



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,

Today marks an important time in all of our lives. Remote learning is officially finished!

Speaking on behalf of all of the staff, we cannot wait to see you all on Monday to restart our learning journey, in school, together. It will be truly wonderful for the school to be filled once again with the business and excitement of learning, for every room to be alive with the sound of teachers and children, and to see all the faces of parents and carers that we have missed so much. I think it is important to remember that the children have continued to learn while they have been at home. It may be a new skill, a new concept, or consolidating their learning from the Autumn Term. I know many of you are worried about possible gaps in your child's knowledge and understanding; this is only to be expected. However, please be assured, as soon as your children arrive back at school and settle, they will all become wonderful 'sponges' that naturally absorb the learning around them and they will soar. If there are any areas that need some extra input, the staff will put things in place, and with your help and support, our children will be in the best position to reach their full potential during the rest of this academic year.

The most important thing to all of us is the children and their well being; that is the cornerstone and the base from which a child can take the risk of learning. The class teams have organised and prepared lots of activities to build confidence, resilience, friendships, independence, collaboration, all within various subjects that will engage all of the children.

As I said last week, there may be some nervous tummies over the weekend, but we always try to describe them as good nerves; the ones that make us feel excited and looking forward to what's ahead.

We will all be waiting for you on Monday morning with big smiles, bundles of care and support, and most importantly, with thanksgiving that we have all returned safe and sound.

Much love, **Annabelle Delgado**



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Reminders for next week

It has been lovely to chat to parents and carers over the last couple of days, Hopefully, you should have received a confirmation email of drop off and pick up time & place.

Due to the changes in routine, we anticipate that some of the children may be a little tired as they reajust to the term time sleep routine. In addition to this, many of you have mentioned that your child's eating habits changed, with the children eating more than usual, and also eating more often than usual! Bearing this in mind, we ask that you make sure that your child has a good lunch during this first week, and that you pack a breaktime snack. I am sure they will also be famished by the time 10.00am comes around! We ask that snacks are fresh fruit/vegetables, or healthy snacks such as cheese. We do not allow biscuits, chocolate, crisps or any nut product for snack. I am sure your child will appreciate a food pit stop mid morning!

The staff have planned lots of physical activities for the children so it is important that all jewellery is removed before coming to school and the children come in dressed for P.E. on their specified days.

As I said in my previous communication, the office area will continue to remain closed for the time being, so if you have any questions, please email or ring the school.

Birthdays



Congratulations to everyone celebrating their birthday this week.
Sophie (St Francis), Elijah (St Elizabeth), Jacob (St Bernadette), Jacob
R. (St Joseph) Lilah & Ernie (St Anthony)
and Mr O'Shea & Mrs Heal

Mrs Philips Reading Awards

Congratulations to Ernie & Elicia (St Anthony) who earned their BRONZE reading certificate this week and to our SILVER award readers:

Pippa & Teddy (St Francis), Albie & Chloe (St Therese), Amelie & Henry (St Elizabeth),
Archie & Isabella (St Bernadette), Leah (St Joseph) and Edie (St Anthony)

...And our FIRST GOLD award recipients

Lex & Teddy (St Francis), Jude (St Therese) Heidi, Imogen & Jake (St Elizabeth), Archie (St Bernadette), Leah (St Joseph) and Logan, Hannah, Isla & Julia (St Anthony)

Mrs Philips

Mrs Bracknell's STEM challenge



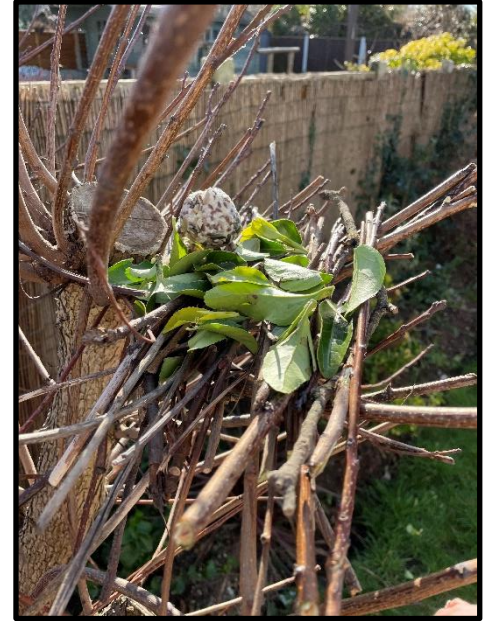
This week, the children were asked to attempt their own STEM challenge. We had entries that included crystal growing and rocket making!

The winner of this week's challenge is Henry from St Elizabeth's Class. Henry made a bird nest for his garden and also made bird food using lard and bird seed. Fantastic work Henry!

Thank you for all the entries I have had since starting the STEM

challenge blog. It has been a pleasure seeing lots of budding scientists, mathematicians and engineers in our St. George's community.

Mrs Bracknell



Mrs Gillett's Artist of the week

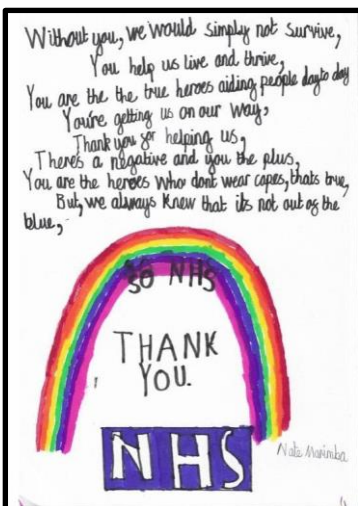
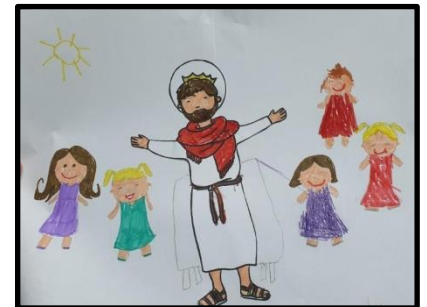


I have loved looking at everyone's amazing artwork this week and I have chosen three pieces of art that really stood out!

The first goes to Natalia for her sculpture of a volcano, which she made using a melon skin, melted wax crayons, stones and tissue paper. I am sure you will agree that it looks very realistic, especially the lava!

Sophie is another winner for her wonderful Eucharist drawing of her, with her friends and Jesus. I hope that everyone is going to

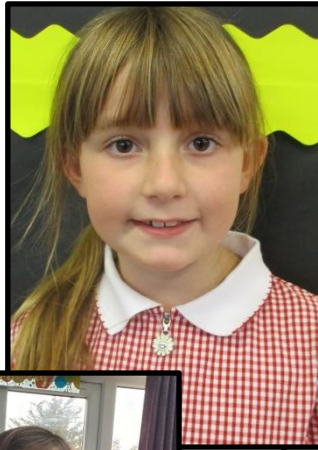
be as happy as the children in Sophie's picture next week, when they are able to play with their friends again.



Nate is our other winner for his fantastic NHS poster, where he has added beautiful words of thanks. His work, along with others that entered the ITU Wonderwall competition will be used to brighten up the ITU staffrooms for the nurses at Southend Hospital.

Well done to all three of our winners!

Mrs Gillett



Head Teacher Awards

Sophie T ~ (St Francis ~ for working really hard when completing home learning activities. You have done a great job. Well done Sophie!

Jude ~ for a super effort in our last week of home schooling. Jude always has a cheerful smile and positive attitude in our Google Meets and has worked incredibly hard on all activities this week. Well done Jude!

Jake ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for working consistently hard with his home school activities. He has continued to challenge himself with every task from the timetable and kept up his enthusiasm for learning throughout. Well done Jake!

Honey ~ (St Bernadette) ~ Honey has been a superstar! She has worked so hard on all her tasks and her wonderful smile has certainly lit up the room and cheered everyone up over the last few weeks. Well done, Honey!

Jacob R. ~ (St Joseph) ~ working enthusiastically and having a fantastic attitude. He has always had a wonderful smile waiting for us at the start of our Google Meets, and we look forward to seeing it in the classroom next week. What a superstar!

Edie ~ (St Anthony) ~ for her outstanding efforts in all her remote learning tasks every week since the beginning of term. Edie always tries her very best, perseveres even in the most challenging tasks and always presents her work with such attention to detail. She is a wonderful role model and bright star in St Anthony's Class.

Grace ~ (St Peter) ~ for her fabulous poetry writing about a tiger. Grace has worked hard creating a poem with a consistent rhyming pattern and has used brilliant descriptive language. Well done!

And the final Head Teacher award, nominated by Miss Rusz and seconded by ALL the staff, goes to...

The Parents and Carers at St George's ~ For your patience, care and understanding and, their ability to adapt to challenging situations. Thank you!

Home Learning update

EYFS



We have had a busy final week of home learning. Our transport theme has continued with the story of 'The Train Ride'. Once again, the children have been sharing and retelling this story. They have then written their own sentences about something that the train went by on its journey. With our creative activities this week, we have been looking at making our own trains using a range of materials from Lego to recycling materials. We have seen some amazing models with lots of detail. In addition, many children have also completed a train themed activity on Purple Mash.

Our maths has moved on to looking at numbers 9 and 10 and there has been some super practical and recorded work. Thursday was World Book Day and we completed a story quiz during our Google Meets, as well as thinking about and sharing our favourite books. We have also seen some wonderful drawings on Tapestry of favourite books and characters.



We have been so impressed with all of the efforts and enthusiasm over the last few weeks. Everyone has done an amazing job. Thank you to all of the children and families for their continued support. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back next week!

From Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Philips



Year One

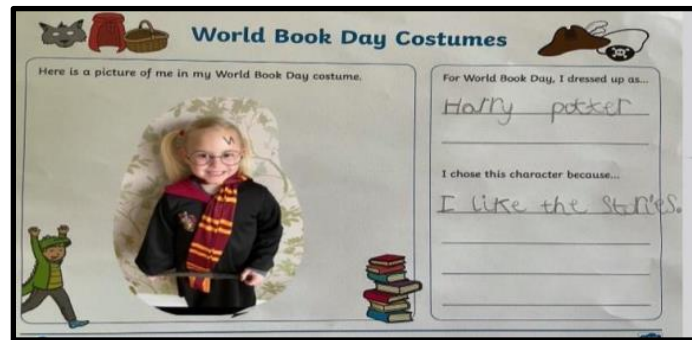
We did it! We got through a tough 8 weeks of home schooling!

A big thank you to our fabulous families for keeping the children as engaged and motivated as possible and, of course, to the children for their hard work, resilience, perseverance and smiles



throughout! We cannot wait to be back in school and in class next week and are looking forward to spending time catching up with all of the children.

This week has still been a productive week in home schooling with children enjoying a range of activities. They have investigated the properties of lego in science, learned The Lord's Prayer in our R.E., baked all sorts of delicious treats and dressed up for World Book Day and joined in



with activities too. All that as well as the maths and English! Great work everybody!

The Year One team wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing the smiles on everyone's faces next week!

From Mrs McLoughlin

Year Two



As we complete our last week of home learning Year 2 have continued to work extremely hard. We have been busy celebrating World Book Day throughout the week with a variety of activities such as: drawing the front covers of our favourite book. Here is Lyla's drawing of the Snail and the Whale. Some of the children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters and they wrote descriptions about their favourite book character. Here is Max as Stickman! We also enjoyed making our very own bookmarks. This is Katarina's beautiful creation.



On Wednesday the children were as creative as ever on their non-screen day. Henry was inspired by his favourite book - Harry Potter and decided to invent his very own potion!



Amelie did some baking and made some yummy chocolate brownies and

Lily produced her very own board game based on an underwater theme where the winner gets to reach a treasure chest.

I would like to say how proud I am of St. Elizabeth's class for working so hard during their home schooling and for always being so happy and enthusiastic during our Google Meet sessions. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of our fabulous parents for their support and encouragement during this time. I truly cannot wait to see everyone back at school next week, where we will be having a very fun packed week celebrating Science week and settling back into our school routines!



From Mrs Gillett

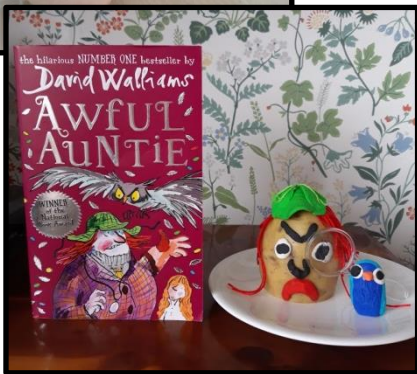
Year 3



The last few months have been challenging for us all but year 3 have shown exceptional resilience and adaptability. They have risen to these challenges with strength and determination but most of all with a positive attitude. I have been so impressed with their commitment and maturity and I know that they will be ready to rise to any future challenge.



Whilst most children may already have their bags packed and ready for Monday morning, some children may be feeling anxious. All the staff in year 3 want you to know that we are all thinking of you and are so proud of everything that you have done. We are excited to have you back in the classroom and are even more excited to see



what you can achieve over the next few months. We know that you can do anything you put your mind to! Always remember, if you believe you can, you are halfway there!

From Miss Rusz



Year 4



Year 4 have been as busy as ever in our final week of home learning. In maths, we have continued our work on fractions, and in English, we have completed a range of written tasks on our text, 'The Sleeping Volcano'. Our Google Meets have also focused on maths and English, and it has been lovely to see everyone's faces, but we have all agreed that we can't wait to be back in the classroom on Monday. In our topic work, we have continued to look at earthquakes, and in science, we have been learning about animals by using flow charts. R.E has seen us continue

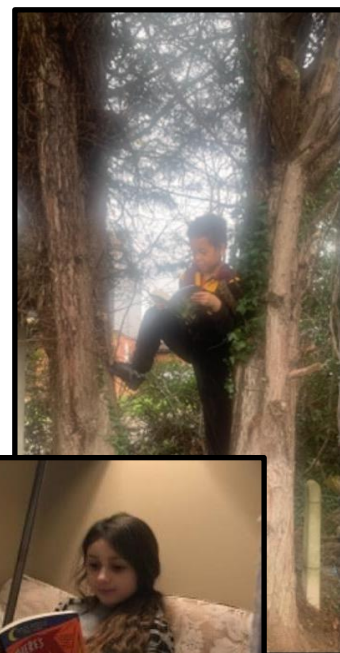
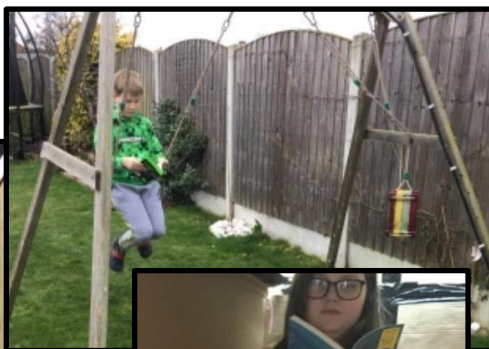
our topic on 'Self-Discipline'. We enjoyed World Book Day on Thursday and we had the opportunity to dress up as a character and read a book in a different place to normal.



Thank you so much, children, for your amazing efforts over the course of the last eight weeks – I am very proud of you all. You have shown incredible resilience and mental strength, and the experience will help you going forward.

I'd also like to thank you, parents and carers, for helping the children to navigate through their home learning, whilst continuing with your other roles. You are all amazing.

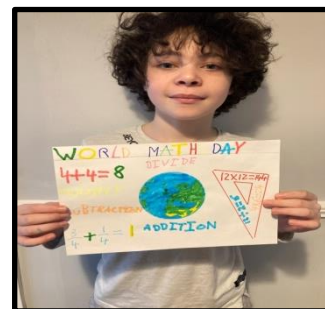
Stay safe, Mr Sims



Year 5



Here we are coming to the end of our Remote Learning. I could not be prouder of the children of St Anthony's Class. We have had lots of fun, great Meets and progress across the curriculum with outstanding tasks completed over this Spring Term. This week, we have continued to share our skills, great work and discussions. On Monday, we retitled the day 'Magical Music Monday'; we listened and sang



along to a very wide range of songs and some children performed to their friends – a very talented class of musicians. On Tuesday, all the children brought their cuddly toys to our Google Meets for a Teddy Bear Tuesday. On Wednesday, we celebrated



World Maths Day by making fabulous eye-catching posters to celebrate Maths and yesterday, we all celebrated World Book Day by dressing as favourite book characters, taking part in quizzes, watching video messages from authors and completing book-themed challenges. This week, we have also written wonderful book reviews, made our own books and even created toilet roll book characters.





Today, as the children have a screen free day, myself and Mrs Heal are planning activities and fun for the children and getting ready to welcome them back on Monday morning. We have missed each one of them so much and look forward to being together as a team of Fabulous 5s again. This message ends with

a special note to all our Class parents, Thank you for your support and encouraging your children to be so very special every day. Take care.

From Mrs Howell



Year 6



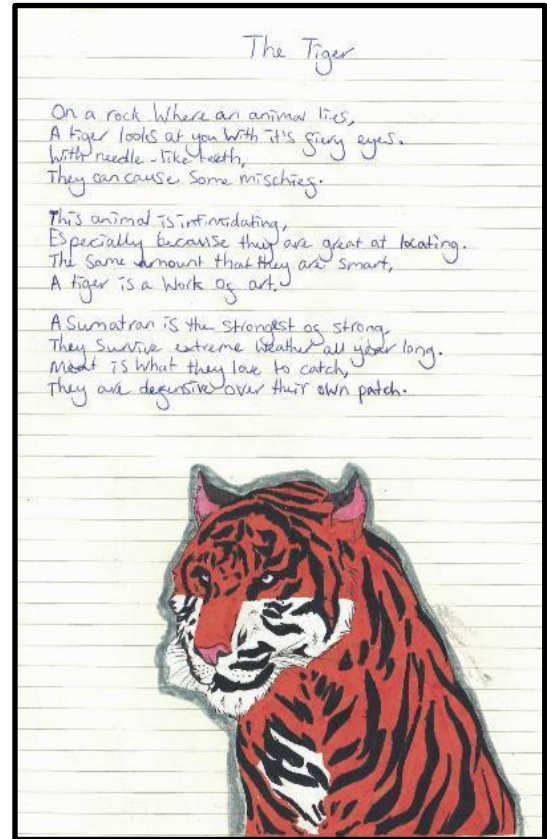
This week has been a great end to remote learning. The children have produced some fabulous pieces of poetry and even led our final google meets, by discussing their favourite book/author to celebrate, 'World book day'. All your contributions were brilliant!

Thank you to all the year 6 children and the families supporting them, throughout home learning. We are so looking forward to bringing some life back into our classroom and coming together as a community again. We have many exciting

activities planned for next week and we look forward to sharing them with you!

Take care for now and see you all on Monday morning.

Mrs Bracknell



God Bless and wishing you all a lovely weekend.

See you on Monday,

Mrs Delgado