



# 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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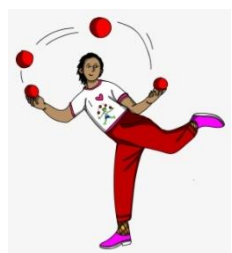
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To our wonderful community,

### We made it!



Today is the last day of the first half of the Spring Term. I think we can all agree that for many people in our community and country, this has been a very challenging time. I would like to thank all of you for your monumental efforts during these last six weeks. The children have done so well to stay engaged with this very different way of working. You, the parents and carers, have organised, juggled, rearranged, got active and creative, done

whatever you can, to support your child in their home learning. The staff have found new ways to motivate the children, to interact with them and to preserve their love of learning during this time away from school.



To all of you,

*Thank  
You*

Time for a well-earned break for all of us. Have a wonderful half term, I pray that you all enjoy some rest, some peace and some much needed 'you' time. There isn't much we can do to change the national situation, BUT we can look after our own mental and physical wellbeing during this time. Along with the newsletter, I have attached 'Parent Health and Wellbeing', a leaflet with great ideas for parents and carers. The tips are relevant for the whole family really, but the focus is on you, the adults, this time. I hope that you find the activities useful.

Take care and stay safe,  
Much love, **Annabelle Delgado**

Today we also said 'goodbye for the time being' to Mrs Sayer who is beginning her maternity leave. As a school community, we wish you all the very best and look forward to hearing and sharing the wonderful news that baby has arrived and you are both safe and sound.



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### Getting in touch

As you can imagine, we are all taking a break next week. Therefore, the office will not be responding to any emails until we return on Monday 22nd February. The only exception is if families need to inform the school of a positive COVID test within the household. Please could you mark it FAO Mrs Delgado. Thanking you in advance.

### Friends of St Georges PTA

Please join us on Tuesday 16th February for a sponsored pancake flip. How you join in is up to you, you can collect sponsors per flip or you could pay an entry fee of £3 per child. Parents and carers are welcome to join the fun too! All monies raised will go into the schools PTA fund for future school projects. Please make sure you share your photos and videos in portrait with the school so we can all share in the excitement. Once you have finished please let your class rep know how many flips you have completed so we can see which year group flipped their way to claim the title of 'Top Flippers 2021'.



### An offer from Asda



Asda are reaching out to all local primary schools and nurseries to share the news of our Kids Eat Free Deal, when a parent or guardian spends £1 or more in our ASDA Cafe located in Shoeburyness Superstore at North Shoebury Road.

Children can create their own lunch bag consisting of a sandwich, fruit, drink, crisps and a sweet treat. Kids can also have free hot meals from our special kids menu such as hot dogs, fish fingers, spaghetti bolognaise and a lot more! During these tough times, we would like to lend a hand to those in need of free meals for their children. Please spread the word and together we will help get everyone through this.

### Birthdays

I am not sure what happened last week, but I forgot to include the birthdays – I am so sorry! Time to make amends...!

Congratulations to those who celebrated last week...

**Addilyn & George (St Francis), Kieran (St Bernadette)  
and Leah (St Joseph)**

Happy Birthday to those whose celebrated this week....

**Teddy (St Francis), Jake (St Elizabeth), Alex & Joseph (St Joseph)  
and Mrs Fitchew**

And to those celebrating during half term...

**River-Jane (St Francis), Folami & Amaya (St Therese), Maisie &  
Imogen (St Elizabeth) and Stanislaw (St Bernadette)**

**Happy  
BIRTHDAY**



### Head Teacher Awards

*Scarlett ~ (St Francis) ~ for fantastic home learning this week. You have been particularly creative with your Chinese New Year activities. Well done!*

*Albie ~ (St Therese) ~ for always trying his best in Google Meets and work online. Albie always has a cheerful smile and a positive attitude to every activity! Great work Albie!*

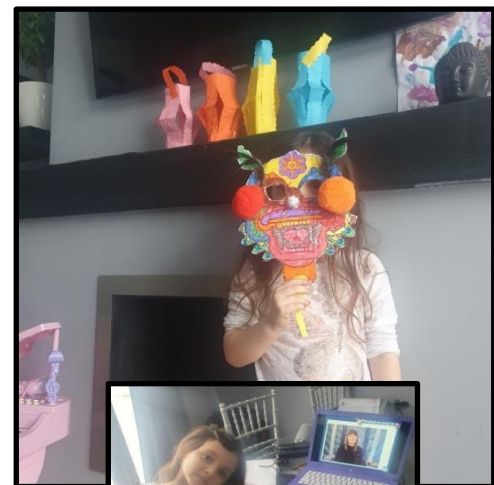
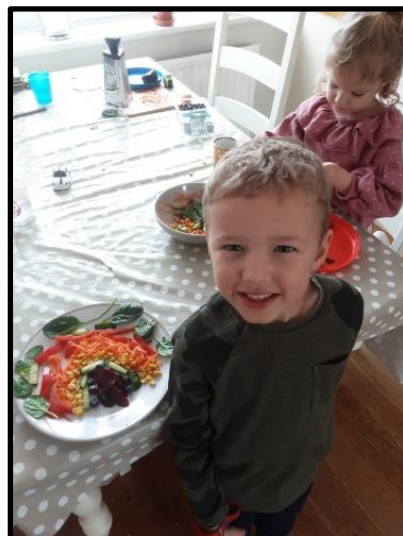
*Harry S. ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for working incredibly hard with his home learning throughout this half-term. He is also very keen to use his spare time at home effectively by developing his hobbies such as keeping fit and baking. Well done Harry and keep it up!*

*Kieran ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for an amazing half term and working hard. His outstandingly beautiful artwork of cherry blossom this week left us all speechless!*

*Reuben ~ (St Joseph) ~ for working with enthusiasm and keeping me entertained with his written work in English. He always has a smile on his face in our video calls too. Well done and keep it up!*

*Logan ~ (St Anthony) ~ for consistently engaging with all of the activities set for him on the weekly timetable and for bringing his fantastic thoughts and ideas to our daily Meets. Well done Logan, you are a shining star!*

*Florance V.~ (St Peter) ~ for an excellent level of engagement during this week's remote learning and Google Meets. Keep up the brilliant work Florance!*



## Home Learning update

### EYFS



Wow! We have come to the end of a very busy half-term of home learning. We have been amazed at how well everyone has adapted to this new way of learning and have been really grateful for all of the efforts that everyone has put into learning at this challenging time. This week has been dominated by lots of fun in the snow! We have seen some wonderful snow pictures with some brilliant snowmen sculptures, sledging adventures and snow angels. Alongside this very cold and wintry week, we have been looking at activities based around Chinese New Year. We have been reading and retelling a story and creating lots of Chinese New Year crafts.

Our maths focus has been continuing with the theme of numbers 6, 7, and 8. During our Google Meets, we have been recapping our phonics learning from this half-term and playing games to consolidate our knowledge. We would like to say a great big THANK YOU for all of the continued support that you have given to the children and to us. We would like to wish you all a safe, happy and restful half-term break.

From Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Philips



### Year One



Year One have loved having fun in the snow this week. We have sledged, walked, made snowmen and winter decorations and helped out neighbours by clearing driveways. It was a great job in lifting spirits and sharing joy and kindness to others.

As usual, our work this week has been varied and the children have all engaged brilliantly from our Google Meets and practising phonics to our English writing about a mischievous pixie and practising ordering numbers and place value in maths.



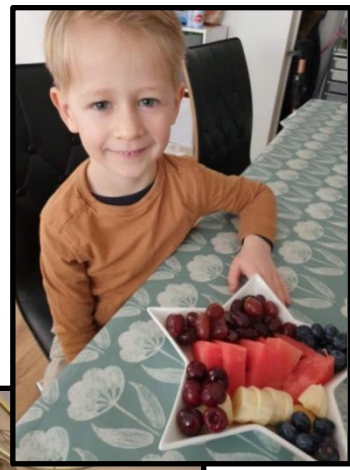


Our 'no screen' day this week was filled with children creating Rainbow Salads and trying all sorts of ingredients with varying degrees of success!

The children have also been learning about Chinese New Year (the Year of the Ox) this week and have been busy making dragons to celebrate. I would like to

say a huge thank you to all of our lovely families for all the support, dedication, hard work and patience over a very different half term. We have got to half term and I am extremely grateful that we have been able to work together in what could feel a difficult time! Enjoy a very well deserved and relaxed half term!

From Mrs McLoughlin



## Year Two



Year 2 have been as busy as ever this week, despite it being our last week before a much needed half-term break, their effort during our lockdown learning has made me feel so proud of them. On Monday, I loved looking at the children's snow photos. It was so wonderful to see everyone outside enjoying themselves, with sledging, snowball fights, building snowmen and even

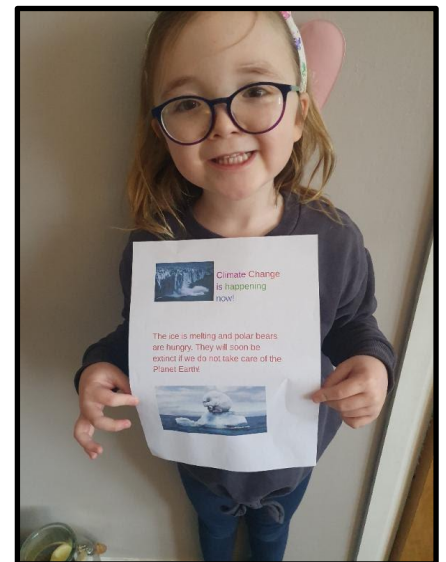
snow-trampolining!

At the beginning of the week the children enjoyed a Science lesson about climate change and they matched key words to definitions and created fantastic posters all about Climate change.



On Tuesday, we celebrated Internet Safety Day and we made acrostic poems and rules in our Google Meet sessions explaining all about the different ways to keep safe online.

We have also been very busy learning about the Chinese New Year and we have read stories about Chinese festivals, the Chinese Zodiac and the children loved making Chinese lanterns.



In R.E we have started our new topic about the Eucharist and we have been learning about the different parts in Mass. The children sequenced pictures and wrote sentences about each part. They also recalled when the priest uses the same words that Jesus did at the Last Supper.



The children have also had lots of fun completing the '100 or Moore challenge'. Jake managed to achieve 100 star jumps!

Once again, a huge well done to all of our Year 2 families for making it a fantastic half term. You have all worked so hard over the last six weeks and you really deserve a well-earned rest over half term! Thank you for all of your support and enthusiasm.  
From Mrs Gillett

### Year 3



Wow, what a half term it has been. We've managed to squeeze so much into the last few weeks but this one has been my favourite by far! The weather this week brought us snow much fun! Our online classroom has been filled with smiley faces playing in the snow, building snowmen and sledging.

As we end our topic all about mountains and volcanoes, we've even had children who have built mountains out of snow with lego figurines climbing to the top and had snow volcanoes erupting!



And if snow mountains wasn't enough, some children even made edible mountains out of cake!

The children have also been thinking about Chinese New Year which is today! To celebrate, the children have been studying the traditional tale of Mulan this week, looking at their names in Chinese and Chinese inspired artwork.



I want to take this opportunity to say thank you first of all to all the children in Year 3. You have been amazing as always and I am so proud of the resilience, hard work and enthusiasm you have shown throughout this half term. Enjoy a well-deserved rest whether it be flipping pancakes and making delicious combinations of toppings or just taking some time for yourselves. Also a huge thank you to all the parents who have read instructions, uploaded work, supported their child's learning and just been superheroes. I hope you also enjoy a well-deserved rest next week!

From Miss Ruzs

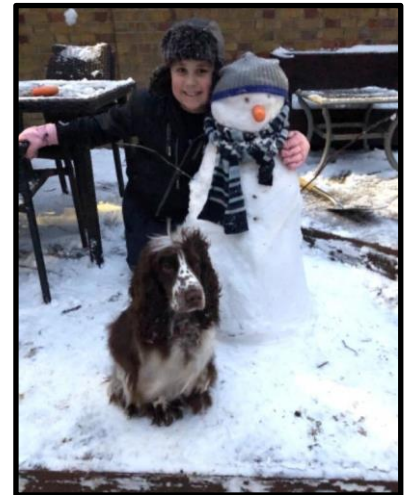


## Year 4



Year 4 have had a great week. In maths, we have continued our work on fractions, and in English, we have completed a range of written tasks around our new text, 'Time Freeze' – a story of a child who finds a device that is able to freeze time. The children particularly enjoyed sharing their ideas on what they would do if they had such a device. Our Google Meets have given us further opportunities to see one another, whilst cementing our knowledge of apostrophes for possession, and

sharing exciting news. During Tuesday's video calls, we recognised 'Safer Internet Day' by looking at ways to check that things we see online are safe and reliable. Remember, if in doubt, speak to a trusted adult. In our topic work, we have continued to look at earthquakes and focused our learning on tectonic plates. In science, we have been



learning about pond habitats and the creatures that live in them, and our R.E has seen us continue our topic on 'Giving and Receiving'. We have also been completing a variety of activities on Fridays, when we have had time away from screens and devices. The snow that we've had has definitely helped to encourage people to go outside and have fun! A huge well done to those who have completed extra challenges this week. We've seen a number of outstanding paper chain

makers – no doubt you can put your skills to good use next Christmas.

Lastly, a massive thank you to parents and children alike for your amazing efforts this half term. I never cease to be astounded at how well you're all doing in the most testing of circumstances. Keep up the enthusiasm – you're all superstars!

Thank you for your continued efforts. Stay safe and have a wonderful half term. Mr Sims





As we come to the end of this half term, I look back at the weeks and see how the children of St Anthony's Class have continued to grow; their attitude to remote learning is outstanding, they put every effort into their work and the standard of work they are producing is truly wonderful. I am so very proud of every one of them.



This week, as was to be expected, the children were so excited to be getting out in the snow. I have had reports each day of

what they have been up to; a few Winter Olympians of the future maybe! We have had the opportunity to watch assemblies again this week. On Tuesday, the children watched a special assembly for Safer Internet Day and used the topic to do some work in English around the theme 'An internet we trust'. In Art, we have been drawing dragons to welcome Chinese New Year; bright and colourful creatures, some friendly, others not so.



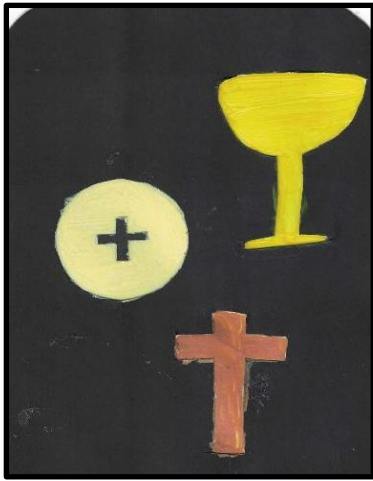
We enjoyed another screen free day on Wednesday - the big event of this half term - St Anthony's Class Bake Off. If only Mrs Heal and myself could have taste tested these marvellous creations! The children showed brilliant baking skills to produce a wonderful range of tasty goodies.

After such a busy half term out of the classroom, I want to congratulate and thank all of the children in St Anthony's Class. They really are fabulous and make me smile every day. I would also like to thank all our Class parents and guardians for your ongoing support, you too are fabulous! I wish you all a restful and



relaxing break. Take care, stay safe. From Mrs Howell

## Year 6



A busy last week of half term for Year 6! This week we moved onto algebra in Maths and have been stretching our brains to write and solve equations. In English we finished our poetry work by writing a poem about an emotion using personification. Our RE work was all about unity and how the sacrament of Communion unites us as God's family - we have seen some lovely examples of art work to represent this theme. Thank you for all of your brilliant America research topics, the facts you've learnt and your

Power Point skills have been amazing! We're sure you'll agree that the snow this week has been a welcome distraction and we're so pleased to see that you've been out and about enjoying walks,

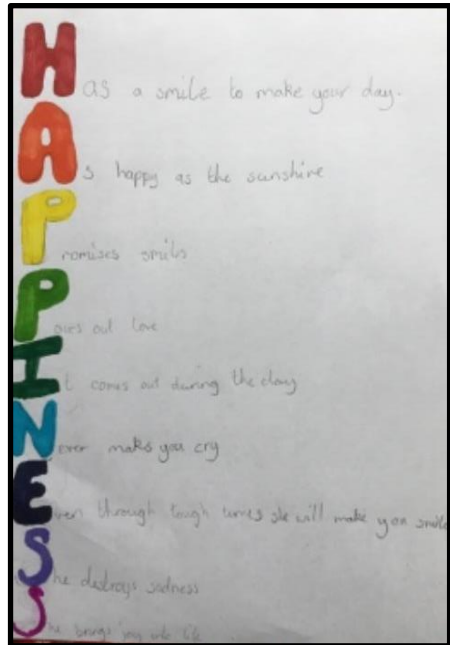
sledging, snowman building and angel making!



Year 6 - we have been so impressed with the array of work you have completed not just this week but this whole half term. We appreciate that working remotely is not easy but you have continued to work with enthusiasm, independence and determination. We would like to say a big thank you to you and your families for all of your efforts and hard work. You definitely all deserve a rest next week!

Wishing you all a peaceful half term.

Take care, Mrs Sayer & Mrs Bracknell

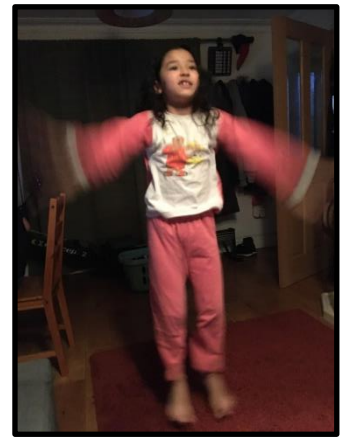


## Miss Ruz's Sports Performer



Well done to everyone who has already completed their 100 of something in memory of Sir Captain Tom Moore. There's been 100 star jumps, 100 laps and 100 hearts so far. Keep them coming St George's!

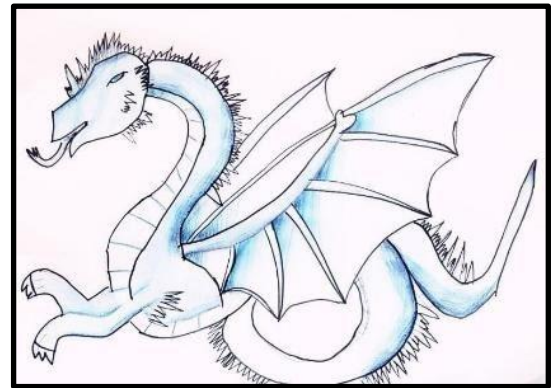
**Miss Ruz**



## Mrs Gillett's Artist of the week

Today is the start of the Chinese New Year and this week many children were inspired by Chinese art. There have been some amazing creations and once again it has made it impossible to pick just one winner, so this week there are three winners!

Hannah ~ for her drawing of a beautiful 'ice dragon' to tie in with our icy weather we have been experiencing this week.



Albert (St Elizabeth) ~ for his brilliantly decorated Chinese lantern.

Kieran (St Bernadette) ~ for his amazing pastel drawing of the moon with beautiful Chinese blossom trees.



Well done to all three of the winners.

**Mrs Gillett**

## Mrs Philips Reading Awards

Well done to our readers this week.

Congratulations to Lucy (St Joseph) who earned her BRONZE reading certificate this week and to our SILVER award readers:

George (St Francis), Meredith (St Therese), Kamila (St Elizabeth) and Freya W. (St Bernadette)

*Mrs Philips*

## Mrs Bracknell's STEM challenge

I have been 'wowed' by all your fabulous paper chains this week and it has been a fierce competition! Some of the children competed with their family members and others tried this task more than once, to try and increase the length of their chain. I have awarded STEM certificates for a number of reasons:



Well done Hannah and Katie for making the longest paper chains.

Well done to the Fitzpatrick family for taking on the challenge as a family.



Well done Max for attempting this task more than once, to perfect your chain.



Thank you to all the families that have attempted the STEM challenges this half term. It has been a pleasure to see all your wonderful investigative skills!

*Mrs Bracknell*

Mrs Lawrence's Prayer Corner

Aubrey's thanksgiving prayer encapsulates how many of us were feeling this week.



Dear Lord  
Thank you for this wonderful  
snow, you have brought so much  
joy to everyone's lives in a hard  
time.  
Amen



We continue to pray for our family, our friends and our community.  
Have a wonderful half term,  
God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*