



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,

Half Term already!

Well done to all the children who have worked so hard during the first half of this summer term! I know it has been a very different summer term than we are used to, but it's been wonderful to still see all the work that the children have been producing. The school will be closed during half term as we need to prepare to welcome children back to school from 1st June, at the earliest.

During the half term we encourage families to have a rest from school activities. We fully appreciate how hard this half term has been for many of you, and **THANK YOU** for your support, time and commitment. You all deserve a break, as do the children.

For those that wish to keep a sense of routine, the activities can be found below, and overleaf. There will be no new postings or messages from staff on Tapestry, Purple Mash or the website during next week. But don't worry, they will be back online from w/b 1st June!

There is a physical activity resource and 25 Non-screen activities sheet that can be done at home.



Flat Miss Rusz

Like Flat Stanley but teacher style



Mizz Rusz has planned the physical task, PE bingo, and would love everyone to join in!

The link to the resource is

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/stgeorges-cps-southend/UploadedDocument/139b1b9140164c0f9b7fe853e8a6203a/healthy-selfie-bingo.pdf>



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Non-screen activities you can do at home

Pobble

25
ideas!

What can you do when there's no school and you're stuck at home? Here are 25 fun ideas to choose from.



1 How many different words can you make from the letters in this sentence, below? Grab a pencil and paper and write a list!

'Learning from home is fun'

2 Thank a community hero. Think of someone that helps you in some way and write a short letter to thank them.

Thanks!

3 Get building! You could build a Lego model, a tower of playing cards or something else!



4 Can you create your own secret code? You could use letters, numbers, pictures or something else! Can you get someone else to try and crack it?

5 Start a nature diary. Look out of the window each day and keep note of what you see. Birds, flowers, changes in the weather, what else?

6 Hold a photo session. Use a camera or a mobile phone to take some snaps. What will you photograph? Your pets or toys perhaps?

7 Build a reading den. Find somewhere cosy, snuggle up and read your favourite book!



8 Use an old sock to create a puppet. Can you put on a puppet show for someone?



9 Make a list of all the electrical items in each room of your home. Can you come up with any ideas to use less electricity?

10 Design and make a homemade board game and play it with your family.



11 Do something kind for someone. Can you pay them a compliment, make them something or help them with a task?



12 Can you create a story bag? Find a bag and collect items to go in it that relate to a well known story. If you can't find an item, you could draw a picture to include.

13 List making! Write a list of things that make you happy, things you're grateful for or things you are good at.



14 Design and make an obstacle course at home or in the garden. How fast can you complete it?



15 Can you invent something new? Perhaps a gadget or something to help people? Draw a picture or write a description.



16 Keep moving! Make up a dance routine to your favourite song.



17 Write a play script. Can you act it out to other people?



18 Read out loud to someone. Remember to read with expression.



19 Write a song or rap about your favourite subject.



20 Get sketching! Find a photograph or picture of a person, place or object and sketch it.



21 Junk modelling! Collect and recycle materials such as yoghurt pots, toilet rolls and boxes and see what you can create with them.

22 Draw a map of your local area and highlight interesting landmarks.



23 Write a postcard to your teacher. Can you tell them what you like most about their class?

24 Draw a view. Look out of your window and draw what you see.



25 Get reading! What would you most like to learn about? Can you find out more about it in books? Can you find a new hobby?

E-Safety

All the staff have loved seeing all the news and pictures that you have been posting on the Purple Mash blogs and Tapestry. At this time of social isolation, online platforms and social media have come centre stage of many people's lives. We are confident that both Purple Mash and Tapestry are extremely secure sites and that anything you post is confidential to the school family but this is a great time to teach your children about posting appropriate photos and messages in a safe environment. If you wouldn't be happy having the picture hanging in the high street – don't post it!

IT'S NOT (THE SUMMER) FAYRE!

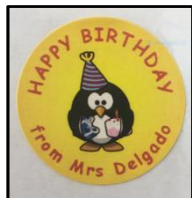
This year, the Parish Summer Fayre is different to usual! Although there are no stalls, no burgers and no Mrs Fitchew's famous sweet stall, the 'virtual' Grand Draw is now open!

There are offering five cash prizes:-

£100, £75, £50, £25 and £10. To purchase tickets at £1.00 each or five for £5.00, without all the fuss of actually having any paper, all you need do is put an envelope through the Presbytery door with the number of tickets you require, plus your name, address, telephone number. Please remember to include your payment, either cash or cheque (made payable to Catholic Church Shoeburyness). If you cannot get to the Presbytery, please contact Sharon in the Parish Office.

The draw will take place on Saturday the 6th of June at around 3 pm, in the presence of Fr. Brett and at least two witnesses. Thank you all so much for supporting our Parish at this difficult time.

Birthdays



Happy birthday to everyone who has been celebrating this week.

Ben (St Elizabeth), Alex, Declan and Emily (St Peter) And Mrs Bracknell

And to **Mrs Sapsford** who is celebrating this weekend.

Artist of the Week

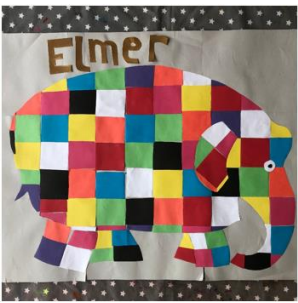
The theme for this week's Artist of the Week was ANIMALS. Mrs Gillett asked the children to draw either their pet, an insect or any other favourite animal.



Mrs Gillett loved looking at the huge variety of materials used this week ranging from; collages, painting, photography, drawing and beach sculptures! The winner of this week's

Artist of the Week goes to George (St Therese Class) who used Andy Warhol as his inspiration that he found from an idea on the Tate Museum website. He took a photograph of his favourite teddy bear (called Lionie) and printed the photo out six times then coloured each one in differently.





Mrs Gillett would like to award three runner up places this week; Isis for her Toucan drawing, Edie for her Henri Rousseau inspired 'Tiger in the Jungle' and Erin for her Elmer collage, as she feels they should also get a special mention and well done for their creations!



Head Teacher's Award

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



Albie (St Francis) ~ for fantastic Literacy and Maths work this week. You are really working hard in everything. Well done Albie!

Oscar (St Therese) ~ for his amazing phonics and English work, showing such enthusiasm and perseverance.

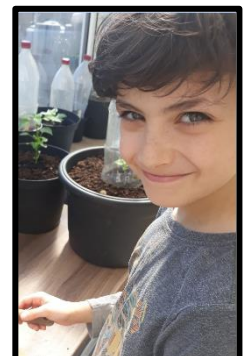
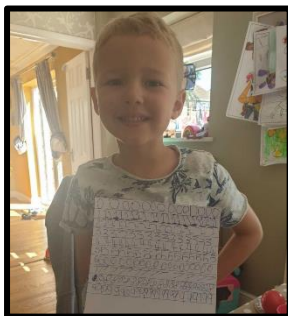
Jack (St Elizabeth) ~ for consistently engaging with all of the activities set for him on the weekly timetable. Well done Jack, I am really proud of your great effort!

Corey (St Bernadette) ~ for his wonderful contributions to our blog. He completes every task with outstanding effort. Well done Corey!

Isabelle (St Joseph) ~ for being a fantastic home learner, trying her best each week to complete her tasks and for regularly sharing her happy, smiley photos on our Class blog. A great half term, keep up the good work Isabelle, you should be very proud of yourself!

Maxwell (St Anthony) ~ Maxwell has been a shining star in recent weeks showing effort in all areas of the curriculum but particularly Maths, English and Computing. Maxwell's poem in English was absolutely outstanding and captured the situation we all face ourselves in, in such a beautiful way. Well done Maxwell!

Morten (St Peter) ~ for his enthusiastic engagement on the blogs this week, we love seeing what you are getting up to at home Morten, well done.



EYFS



Wow! What a packed half-term we have had in EYFS! It has been amazing seeing how much the children have been doing at home by sharing photos and work on Tapestry. The last theme for this half-term has been the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'. This has proved popular, with lots of retelling and sequencing of events in the story. We have seen lots of fantastic drawings of parts of the story, and maths work that focused on learning about 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. Once again, we have been

blessed with some beautiful weather and this has meant that plenty of outdoor learning could also take place. There has been some very creative maths activities in gardens as well as role-play, exercise and gardening. It has also been lovely seeing you share some of your activities with 'George Bear' and your friends. We have been really



impressed with the phonics and handwriting practice that has been happening too. All of the staff in EYFS would like to say a great big thank you to you and your families for the effort you have been putting in to all of the learning over this past half-term. What superstars you are! We would like to wish you a safe and happy half-term holiday.

Year One



I cannot believe another week has flown by. It has been one full of sunshine, walks, paddling pools, den building and lots of busy activities. Year One have been working hard at measuring this week and their enthusiastic approach has seen them measuring everything! We have compared lengths and measured everything in

the garden to having competitions with Mums and Dads, brothers and sisters to see who can jump the furthest! What a great job of measuring!



In English, we have been very busy reading and writing book reviews to share with everyone. There are some books we like, and some we don't, but we have given good reasons as to why. Max even read his mum's favourite book when she was a little girl to see if he liked it!



We have also loved learning all about plants with Mrs Cracknell over the last few weeks and I think Year One must now be experts on all the wild flowers to be found and now with plants that we can eat. I have been particularly proud this week of our RE work. We have been thinking about how we can share the good news of Jesus with others and our children have once again been so kind and thoughtful.

We have had book marks made to send to Grandparents or to deliver to neighbours, origami boxes with special messages and Beatrice made special cards to send to her cousins. What a caring bunch you are! Well, half a term has flown by, and I couldn't be prouder of all the hard work and amazing results from all of the children and their families. Great job everyone! Have a relaxing and fun half term!



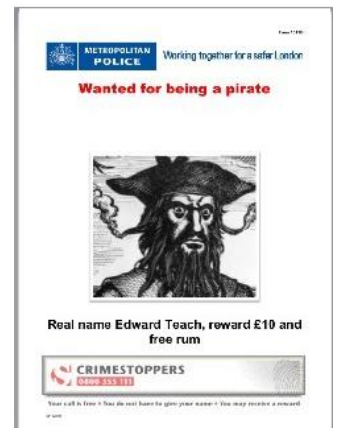
Year Two

St Elizabeth's Class have once again been very busy with their Home Learning this week. In Maths we have been looking at multiplication and it has been great to see the children complete their White Rose challenges so accurately, obviously the times Tables Rock Star games are



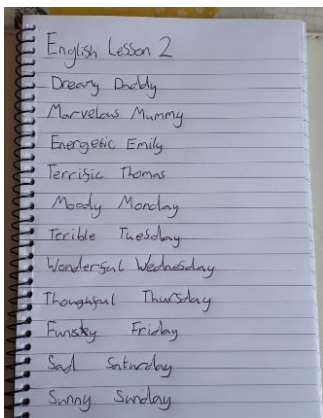
helping to keep their multiplication skills sharp. Yesterday was the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and the children enjoyed drawing pictures and writing facts about the special day. Mrs Cracknell had set the children a Science task all about knowing what food crops need, in order to grow and stay healthy. They were asked to design a farm to show what they would like to grow and how they would make sure the food crops grew strong. For our topic work this week,

the children had to learn about famous pirates, then they designed 'Wanted Pirate Posters'. Some children also completed a challenge to look at coordinates on a pirate map. Many of Year 2 children entered the very popular 'Animal' themed Artist of the week challenge. It was great to see the variety of art displaying their pets, favourite wild animal and insects. For music the children completed some work about identifying different musical instruments and composing patterns using body parts such as clapping their hands, stamping their feet, and clapping their knees. Well done to everyone for showing me your amazing work again this week!



Year Three

This week I have enjoyed reading a chapter a day, of Horrid Henry to Year 3. I have been so impressed with the work, the children have produced after listening to each chapter. They have



made up notable names using alliteration for their family and friends. Thomas went on to using alliteration for the days of the week. My favourite was 'Funky Friday'. The children have also started writing a spooky story, that Horrid Henry himself might come up with, to scare his class mates. I am looking forward to being spooked by your stories! The children have also learnt about the different nutrients we find in our food, and some of the children have gone on to make different meals independently. As part of our topic work, the children have drawn maps of their local area. I was really impressed with Alicia's map, because of the



detail and the accuracy in her drawing. Well done Alicia!

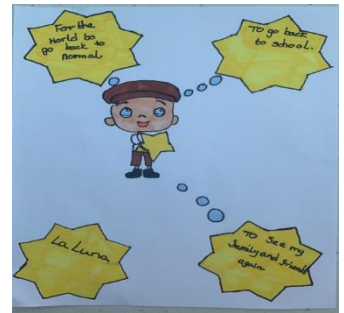
The weather has been beautiful this week, and some of the children have shared some great photos of their outdoor adventures. Leah has been fishing with her dad and Samuel S has been practicing the jive in his garden pool! It is lovely to



catch up with what the children have been up to, other than home learning. I hope you all have a lovely half term. You have all worked so hard these past few weeks and deserve this rest. I look forward to speaking with you soon on our blog.

Year Four

What a week of learning, writing and creating we have been having. In fact, throughout this half term, the children have worked so hard and I have been absolutely delighted with how St Joseph Class has shown great resilience, effort and achievement through their home learning and hard work.



The children have watched a short Disney Pixar film called 'La Luna' and created some wonderful, very detailed storyboards.

They then recorded their own wishes for the shooting star. The English work produced this week has been outstanding. Maths tasks have been completed at a very high level too. We continue to take part in the weekly TTRS Tournaments.



This week, the boys beat the girls 5,300 to 4,604. Multiplication accuracy and speed is definitely improving.

I have challenged the children to design and build their own marble runs this

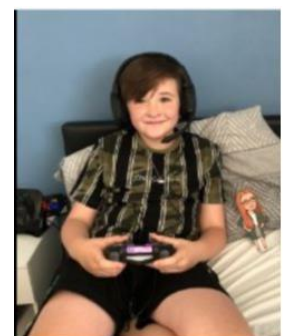


week. The photos and videos have been amazing; it has been wonderful to see how these are working so successfully. In Science and Topic, research skills have been used to great effect to create powerpoints, reports, posters and great debating points for how to save the rainforests around the world.

As we come to the end of another half term, I wish you all a relaxed and safe week ahead and look forward to catching up with our children very soon.

Year Five

As another half term draws to a close, I want to take the time to thank all the wonderful children in year 5 for all the effort, hard work and positivity they bring to each day and not to mention, their parents who have been so supportive and encouraging. This week, we have been on a 'corona-coaster' of





emotions as we looked at a poem called "The Great Realisation." If you haven't heard it, it's well worth the watch on YouTube. The poem is about the highs and lows of the situation we are facing, what was happening in the world before, things that have changed for the better

because of Covid-19 and, things we might be looking forward to when it's all over. Year 5 have been mature and imaginative, creating their own versions of the poem and should be extremely proud. I hope you keep these poems because in years to come they will be a fantastic keep-sake and memory to look back on. We've had lots of other highlights this week, aside from the beautiful weather. Year 5 have been getting arty; creating amazing animal art and carefully drawing cartoons. We've played games of 'Where's the Teacher?' and shared what we are most looking forward to doing- our Nans and Grandads are in for lots of overdue cuddles! I've gone on a 'Flat Teacher Adventure' and some of the children have cut me out and shown me what they've been up to at home, I really enjoyed going 'swimming' and learning how to play new games. The photographs of us spending time together put a real life smile on my face, so keep them coming! There's also been den building, swan spotting, lava lamp making, game designing and French talking, wow year 5 you are a busy bunch! Enjoy a well deserved break!



Year Six have been working hard and enjoying the sunshine this week! They have been researching fossil records in Science, looking at



the fossil ancestors of a living plant or animal. We've seen some great examples from elephants to sharks to pandas to Michal's bearded dragon who even joined in with his research! In RE Year 6 have learnt about the role of a deacon in the



Church and the very first deacon, Stephen. They have posed questions for each other to answer after reading about Stephen and his experience in the Act of the Apostles. Year 6 have also been reading lots this week and have written some great book reviews and character comparisons. We've seen lots of excellent animal art work for the artist of the week blog: Amelie painted a great sausage dog using watercolours, Richard sketched a detailed wolf, Regan drew a fantastic penguin and Emily created a wonderful hummingbird – to name but a few! Miss Rusz and I decided to mix up the TTRS battle this week with a Year 5 vs. Year 6 battle and I'm pleased to announce that Year 6 won with an excellent score of 10,826! This week has been mental health awareness week where the focus has been kindness. The children were challenged to complete a kind act



each day; these have included making a cup of tea for someone, sending somebody a card, baking a sweet treat for someone and also taking time to be kind to oneself. It has been wonderful to see photos of all of the acts you've undertaken this week showing what kind lovely children you are. I wish you all a well-deserved rest over half term.



Reading Awards

WELL DONE to:

Lucy (St Bernadette) our SILVER reader who reached 100 reads.

Damian (St Francis), Lyla & Katarina (St Therese) and Jack (St Elizabeth), our GOLD readers who reached 150 reads

*Jacob & Hannah (St Elizabeth) our DIAMOND readers who have reached 200 reads
and*

Charles & William (St Joseph) and Eden (St Peter) our STAR READERS who have reached 250 reads.

The Great Realisation

It was a world of waste and wonder, poverty and plenty,
Back before we understood why hindsight's 2020.
Before all this happened, the world was a mess,
wasteful and greedy, and full of stress.

The cars clogged up the ground, whilst the planes clogged up the sky,
All the while nobody noticed as the Planet began to die.
Family time, once popular, before screens came around,
Replacing conversations with that well-known Fortnite sound.

But then in 2020 a new virus came our way,
The government reacted and told us to hide away.
More time to play with our families, more time to chat with our friends,
Playing Roblox 'til bedtime, the excitement would never end.
Exercise became popular, the highlight of our day,
until we were allowed an infinite amount and everyone shouted "YAY!"
We sat on our couches, watching quizzes on telly,
Praying our brains didn't turn into jelly.
Clothes became optional, and children became feral,
Digging holes in their garden, to block out this peril.

And so when we found the cure, and were allowed to go outside,
We all preferred the world we saw from the world we left behind.
Indulging in sleepovers with cousins, and cinema trips with friends,
Scoffing popcorn in our beds, eating tubs of Jerry and Ben's.
Schools went back and clubs resumed,
Restaurants opened and we all ate delicious food.
We celebrated with family parties, Mum and Nanny both made a dish,
My sister turned five, she blew out her candles, and we ALL made a
hopeful wish.

- But why did it take a virus to bring people back together? -
Well sometimes you've got to get sick, my friends, before you start
feeling better.
We now call it The Great Realisation and yes, since then there have been
many,
But that's the story of how it started, and why hindsight's 2020.

By
Maxwell Goldsby

To finish this half term's newsletter, I thought it would be lovely to share the poem created by Maxwell from St Anthony's class.

Thank you Maxwell.

*God Bless,
Have a wonderful bank holiday and half term,*

Mrs Delgado