

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,



As we celebrate and commemorate the
75th Anniversary
of VE Day, we pray for our school,
community, country and world.
Lord, we pray that we can serve you in
the cause of peace.
May the Holy Spirit guide us; give us
wisdom; give us courage;
give us hope.
Keep us close to you, now and always.
Amen.



We encourage ALL of you
to spend this day as a family, leaving all
school work until next week. Have a great long weekend, much love,

Annabelle Delgado



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Parent Survey

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who completed our online question. We have received 90 responses so far! Not only did I appreciate reading your positive comments, it was very insightful to read the suggestions that some parents made. As I said last week, we will collate the responses and report them, via the newsletter, answering any questions or advising you of any changes. If you haven't completed the questionnaire, you can follow the link below. It would be great to have every family's viewpoint on remote learning.

<https://forms.gle/ezNca22HeG2RDzRp9>

Next week we will be sending out a questionnaire for the children to fill in (there will be another fabulous school based prize on offer!). The focus is around their well-being, how they feel they are getting on and how they communicate with their friends and peers at this time. We will keep the questions simple, but some of the younger children will need support from their parents/carers to complete the survey. You can complete one as a family, or send one response in per child, as children in the same family may be experiencing this difficult time in different ways. As ever, I thank you all in advance for your support.

Birthdays



Congratulations to all those who celebrated their birthday this week

Aaron & Megan (St Francis), **Kundai** (St Bernadette), **Leandro** (St Anthony),

Lucy & Monty (St Peter)

And **Edie** (St Joseph) who is celebrating this weekend.

Artist of the Week



This week we set a task to produce a piece of artwork about PEACE linking to the celebrations for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. The imaginative posters and beautiful bunting produce was truly outstanding. I can imagine lots of your homes will be looking amazing on Friday with your homemade decorations.

This week I have chosen two winners for their fabulous VE Day Posters.

The winners were **Eden** (St Peter's class) and **Julia** (St Joseph class)

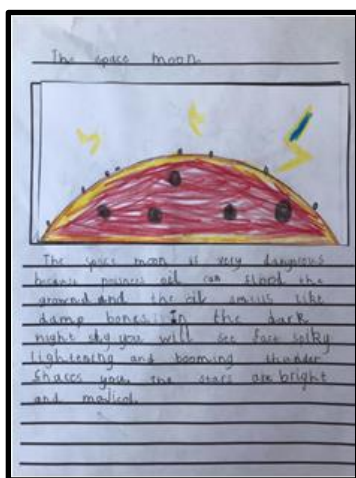
Well done girls, outstanding pieces of art!



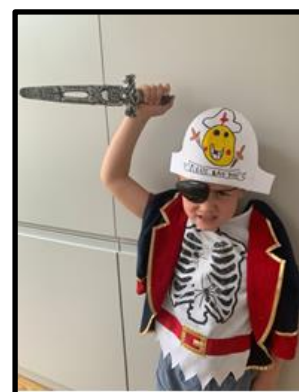
Weekly update 27th April – 1st May 2020



Although it has been a slightly shorter week, it has still been just as busy in EYFS. Our focus story this week was 'What the Ladybird Heard'. We have been using our listening skills to spot sounds we can hear outside. Our writing has included writing a list of animals from the story and writing sentences about them. As well as our short daily maths tasks, we have been working really hard on learning how to double numbers. We have enjoyed seeing all of the lovely ladybird pictures with spots being doubled! Outdoor activities this week have included 'bug' hunts, bike rides and gardening. We have also seen some very creative models being built from 'Lego'. On top of this, there has been lots of super reading, handwriting practice and phonics work. What busy bees you all are! – Or should we say ladybirds!



A shorter week this week but no less productive in YEAR 1! We have had lots of exciting cross curricular activities happening all across our households. Our writing this week has had the children planning their settings for their villains, using the most exciting adjectives they can with the help of their senses. I have been wowed by the excellent writing and felt quite scared by some of the spooky settings! Harry H had the smelliest setting I've ever read about! Mrs Cracknell has been very pleased with the super



Science knowledge about plants this week with children on walks, naming different trees and plants and labelling all the different parts. Henry is even trying his hand at growing melons



which are beginning to grow! We are still enjoying our Swashbuckling Pirates topic and have seen children making hats, hooks and telescopes. It has been super to see younger brothers and sisters joining in too! Look out for our treasure maps which will soon be appearing!



It has also been lovely to hear how our children are talking and sharing ideas and questions with their families around the story of Pentecost. I am so proud that we are becoming super thinkers too at home.



Some children have also made windmills to remind us that the Holy Spirit cannot be seen but is there just like the wind. We have also kept up with the really important things in life this week as teeth have fallen out and birthday cakes have been made and enjoyed. Another great week everyone! Well done!



Year 2



I am pleased to report that the variety of home learning taking place this week has once again amazed me! The children have enjoyed learning about VE Day and many have loved following wartime recipes to make food such as Bread and Butter Pudding and Cottage Pie. The children have also been busy designing medals for a British soldier. On Tuesday, I had an amazing email from Archie who dressed up as a newsreader and pretended to be a newsreader broadcasting an announcement of the Victory in Europe! Mrs Cracknell had set the children a challenge to keep their handwriting superbly neat by writing their common exception words.

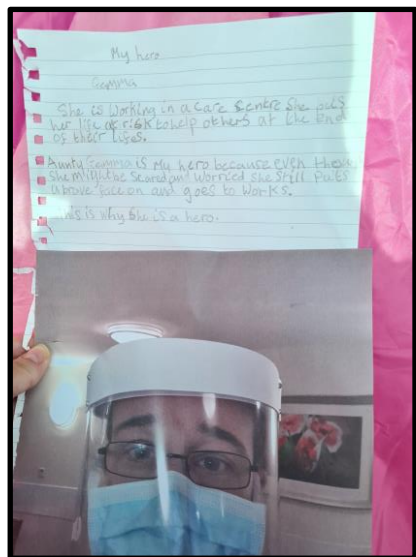
We now have some wonderful examples of joined up writing! It has been great to see how the children's presentation skills are

still keeping sharp. As part of their Science work the children were also asked to set up an investigation to find out what the best conditions for seeds to grow in might be. I can't wait to see the results next week! Once again, I would like to say a big well done to the children and parents in Year Two as they have been working so hard with their home school learning.



Year 3 have been very active on our class blog this week, and have produced fabulous pieces of work that they have proudly shared on our blog.

NHS workers have been described as 'heroes', so this week's inspirational theme for English has been 'Superheroes'.

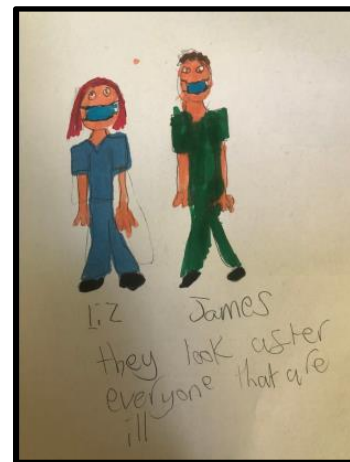


The children have come up with some brilliant ideas for their superhero characters, such as Theodore's 'Beastboy', who can turn into any animal and Alicia's 'Belisha', who has the ability to learn really quickly!

The children are currently planning their superhero stories and next week, they will be writing and sharing their stories with us all.

As well as thinking of their fictional characters, I asked the children to think of someone in their family or even a friend, who they consider a 'hero'. There

were lots of responses to this question from friends and family working for the NHS, to special family members who they love and look up to. It was a joy to read all about the heroes in your lives. I hope you have a wonderful day tomorrow celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE day. I look forward to seeing your celebrations on our class blog.

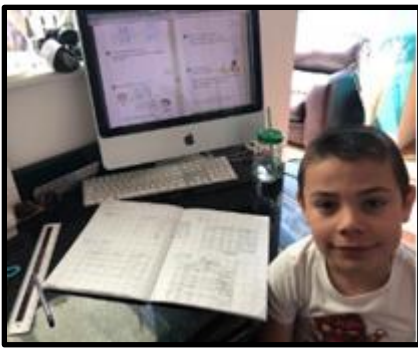


Year 4 Wow, St Joseph Class has been really busy in their Home Learning this week. The tasks have been completed to a really high standard, so I start by saying thank you and a massive well done! We have now finished our 'Class Read'. Yesterday, I loved reading all the book reviews, the children presented their work in great detail, thinking carefully to give reasons for their opinions. We have been revisiting multiplication and division in maths this week and I continue to see progress, which is a joy in my role as a teacher. Keep up the great work!

In other subjects, the children have been uploading photographs and their own very detailed illustrations of invertebrates and other wildlife they have been observing in different habitats. They have also been researching and presenting information in bright and colourful ways to share their knowledge about the layers of the rainforest.



There has also been stiff competition online with Times Tables Rockstars. Last week the boys were victorious, winning with a total of 15,067 against the girls' score of 12,873, However this week the results have changed and the girls are outscoring the boys 10,678 to 5,958.



I have been delighted to see St Joseph's Class prepare for the VE Day 75 celebrations this week. There will be some very colourful homes around with fabulous bunting and posters ready to be displayed. The children have also been designing medals, cracking codes and even baking, using some wartime recipes. Enjoy the celebrations

tomorrow. I look forward to seeing and hearing about how everyone has been celebrating; a front garden picnic and a singsong are planned in Mrs Howell's household!



Recently, I set a Maths Challenge to St George's Class to create a Multiplication Maths Game to prove that maths is fun! Harry C took up the challenge and impressed not only me and class friends, but shared his idea with Adventure Island, which his game was based on, using the Tops Trumps idea. The company took to their Facebook page to share Harry's idea. The team at Adventure Island gave Harry and his mum 'a massive shout out' and announced that they are looking forward to playing the game when the Southend visitor attraction reopens. Congratulations Harry, we are looking forward to playing your Tops Trumps game in class too.

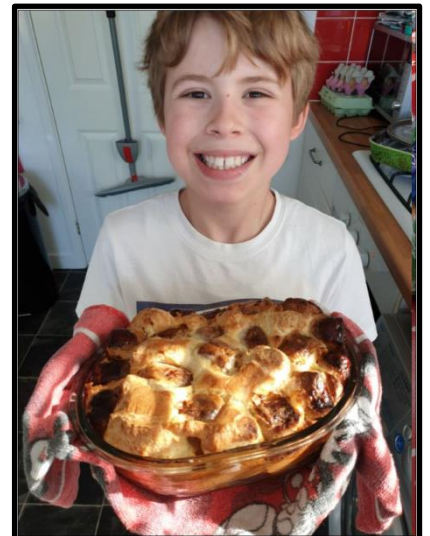
Year 5



It's been another fun filled week in Year 5, I can't believe we are 3 weeks into the Summer Term and it's May already! As May is the Month of Mary, year 5 have been busy celebrating this by writing prayers, dedicating pictures to Mary and making stunning flower crowns for the flower crowning ceremony for Mary.

This week we have been thinking about life cycles and in particular, butterflies. The

children have been busy making leaflets and posters explaining the different stages of life and some children have even been busy making butterfly feeders. Hopefully we will get to see different butterflies in our gardens soon! It's been a busy week in English, where we have been writing instructions on how to make 'Rainbow Drops.' We've had recipes that Willy Wonka would be proud of and left my taste buds tingling, especially due to the amazing descriptive writing the class have been getting up to.





Tomorrow is VE day which we have also been celebrating in year 5. We have been busy making and designing commemorative medals, bunting to hang on display and images of peace and celebration. I am so impressed with the quality of the work and the thoughtfulness of each design. Well done year 5 on another amazing week.



A short but sweet week in Year 6 where lots of hard work, as always, has been completed. Our Science task involved researching a habitat and describing how the animals and plants which live there are adapted to their environment. There have been lots of fantastic responses to this; power points, posters and information tables have been used to display the research. In RE the children have been looking at specific scripture and writing about what it would have been like to have been one of Jesus's disciples – as a first-hand witness. We've had some fantastic story writing linked to a chapter book they've been reading in English on Purple Mash. Fraction and decimal revision in Maths has kept their brains ticking over! Our first Times Tables Rockstars battle ended with the boys



taking the win with an impressive 30,487 points to the girls 29,526! I'm sure the girls can even the score next week!! The boys have also been keeping busy in the kitchen and at home this week: Charlie made some delicious Oreo fudge, Monty baked a tasty apple sponge and Michal tried out a wartime recipe – potato floddies! Joseph has been building a very technical hydraulic robot arm and Morten's tomato plants have been growing! The Year 6 team wish you all a happy sunny bank holiday weekend and VE celebrations with your families.

Reading Awards

WELL DONE to:

Dylan (St Joseph) our SILVER reader who reached 100 reads, Albie, Chloe & Meredith (St Francis) Padme and Blossom (St Therese) and Joshua & Aubrey (St Bernadette), our GOLD readers who have reached 150 reads and...

Heidi (St Therese), Leah (St Bernadette), Logan, Jasmine and Hannah (St Joseph) our DIAMOND readers who have reached 200 reads

Head Teacher's Award

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



Meredith (St Francis) ~ for fantastic contributions on Tapestry, including a super listening activity and excellent doubling work!

Henry (St Therese) ~ for trying so hard, having a go at everything and has tried especially hard on his writing.

Hannah (St Elizabeth) ~ for having a go at absolutely all of the activities that are set for her on the weekly timetable and for sharing her amazing hard work on our Purple Mash blogs.

Florence R-F (St Bernadette) ~ for her outstanding contribution to our class blog. It has been a pleasure reading her daily posts. Well done Florence!

Harry L. (St Joseph) ~ for his fantastic efforts in doing his very best to complete lots of wonderful home school learning tasks. He continues to show lovely presentation and perseveres in the more challenging tasks to succeed. Well done!

Florence O. (St Anthony) ~ Florence's outstanding effort has shone brightly the last few weeks.

She has been busy learning and making excellent progress in maths and writing amazing instructions. Not only this, but she has been busy in the garden making a butterfly feeder, growing her own plants and learning to bake. What a superstar!

Regan (St Peter) ~ – for a great effort to complete all of the online activities set this week. It has been wonderful to see your work on the blogs Regan. Well done!



Sports Awards



Well done to our winners this week.

Performer of the Week – **Florance V. (St Anthony)** ~ for her hard work to become a super skipper.

Improver of the Week – **George (St Francis)** ~ for learning to ride his bike – a huge achievement! And then, he cycled 4km before breakfast!

DON'T FORGET ~ Miss Rusz puts lots of activities on the P.E. blog to encourage you all to try something new and get involved. She

would love to hear what you have been up to!

The timetable is below and can also be found on our website.

Weekly PE Challenges

Monday	Tuesday	Wellbeing Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	The Weekend
Joe Wicks 9:00 -9:30	Joe Wicks 9:00-9:30	Joe Wicks 9:00-9:30	Joe Wicks 9:00-9:30	Joe Wicks 9:00-9:30	Saturday Morning Yoga Sessions Cosmic Kids
Oti Mabuse Dance class 11:30-12	Oti Mabuse Dance class 11:30-12	Oti Mabuse Dance class 11:30-12	Oti Mabuse Dance class 11:30-12	Oti Mabuse Dance class 11:30-12	Live activities with Active Essex
DDMix Daily Shake up 1:30-1:40pm	DDMix Daily Shake up 1:30-1:40pm	DDMix Daily Shake up 1:30-1:40pm	DDMix Daily Shake up 1:30-1:40pm	DDMix Daily Shake up 1:30-1:40pm	Why not go on a bike ride or a long walk?
These tasks are based on cricket skills: catching the ball and bowling Cool Catcher Activity 1 Brilliant Bowler Activity 2 (you might use bottles or sticks for your wickets)	Avoid the Defenders Video Resource card	-Raise your heart rate activity -What is mindfulness? video -Relax and unwind video -Celebrate the little things video -I am an amazing person worksheet activity	Race across the river video Resource card	Home Pentathlon Sports hall athletics http://www.sportshall.org/homepentathlon	Netflix Choose your warm up, activity, challenge and a cool down Click here to download

Enjoy some of the live lessons and the daily fun challenges to keep you active during the day.

Why don't you go on a bike ride, run or walk outside and enjoy fresh air too?!

Post your pictures on the P.E blog on purple mash

Each week we are looking for a PE Improver and Performer!

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado