



# 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*



*Eagle Way, Shoeburyness, Essex SS3 9RN.*

*Telephone: 01702 293522*

*Email: [office@st-georges.southend.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-georges.southend.sch.uk) Website: [www.sgcps.co.uk](http://www.sgcps.co.uk)*

**Headteacher: Mrs A. Delgado**

Newsletter no. 343 ~ 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

To our wonderful parents, families and community,

It was wonderful to hear the news, last Friday, that ALL our family members will be returning to St George's from September. Never underestimate how much we have missed the children, parents, carers, grandparents – all of you! As you can imagine, it is difficult to share any key information as yet, due to waiting for the guidelines from the government. However, what I can say for sure is, we will have the safety of staff, children and families at the forefront of all our decisions, alongside our mission to get the children back as soon as possible. I hope to share more information with you next week so that we can all be prepared and as ever, I thank you in advance for support in this. I will be publishing the list of teachers and their year groups over the next couple of weeks and there will be opportunities for communication between your child and their new class teacher. I know they are all very excited about starting the new school year and welcoming all the children in.

Apart from the Coronavirus, there has been another story that has been dominating the news during the past few weeks, the unlawful killing of George Floyd which has led to the Black Lives Matter movement. If we had been in school, we would have planned opportunities to help the children make sense of recent events and to try and understand it within a Christian context.

The underlying message that we would have reaffirmed with the children, is that Jesus talked to, ate with and visited everyone regardless of their background or how society viewed them – and He wants us to offer that same love, kindness and respect to others. Sometimes however, people are treated differently because of the colour of their skin or the culture they come from: this is racism. Our key message to the children is, and always will be, with Jesus' help, we too can extend love, kindness and respect to everyone.

This is one of the many areas we will be revisiting in September, alongside re-establishing social skills and community, mental well-being and settling back into school and all the joys that brings. As I said at the beginning, we can't wait to get you all back and restart our school family life together.

**Much love, Annabelle Delgado**



*Part of Assisi Catholic Trust limited by guarantee in the Diocese of Brentwood, registered in England and Wales.*

*Registered number 7696989.*

# Virtual Sports Week



What a fabulous 3 days of sport that has really brought us together as a community once more. I want to say a huge thank you to every pupil, parent, sibling, relative and staff member who participated this week whether it was one activity or all of them you have made this week one that we are unlikely to forget! From shuttle runs, speed bouncing and throwing and catching to shooting hoops and holding the dreaded plank, you have all showcased what enthusiastic, determined and amazing sports men and women you are. We've even managed to have a virtual tug of war and have received inspiring and encouraging messages from elite athletes in various sports, who I hope will continue to motivate you in weeks and months to come.



Most of all, I have enjoyed seeing your pictures and videos because we get to see your lovely smiles and determined faces. It's been wonderful to see all the family getting involved and lots of pictures of past pupils. Some of you made motivational posters and wrote encouraging messages to support your fellow teammates and have demonstrated why you all make us very proud at St George's.



Well done for all your effort this week and may the best house win!  
Miss Rusz



And the individual winners are...

| Day           | Event                  | Winner                          | House                 |
|---------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Tuesday       | Ball catching          | Sophie Turner                   | St Margaret Clitherow |
|               | Ball around the waist  | Harry & Eliana Cartlidge        |                       |
|               | Ball shooting          | Sam Taylor                      |                       |
|               | Ball catching          | ---                             | St Thomas More        |
|               | Ball around the waist  | George, William & Phoebe Packer |                       |
|               | Ball shooting          | The Packer Family               |                       |
|               | Ball catching          | Lolade Keshiro                  | St John Fisher        |
|               | Ball around the waist  | Leah Disley                     |                       |
|               | Ball shooting          | Jo Hibbs                        |                       |
|               | Ball catching          | Elsa Nathan                     | St Anne Line          |
|               | Ball around the waist  | Freddie Fitzpatrick             |                       |
| Ball shooting | The Fitzpatrick family |                                 |                       |

| Day             | Event        | Winner                  | House                 |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Wednesday       | Shuttle Runs | Jesse Worrell           | St Margaret Clitherow |
|                 |              | James & Hannah Rutter   |                       |
|                 |              | Mrs Rutter              |                       |
|                 | Shuttle Runs | Abigail Street          | St Thomas More        |
|                 |              | Declan Dear             |                       |
|                 |              | Emma Traylor            |                       |
|                 | Shuttle Runs | Eliana Becker           | St John Fisher        |
|                 |              | Thomas and Emily Anstis |                       |
|                 |              | The Anstis family       |                       |
|                 | Shuttle Runs | Sebastian O'Connell     | St Anne Line          |
|                 |              | Marley Bann             |                       |
| The Bann family |              |                         |                       |

| Day       | Event           | Winner           | House                 |
|-----------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Wednesday | Star jumps      | Sophie Turner    | St Margaret Clitherow |
|           | Speed bounce    | Charlotte Arnold |                       |
|           | Planking        | The Rutters      |                       |
|           | Star jumps      | ---              | St Thomas More        |
|           | Speed bounce    | Keavy Cove       |                       |
|           | Plank           | Emma Traylor     |                       |
|           | Star jumps      | -----            | St John Fisher        |
|           | Speed bounce    | Eden Manjaly     |                       |
|           | Planking        | Jo Hibbs         |                       |
|           | Star jumps      | Elsa Nathan      | St Anne Line          |
|           | Speed bounce    | Stanley Stubbs   |                       |
| Planking  | The Bann family |                  |                       |

|                     |             |                |                       |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Throughout the week | Staff steps | Mrs Marquis    | St Margaret Clitherow |
|                     |             | Mrs O'Shea     | St Thomas More        |
|                     |             | Miss Ruzs      | St John Fisher        |
|                     |             | Mrs McLoughlin | St Anne Line          |

### Twitter Tug of War!

| Day       | Event          | Winner         |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Tuesday   | Blue v Red     | Blue (85.2%)   |
|           | Green v Yellow | Green (57.1%)  |
| Wednesday | Blue v Yellow  | Blue 78.4%     |
|           | Green v Red    | Green (88.9%)  |
| Thursday  | Red v Yellow   | Yellow (73.3%) |
|           | Blue v Green   | Blue 76.6%     |

The points have been calculated and checked. Scores for each event were added together 'in house', and these 4 totals were ranked 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> place received 4pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> received 3ts and so on.



I am very pleased to announce that this year's House Cup is awarded to.....  
St Margaret Clitherow! Well done to Blue House.



You can see the Sports Cup being received by our house captains, Eliana and James, by clicking this link. <https://stgeorges-cps-southend.primarysite.media/media/results-of-the-virtual-sports-week>

The placings were

1. St Margaret Clitherow – 43pts
2. St Anne Line 26 pts
3. St Thomas More 22pts
4. St John Fisher 20 pt

## Head Teacher's Award

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



**George** (St Francis) ~ for working really hard in school this week, concentrating well on all activities.

**Lyla** (St Therese) ~ for her wonderful, creative ideas and super research into sea creatures for her English.

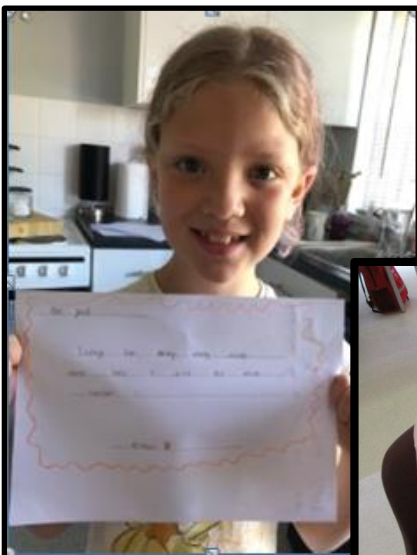
**Isabelle** (St Elizabeth) ~ - for consistently working hard, every week on all of the activities set for her on the weekly timetable! Well done Isabelle, you are a superstar!

**Jacob S** (St Bernadette) ~ for his enthusiasm and determination, to make the tallest and strongest tower in science this week. Great work Jacob!

**Joseph** (St Joseph) ~ for showing a wonderful attitude and working hard on all the tasks set. He is so supportive and encouraging of others, a true friend who shows kindness with a bright smile every day.

**Jason** (St Anthony) ~ Jason has really impressed me over the last few weeks with how engaged he is. I am particularly impressed with his maths work. Keep up the fabulous work Jason!

**Eliana & James** (St Peter) ~ – for their excellent leadership and motivational skills as House Captains during 'Sports Week' – they have shown great enthusiasm, support and encouragement for all of the members of St Margaret Clitherow. Well done.



EYFS

What a hot and sunny week! Year R have continued to enjoy a range of learning activities, both indoors and outdoors. Our theme this week has been 'The Farm' and we have looked at two books, 'Noisy Farm' and 'Farmyard Hullabaloo'. One of our focus activities has been 'speech bubbles' and we have been thinking about the different sounds that each farm animal makes and writing speech bubbles to match them. We have also been learning



about the names of adult and baby farm animals and matching these together too. In addition, some children have even created their own farm picture on Purple Mash. In maths, we have been learning about 3D shapes and have been on shape hunts around our homes, looking for these shapes in the environment. Well done children for finding lots of different shapes and recording them in your journals. Finally, many children have joined in with the 'Homeletics' activities across different days this week. Well done for your wonderful effort, we can see that you really enjoyed it from your great posts on 'Tapestry'. Once again, although we have only had a short week, Reception have packed it full of learning, well done to you all!

Year One



Another week has flown by and, as usual, year one have been busy bees whilst also enjoying the sunshine! In Science Mrs Cracknell is working hard to encourage our budding meteorologists as children have been looking at the weather and seasons. They have been monitoring the weather every day and have even made rain gauges ready for when some rain arrives! Our sunflowers are still being well looked after and we're now waiting for the flowers to appear. Our Maths this week has been all about comparing numbers and looking at tens and ones. The children have been working so hard to get all their work done. Maths has even been done in the swimming pool to keep cool at the same time! Keep up the super maths thinking everyone!





## Year Three



Year 3 have been following the book; 'There's a Pharaoh in our bath', which has been read to them each day this week. Alicia's baby canary has also been enjoying the story too! The children have been completing lots of brilliant work inspired by this story, and I have been so impressed with their efforts.

They have been very busy designing and making crowns fit for an Ancient Egyptian Pharaoh, and designed Egyptian themed games. Georgina came up with the idea of a pyramid themed 'Jenga' game and Reuben made his game out of cardboard, inspired by the game of 'Monopoly'.

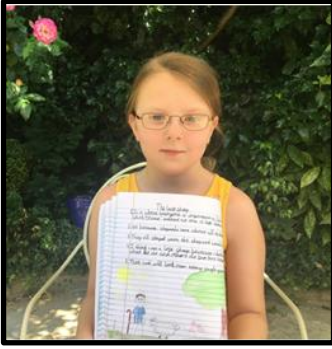
It's been lovely seeing and hearing what you have been getting up to, in the beautiful sunshine this week. There seemed to be a common theme of strawberry picking this week and Theodore celebrated his birthday recently, with a game of mini golf with his family. Thank you for sharing your fabulous photos.

The children will be relieved to hear that we have finished fractions

for the time being! I must say, that you have worked so hard these past few weeks on our fractions. Well done year 3! Thank you as always, for uploading all the wonderful activities you have been doing recently. It really puts a smile on my face seeing the effort and enthusiasm in all the work you do. Keep up this fabulous work year 3!



## Year Four



Our Fabulous 4s continue to put their very best efforts into their home learning. This week, they have been working very hard to keep improving their Maths skills, making even more progress in multiplication accuracy. We have a class of super achievers with the best attitude to learning; they make me proud every day.

This week, we started a new class read. Earlier in the week, I received lots of outstanding poetry all about 'Revolting Rubbish' I was delighted to see lots of the writing techniques we had been practising all those weeks ago when we were in our classroom together. The children have continued throughout the week to write descriptions, information leaflets and a diary entry.



This week, the children have started rainforest experiments and are also making bird feeders to attract birds into their gardens to collect data about the different species. We hope to have some interesting results next week.



It has been great to see St Joseph Class taking part in Virtual Sports Week, the photos have been brilliant and I have really enjoyed hearing about all the children's great efforts for their house colours. They are all Sporting Superstars!

Today would have been our School Celebration Day. I celebrate all of the wonderful children in St Joseph's Class and wish them and their families well. Keep safe and well.



## Year Five



What a busy week in Year 5! There's been so many fabulous activities and work crammed into 4 days. We are deep into our Ancient Greece topic and on Tuesday was World Olympic day. We have been learning about how the Olympics started, traditions and the different between the Olympics now and then. We are working on projects which include designing an Olympic costume, making an Olympic torch, medal or garland or creating our own games.



We have also been starting to plan our own Greek myths and the children have been using pictures to stimulate exciting vocabulary and descriptive sentences. They are so good, that if I close my eyes in the garden, I can imagine being on a beach, which is what I will have to do for now.

Elsewhere, we have been drawing our own Picasso pictures with a twist- we have to roll a dice and draw a feature depending on what number the dice lands on. There's been some fascinating and wonderfully exciting portraits coming in. I look forward to more next



week! Some children have been identifying characteristics of animals so they can start designing their own creatures. Many children have been on trips to Mulberry Harbour and have been enjoying the beautiful sunshine, whilst others have made delicious lemonade and ice lollies, played golf, been crabbing or watched their stunning sunflowers grow even taller than themselves! Year 5 you continue to amaze me every week. Keep up the motivation and the hard work, you are amazing!

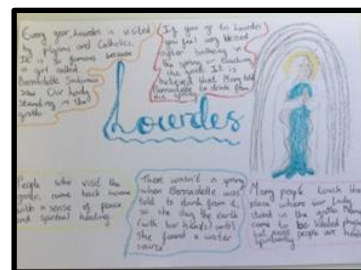


## Year Six

A short but very sunny week! Year 6 have been working well both at home and in school despite the heat! For our Healing topic in RE we have seen some lovely posters about Lourdes – a very special holy place in the south of France. Year 6 researched Lourdes, presented



their work showing off their ICT and calligraphy skills and also thought about how it might feel to visit Lourdes – especially if you were sick. We have continued our transition work focusing on our journey to and from secondary school. Some children have already been practising their route and arranging who they will travel with so they are ready for September. In school the children have been enjoying each other's company, singing, cooling off in the ICT suite and completing some





of the sports week activities. A big well done to all of you who completed the sports week activities and to those who managed to rope in siblings and parents too, every point counts! On behalf of Year 6 we'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to Miss Rusz for all her hard work organising the week and all of the fantastic messages from the sports stars. Other highlights from Year 6 this week include an impressive 3.5kg 'catch' for Michal on a recent fishing trip and some netball zoom training with the England team for Sian.



### Artist of the week

The theme for this week's Artist of the Week was 'PATTERNS'. The children watched a video clip to give them ideas of how to create detailed patterns and they looked at the examples on the Purple Mash Blog for inspiration. The imaginative patterns and range of colours used were truly wonderful. Mrs Gillett said that the standard was so high, she was unable to pick just one winner so we have three winners this week!



Jacob R (St Bernadette's class) for his fantastic 3D effect pattern.

Alex (St Bernadette Class) for his dramatic black and white pattern.



William (St Joseph's Class) for his beautiful, colourful, stripy pattern made with squares.

Well done to everyone who entered again.

### Birthdays



Happy birthday to everyone who celebrated their birthday this week

Nancy (St Francis), Samuel (St Therese) Edison (St Anthony) and Mrs Rutter

### Reading Awards

WELL DONE to:

Aaron (St Francis) our SILVER reader who has reached 100 reads

Meredith (St Francis) and Lily (St Therese) our DIAMOND readers who have reached 150 reads and Julia (St Joseph) our SUPER READER who has reached 250 Reads.

## Weekly Sports Challenge



## Weekly PE Challenges



| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wellbeing Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | The Weekend   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| <a href="#">Joe Wicks</a><br>9:00 -9:30             |   |   | <a href="#">Joe Wicks</a><br>9:00-9:30              |   | <a href="#">Joe Wicks</a><br>9:00-9:30  |
| <a href="#">Oti Mabuse Dance class</a><br>11:30-12  | <a href="#">Oti Mabuse Dance class</a><br>11:30-12  | <a href="#">Oti Mabuse Dance class</a><br>11:30-12  | <a href="#">Oti Mabuse Dance class</a><br>11:30-12  | <a href="#">Oti Mabuse Dance class</a><br>11:30-12  | <a href="#">Live activities with Active Essex for all the family</a>  |
| <a href="#">DDMix Daily Shake up</a><br>1:30-1:40pm | <a href="#">DDMix Daily Shake up</a><br>1:30-1:40pm   | <a href="#">DDMix Daily Shake up</a><br>1:30-1:40pm   | <a href="#">DDMix Daily Shake up</a><br>1:30-1:40pm | <a href="#">DDMix Daily Shake up</a><br>1:30-1:40pm   | Why not go on a bike ride or a long walk?   |
| <a href="#">Twister</a>                             | <b>Weighted Hold</b><br>Find and use two of the same weighted tins in your kitchen cupboard....Baked Beans, Soup, spaghetti hoops, plastic bottle of water etc.<br><br>You need to hold one in each hand.<br><br>Firstly hold them up straight out in front of you shoulder height and get someone to time how long you manage to hold the tins.<br><br>Secondly hold them up above your head, be careful not to drop them! Again get someone to time how long you manage to hold the tins. | <a href="#">Jar of laughter</a><br><br>Take yourself and your family out for a walk. Call it a wilderness trail. Whilst you are walking, have a competition on who can find the smallest creepy crawly. How many birds can you count? Are they all the same or are they different?<br><br>Can you find every colour of the rainbow? What does a rainbow smell like? Look in puddles to see if anything is swimming. Can you hear bugs? What sounds are they making? Can you copy them? Say the alphabet and try and identify something different for each letter. | <a href="#">Star Challenge</a>                      | <b>Design your own game</b><br><br>Design your own PE game, challenge or circuit. Write down instructions of how to play and share it with us all on the blog. Imagine how many fun games we can try! | <a href="#">Netflex</a><br>Choose your warm up, activity, challenge and a cool down<br><br><a href="#">Click here to download</a> |

## The School App ~ Reminder

The school only sends messages via the app so it is vital that you check your phone for any messages. If you have any problems accessing the app, please email the school office.

## Prayers



We pray for all our community at this time. Today should have been our usual 'Celebration Day', where we welcomed families and friends in to celebrate a wonderful year of achievement. We miss you all very much and pray that you are all safe and well. We cannot wait to come back together again as a family.

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*