

# 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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Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that it is half term already! What has amazed me most about these first 8 weeks has been our amazing children. I had the pleasure of walking around the school during open afternoon and was so impressed by the work – both in books and on display. The children's social and learning behaviour since returning has been fabulous and their care for their classmates and school community has been wonderful. I also would like to thank all the staff who have worked so hard during this first half term.

I wish you all a wonderful half term holiday, whatever you have planned. We look forward to welcoming you back after a well-deserved break.

Take care and God bless, Mrs Delgado



### Superstars!

This week Polly from St Anthony Class and Elise from St Elizabeth class sang at the Cliffs Pavilion with the Britain's Got Talent winners Collabro. They were chosen as part of a group representing their theatre school, Razzamataz. Well done girls!



## Dates for your diary

Half Term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> November

Back to school – All Saints Day. Mass in school for the children

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Phonics Session for Reception parents 2.30pm in the hall. Please enter via Community Suite

Tue 9<sup>th</sup> November

Information Session for Prospective Parents Reception 2022 9.30am  
Individual and Family School photographs – Pre-school children are welcome from 8.30am for family photo

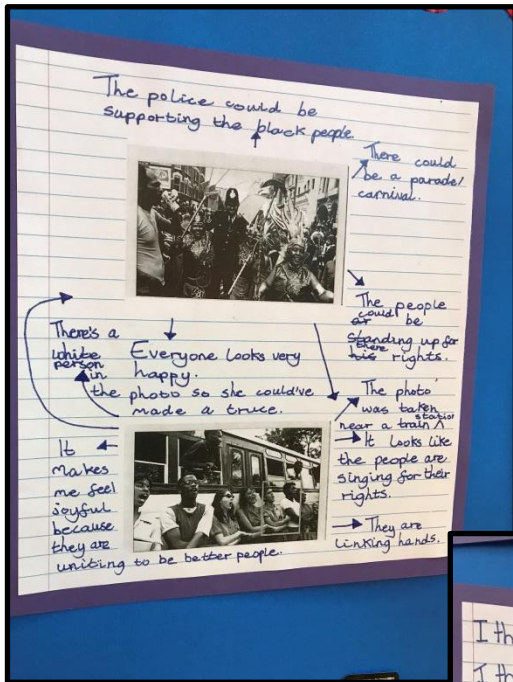
Thu 11<sup>th</sup> November

Remembrance Day Assembly 9.05am. Parents and family welcome

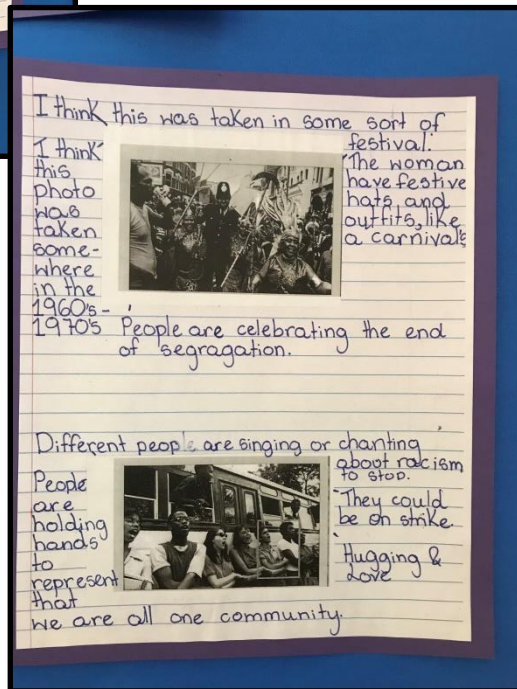
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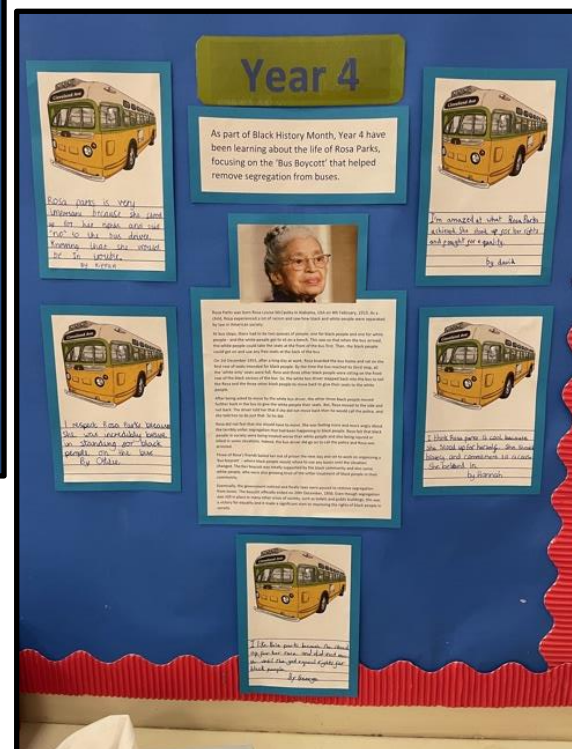
## Black History Month



As part of Black History Month, Year 6 looked at photos from the past which relate to themes of 'Black History Month'. The children had to use inference to try and answer 'who?', 'what?', 'where?' and 'when?' questions, about each of the photos. The first photo is of the Notting Hill Carnival, which was aimed at empowering cultural education and representation. The second photo is a snapshot of 'Freedom Summer', which took place in 1964. The drive was to increase the registration of black voters in Mississippi.



Year 4 have been learning about the life of Rosa Parks, focusing on the 'Bus Boycott' that was pivotal in challenging racial segregation in America.





### Head Teacher Awards

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

*Tabitha (St Francis) ~ for challenging herself in a range of activities this week.*

*Michelle ~ (St Therese) ~ What an amazing half term! Michelle has grown in confidence, is working independently, always tries her best and is a shining example of manners and politeness. Great work!*

*Folami (St Elizabeth) ~ for his excellent knowledge of place value, showing great mental maths skills and the ability to answer questions with a speedy recall. Well done Folami!!*

*Harry S. & Henry ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for their resilience, problem solving and enthusiasm to take on whatever maths challenge is in front of them. Fantastic team work!*

*Albey ~ (St Joseph) ~ for being a brilliant role model. He is conscientious and enthusiastic, displays excellent manners and is incredibly kind. Well done, Albey!*

*Ava-Joy ~ (St Anthony) ~ for always working really hard and giving 100% in all areas of the curriculum. A fantastic first half term in Year 5. Keep up the great work, you are a star Ava-Joy!*

*Edie ~ (St Peter) ~ for blossoming in confidence in our most recent maths lessons. Edie has confidently explained her answers, using the correct mathematical method. Great work Edie!*





**Show Racism the Red Card**

Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) is the UK's largest anti-racism educational charity. It was established in January 1996, thanks in part to a donation by then Newcastle United goalkeeper Shaka Hislop. The children looked fabulous in red and it was great that we came together as a school to raise awareness of anti-racism. Thank you to everyone who took part.



## Half Term Homework

This week, I spoke to children about a very important letter that we have received. Pope Francis has written this letter and it is addressed to every person on this planet, asking us all to protect our common home... The Earth. One of the key things is recycling. As a school, we have entered a competition for schools and business in Southend, to design a logo to help businesses recycle more. More details can be found [HERE](#)

A colorful poster for the 'PlastiCity Logo Design Competition'. The title 'PlastiCity' is in large white letters with a colorful shadow effect, and 'LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION' is in smaller black letters below it. The poster is divided into four sections: 'Win a prize for designing a logo' (blue), 'What will you win?' (pink), 'What happens to the winning design?' (green), and 'Logo Requirements' (yellow). The background features faint icons of a pencil, a lightbulb, a gear, and a recycling symbol.

# PlastiCity

## LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

### Win a prize for designing a logo

We are asking students to come up with a logo for our new "green" award scheme. The purpose of the award is to inspire businesses and schools across the borough to reduce, reuse and recycle more of their plastic waste and to raise awareness of environmental issues.

### What will you win?

A winner will be selected from each Key Stage and they will each receive a £20 voucher and a poster of their artwork. The winning entries will be put to the public vote and the overall winner will receive:

- A framed copy of your artwork
- A trophy
- £50 voucher for your school to be spent on environmental or recycling resources

### What happens to the winning design?

The winning logo will be displayed on the windows and websites of schools and businesses that get involved with the Southend Green Accreditation scheme.

### Logo Requirements

- The design must be a maximum of A4 in size
- White or transparent background
- Look to include PlastiCity colours of navy, blue, pink, yellow and green
- Be inspired by Southend-on-Sea, plastic recycling or wider environmental issues
- Logos can be drawn either on paper or made using graphic design software
- All artwork must be that of the entrant

All entries will need to be either brought into school, or sent to [office@st-georges.southend.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-georges.southend.sch.uk) titled LOGO COMP. The pictures will need to be in PDF, JPEG or PNG FORMAT. The closing date will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. You will need to write on the back, or include in the email your child's name, age, year group and school name. It would be great if lots of our children participate to show their support for ways to look after our Earth.

## Buddies

Yesterday, the children from Reception and Year 6 finally met their buddies. The reception children loved spending time with the older children who will play an important part of their first year at St George's. You can see some photos of their first introductions

## Friend of St George's PTA Meeting

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend this week's meeting. It was a fabulous meeting with lots of ideas about the upcoming Christmas events.

Just a reminder about the sponsored read during half term. The project is being organized in conjunction with our Usborne Partner, Sarah Mackenzie, and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school. You can find a copy of the letter to parents/guardians and a sponsor form on the school website.

The PTA are collaborating with iQ cards again for our Christmas card fundraiser. The children will come home with an A5 design sheet and information pack for them to create their very own Christmas card design over half term. Instructions and prices will be in the pack. Please note, we will need to collect all designs and money by the 3rd November. There will be an option to pay cash or PayPal at [pta@st-georges.southend.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-georges.southend.sch.uk), putting your child's name in the notes section.

## Artist of the Month



The artist of the month for October is **Nate** from St Peter's Class for his poppy artwork. The children have been learning about Remembrance Day and the symbolism of the poppy. Nate used oil pastels to create his version of a piece of artwork, originally by Georgia O'Keeffe. He used different tones of red and orange to create the folds in the beautiful poppy petals.

## Sports Awards

Mrs Philips couldn't just choose just one performer this week, so she went for 2! This week's performers are **Willow** and **Elsie**. They were chosen because of their fabulous performance using the apparatus. Congratulations to both of you!

## Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who celebrated their birthday this week.

**Finley** (St Francis), **Alex & Sophia** (St Therese), **Alfie** (St Elizabeth), **Henry** (St Bernadette),  
**Eva** (St Anthony) and **Tom** (St Peter)

And an early HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those celebrating during half term.

Rosie S. (St Francis), Mia-Rae (St Elizabeth), Albey & George (St Joseph), Aubrey (St Anthony),  
Harley (St Peter) and Mr Sims and Mrs O'Shea

### Year R Admissions ~ September 2022

If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, they are due to start school in September 2022. Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from 14<sup>th</sup> September until the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Please note that a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be completed. [CLICK HERE](#) for a copy of the form. If your child has been baptised, or equivalent, in a Christian church, please send a copy of their certificate in with your application. The Supplementary Information Form is to be returned to the school by 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022

### Open mornings for Reception 2022

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2022. Each session will take place from 9.30~10.30am and will include a talk from the Headteacher, a tour of the school and the opportunity to ask questions. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November

### Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time.  
God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*

Diary Dates

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saints Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Information Session for Reception 2022 9.30am-10.30am
	Phonics Session for Reception Parents 2.30pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photos
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Class Assembly Remembrance Day Parents and Carers welcome
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Information Session for Reception 2022 9.30am-10.30am
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Awareness Day – Wear odd socks to school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Information Session for Reception 2022 9.30am-10.30am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day (details to follow)

	Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Tournament
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 height and weight check
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Boccia and New Age Curling Tournament
w/b Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Last week of clubs
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance 9.15am for Year 1 Parents
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance 9.15am for Year 2 Parents
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Class Nativity Performance 9.15am Parents welcome
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service 2pm at St. George's Church
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper/Outfit day
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of Spring Term 2021
w/b 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022</b>	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day – Dress as a book character
w/b 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
w/b 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair Week
	Parent and Carer Consultation Week
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Afternoon 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Key Stage 2 Assisi Cross Country
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
w/b 28 <sup>th</sup> March (Mon-Thu)	Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross 9am Parents welcome
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of Spring Term
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022</b>	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term 2022
	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Non uniform day for winning house team
	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 4 Bikeability
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank holiday
w/b 9 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 1 Assisi Cross Country
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Class School Photographs
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2022</b>	

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Additional Bank holiday for Queen's Jubilee
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION DAY 2022
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Assisi Sports
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Assisi Sports
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 & 6 Production 9.15am & 6pm Parents and Carers welcome
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Non uniform day for winning house team
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022</b>	