



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 community,

As the children begin to find their routine of Google Meets and online learning, I hope this has been an easier week. I know there are many families who are concerned that they are not doing enough due to family situations, work commitments, sharing of devices or illness. Please be assured, we do understand that each household is different. As a school, we are striving to ensure that this time away from school has as little impact on your child as possible, educationally and mentally, which is why we are providing at least 3 hours of activities every day and arranging daily meets with teachers and class mates. Mrs Wallen and I will be calling ALL parents next week to check in, see how you are, answer any questions and give support if you need it. We are really looking forward to catching up!

Have a wonderful weekend, Much love, **Annabelle Delgado**

We have a name!



Brooklyn (St Elizabeth) and Declan's (St Joseph) baby brother is called Remy. I hear that he too has been on Google Meet to say hello. Welcome Remy, the newest member of our St George's family.

Any information?

One of our parents who lives very close to the school reported that their car has been damaged. The car is parked in the first bay as you pull into Anson Chase. If anyone has any information, could you pass it on via the office. Thank you.

Getting in touch

If you have any questions or need to speak to a staff member, do not hesitate to get in touch. You can email the school using office@st-georges.southend.sch.uk, and the office will pass any messages on straight away.



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Well done to the FIRST Head Teacher award winners of 2021!



Ellie ~ (St Francis) ~ for fantastic home learning about the 'Lost and Found' story. Well done!

Darcey ~ (St Therese) ~ Darcey has shown herself to be a super learner at home. Always ready, always engaged and has worked so hard to finish her work and try her best. Who could ask for more? Great job Darcey!

Henry ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for his amazing involvement in everything from the home learning timetable! It is great to see such effort and enthusiasm!

Ted ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for his amazing science investigation about friction and the hard work and effort he has shown this week!

Leah ~ (St Joseph) ~ for completing her work to an excellent standard and with real enthusiasm. Leah's attitude towards school and her learning behaviour make her a great role model. Well done, Leah!

Lee ~ (St Anthony) ~ for outstanding engagement in his online working this week in all aspects of the curriculum. You are a superstar Lee, keep up the great work!

Max ~ (St Peter) ~ for his excellent autobiography; it was well structured, insightful and amusing. Keep up the brilliant work Max.



Home Learning update

EYFS

Wow! What a busy couple of weeks it has been! We have launched into our new theme called 'Winter Wonderland' and we would like to say how impressed we have been with the engagement and enthusiasm of the class. Even though it has been very different to being in school everyday, it has been wonderful having the opportunity to see and talk to the children everyday during the



online sessions. We really have appreciated how well the children have coped and contributed with speaking and written work during these sessions. Our focus has mainly been phonics and we should also say a BIG THANK YOU to the parents/carers who have supported the children during these meetings. It really is so valuable. In addition, we have really enjoyed seeing the wonderful posts, photos and videos of learning that have been uploaded onto Tapestry. Thank you so much for completing such a wide range of activities and sharing them with us. Well done everyone—you are doing an amazing job! From Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Philips



Year One



Year One have made a great start to this new and rather unexpected way of working. It has been a joy to be on Google Meet every day to catch up with each other and we have been working hard on our phonics and writing in these sessions. I want to take this opportunity to thank our lovely families for their support in being there on time, making sure the children are all ready, being patient whilst we all get used to working so differently and being supportive and encouraging throughout.



It is a pleasure to look at all the children's hard work on Purple Mash so do continue to upload work to enable us to encourage and support. Well done everyone on a super week and I look forward to doing it all again next week!

From Mrs McLoughlin



Year 2



This week has been an incredibly busy one in St Elizabeth's Class and I would like to say a very big thank you and well done to the children and parents as they have been working so hard with their home school learning. I really appreciate how things can be challenging when many parents are



busy working from home themselves and/or looking after siblings as well. You are all doing a great job! I have also really loved seeing everyone joining in and working so hard on our Google Meet

sessions. It has been lovely to say good morning to everyone each day and still be able to work together in our groups. We even had the pleasure of seeing Brooklyn and Declan's beautiful new baby brother Remy, on Wednesday in our Google session! The children have been full of enthusiasm with the start of our new topic about Space. One thing I have really enjoyed seeing this week is our Space Snacks, where children designed or made things like; Cheesy Moons, Fruit Kebab Rockets and Space Biscuits! I have also been so impressed with the artistic talent we have in Year 2 as children had great fun making space pictures with splashes, splats and dribbles of paint! Well done to everyone for being so keen and continuing to work really hard. From Mrs Gillett



Year 3



It's great to be back for another term in our "virtual classroom." I am so proud and impressed at how year 3 take everything in their stride and are always willing and ready to take on their next challenge! I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing all your faces every day; catching up, sharing ideas and showing work you are proud of. I can't wait to see all the amazing things you do this term.

I also want to say an even bigger thank you to the fabulous parents of year 3, you have really helped with our transition to remote learning. It's not always gone to plan or run smoothly but you've been there over the last few weeks to lend a hand and support the children.

From Miss Rusz



Year 4



There is only one place to start this week and that is by saying a massive, 'Thank you!' to all of the parents in Year 4 from myself and Mrs Archer. Thank you for supporting your children's learning so incredibly well, whether it be by directly helping them with work, encouraging their independence or ensuring that they have everything they need to complete their tasks and attend the Google Meets. There have already been a number of days where all of the children have attended the video calls – this really is an exceptional effort.

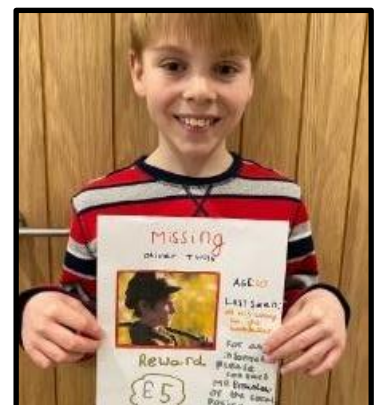
Year 4 have been really busy this week, with daily video calls focusing primarily on the fundamentals of English and maths. As well as being a really useful learning tool, the calls have enabled the children to see some of their friends, and to bring a little bit of the school to their home. The children have been busy completing their work, including a range of English writing tasks, which I'm thoroughly enjoying reading. Maths has been based on multiplication and division, so all of our work on times tables last term has come in really handy! In our topic, which is entitled 'Extreme Earth', we have been learning about tsunamis, and we've even seen tsunami experiments. P.E has been ongoing, taking a variety of different forms, and it is great that the children are enjoying their exercise. Thanks again and stay safe,
Mr Sims



Year 5



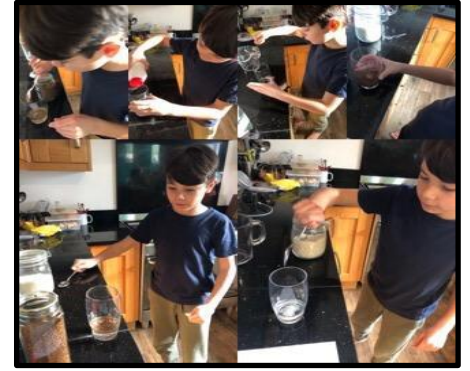
What a busy week we have had in Year 5. I have been delighted to see the children of St Anthony's Class in our daily Google Meets sessions. They have all actively taken part in discussions about the children of the Victorian era, our new History topic this term; our English text, *Oliver Twist* and also the wonderful Science experiments they took part in on Tuesday. It has been great to hear their different views of dissolving ingredients and seeing their expressions when a friend describes the gooey mess that flour makes or how sprinkles react differently to gravy granules in water!





We have started our new Class Read, *The Land of Roar* and I myself am really enjoying the experience of reading to the class again. I thank the children for the positivity and engagement in their remote learning, and also to you, our wonderful class parents. Your ongoing support

has been amazing. Many of us, adults and children, are very new to these different platforms we are using and with your help, be it uploading work or having the children ready for our daily Meets, you are making such a difference. Thank you. I wish you all well, keep safe and take care. **Mrs Howell**



Year 6



What a busy couple of 'virtual' weeks we have had in Year 6! We would like to say a huge thank you to each and every one of you and your parents for all of the support, enthusiasm and engagement as we have established our current way of teaching. It has been so lovely to see all of your faces during our daily meets and we really appreciate your participation. Thank you also for adapting so well to using Google Classroom for the majority of our

work – as we are all learning it is an excellent tool for submitting/completing your work and receiving feedback from us. We have been really impressed with your work over this fortnight with some of the highlights being: Zofia's pop art word, Finley's Amazing America topic page and Max's autobiography. Have a lovely restful weekend, we look forward to seeing you next week. **Mrs Sayer & Mrs Bracknell**



Mrs Gillett's Artist of the week

I have been delighted to see so many children enter our Artist of the Week competition and I have loved looking through the amazing artwork based on your Topic and R.E work. This week's winner goes to **Addilyn** in St Francis Class for her brilliant Penguin from the book she had been reading with her class called *Lost and Found*. She used a range of different materials such as paint, bin bags, paper and sponges as well as using her scissor skills. As you can see, the artwork ended up being bigger than her! Well done!

Mrs Gillett



Mrs Philips Reading Awards

I am so pleased that you are all keeping up your reading while at home. Don't forget, as soon as you reach a milestone, ask your parent or carer to send an email so we can send you your certificate and put your name in the newsletter. Well done to our readers this week.

Mrs Philips

Congratulations to **Scarlett** from St Francis Class who has earned her BRONZE reading certificate this week

And to the children who have earned their SILVER reading certificates this week:

Lex (St Francis), **Katarina** (St Elizabeth), **Jacob** (St Bernadette)

Georgina & Joshua (St Joseph) **Isla, Logan, Oliver, Scarlett & Samuel** (St Anthony)
and **Finley** (St Peter)

Miss Ruz's Sports Performer

Well done to **Hannah** (St Bernadette class) for being this week's award winner. She has been sending in photos of her doing lots of different PE challenges and trying to beat her personal best.

Miss Ruz

Brand New this term!

Mrs Bracknell's STEM challenges

There are many keen and enthusiastic young scientists at St. Georges, and I would like to encourage that enthusiasm by providing an exciting STEM challenge each week. The challenge can be attempted by all ages and by the whole family! They will be practical based and involve the use of materials and items found around the home. If you would like to take part in this week's challenge, click on the following link for more information: <https://stgeorges-cps-southend.primarysite.media/media/stem-challenge-15121>

I look forward to seeing your results of the challenge on our new Purple Mash blog - STEM challenges! Good luck everyone!

Mrs Bracknell

Birthdays



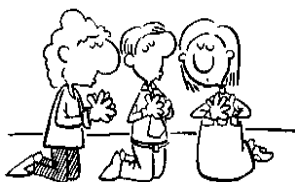
Congratulations to everyone who celebrated their birthday this week

Megan & Michelle (St Francis), **Albie & Damian** (St Therese),

Evie & Booklyn (St Elizabeth) and **Dylan** (St Anthony)

And Miss Ruz

Prayers



We continue to pray for our family, our friends and our community.

Take care, stay safe and

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado