impressed by the courage and determination to overcome anything in their paths. The year 5s have been very creative by designing these onto scrolls using tea bags and burning the edges, they look like they are very ancient!

As our topic in Science has been looking at animals and their habitats, we have been getting arty by drawing cartoons of animals and drawing animals four ways by focusing on

different aspects of them. Other children have been doing some coding on purple mash and learning how to make a football game- I've played them all and they are amazing!

I finally got the chance to make my phone calls on Tuesday, it was a fantastic day for me. I loved hearing all of the children's voices and having a big catch up! I enjoyed hearing about all the things you have been up to at home. Lots of children have been baking and I'm envious of the yummy cakes, Henry and



Ted have built a duck house and planted pumpkin seeds, Edward has been learning tricks on his skateboard, Leandro has been mountain biking, Jessica has been practising gymnastics, all the children are reading amazing books and Daisy has been sewing masks on her sewing machine. I am astounded by the range of activities that you all are doing and it makes me so happy to hear that you are safe, well and having lots of fun at home.

## Year Six



Wow, another week has flown by! This week Year 6 have been writing poems about their lockdown experience, we have been really impressed by your honest reflections and creative use of different forms of poem. We are starting to think about the transition to secondary school and using online resources to help answer any questions we may have. We've also started a thread on our class blog so that we can share any worries or concerns with our classmates.

For our Healing topic this week we have been thinking about one of the two Sacraments of Healing; Anointing of the Sick. Using the scripture from

James' letter Year 6 thought about how they would encourage and give hope to a sick person. They also wrote diary entries from the perspective of someone receiving the Sacrament.



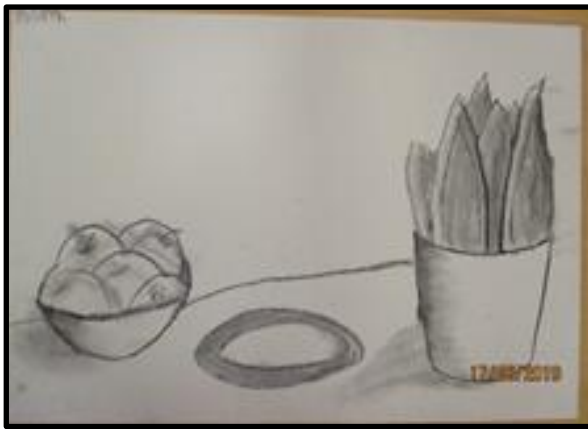


In school on Wednesday the children made Father's Day cards, worked through some football based Maths problems and had plenty of fresh air on the adventure playground, playing football and competing in a TikTok dance off between bubbles!

Other highlights from the week include Eliana's delicious oat biscuits, Emily's yummy muffins and Lily-Grace's fantastic puppy training video. Enjoy spending the long weekend with your families in the sunshine Year 6.



### Artist of the week



The theme for this week's Artist of the Week was 'Still Life'. The children were asked to look at the work by the artist Paul Cezanne who was famous for painting still life pictures. Then the children set up their own collection of objects draw or paint. Mrs Gillett was so impressed by the variety of techniques used ranging from charcoal, chalk pastels, watercolours and ink. The winner of this week's artist of the week is Joseph (St Joseph's class) for his fantastic charcoal drawing of a bowl of fruit and plant, he has really captured the 3D effect with his shading.



We also have two runners up this week – Amelie (St Peter) for her wonderful pineapple painting and Jessica (St Anthony) for her chalk pastel fruit bowl drawing. Well done to everyone who entered again.



### Birthdays



Happy birthday to everyone who celebrated their birthday this week

**Elise (St Francis), Julia (St Elizabeth) Alvin (St Anthony) and Mrs Ellegard**

...and those celebrating over the long weekend

**Oliver (St Elizabeth), Theodore (St Bernadette), Logan (St Joseph)  
and Daisy & Florence (St Anthony)**

## Reading Awards

### WELL DONE to:

*Charlotte (St Francis) our GOLD reader who reached 150 reads  
and Archie (St Elizabeth) & Charlie (St Peter), our STAR READERS, who reached 250 reads  
this week.*

## Prayers



*We pray for all our families during this time, especially those who are struggling. We especially pray for Mrs Fitchew and her family at this time as her Father-in-law, Roy, passed away on Sunday. I know they are looking forward to celebrating a wonderful Mass, with family and friends as soon as they can.*

*Have a wonderful weekend, and enjoy the extra two days break from virtual school work.*

*The staff will be back online from Tuesday.*

*God Bless,*

*Mrs Delgado*

## *'Lockdown' by Marley*

**L**earning from home has been strange but fun,

**O**n YouTube Joe Wicks fitness or go for a run.

**C**razy feeling the world has had to stop,

**K**eeep fingers crossed the death toll will drop.

**D**oing a clap for the NHS,

**O**ver the months they still don't rest.

**W**earing masks and washing hands,

**N**ormal life will soon return to our lands.