

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,

Next week is the last week of this academic year. I am sure we would all agree that it is very different from the normal. I know the teachers always love the last week; it's a time to spend the final few days with their class: celebrating their personal growth, their amazing achievements and the young people they have become during the year. It's a time where, due to forging strong relationships with you as parents and carers throughout the year, we prepare ourselves to say thank you for this year and say goodbye for the summer. I know I have said how much we missed you all during the last 15 weeks, but next week will really bring it home.

However, what has been familiar to me, throughout, is the commitment to learning by children, parents and staff. Words will never express my admiration, my joy and my thanks, to the commitment everyone has shown to remote learning. Although we have been distanced, we made sure we were still together, through blogs, posts, emails, phone calls, even chats through my office window!

As next week is the last week of term, we will be winding the work down for all the children. The teachers will be setting more general, creative task and outdoor tasks, without the focus on maths or English activities. I am sure the children, and parents, will appreciate a more relaxed week!

We look forward to spending the last few days with you all until we all come back together again in September – we really can't wait for that! I will be sending an overview of the changes that will be happening in September on Tuesday next week. This will give you enough time to contact me if you have any concerns or worries. I may not be able to answer all your questions (as so much will depend on the next 6 weeks or so), but I promise to reassure you that we have the safety of the children, parents, families and staff at the centre of all our decisions.

Much love, Annabelle Delgado

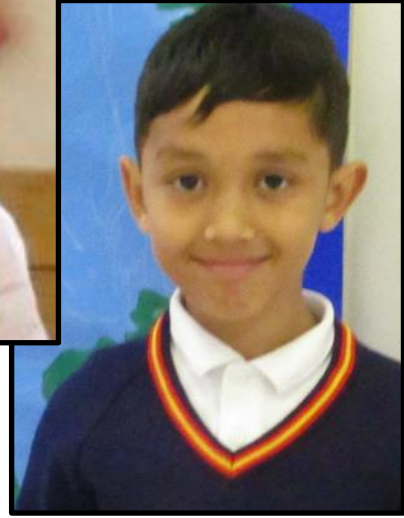
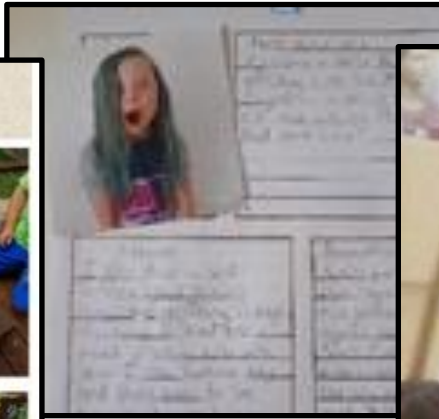


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Head Teacher's Award

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



Charlotte (St Francis) ~ for wonderful 'Elmer' themed work ~ in particular, for creating an amazing patchwork fabric 'Elmer'.

Jake (St Therese) ~ for his exceptional effort when working at home and always going above and beyond.

Otilie (St Elizabeth) ~ for her wonderful enthusiasm and love of learning in all areas of the curriculum and home school learning.

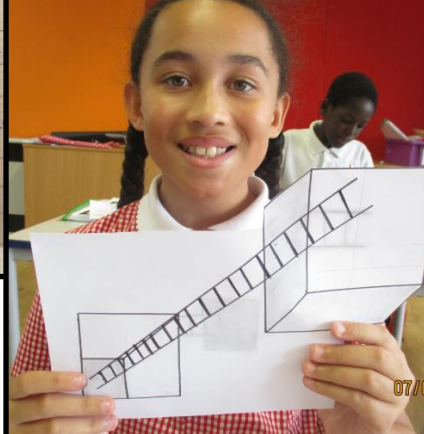
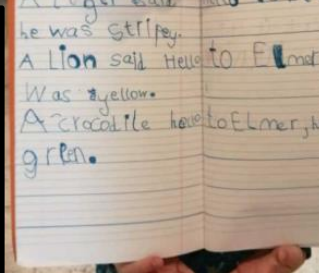
Alex (St Bernadette) ~ for his outstanding effort and enthusiasm for maths and sudoku challenges!

Tom (St Joseph) ~ for showing great progress in his English work throughout this term. He is a great learner who works hard to do his best in all home learning tasks.

Edie (St Joseph) ~ for being a kind friend and encouraging her class friends by posting positive comments on our class blog.

Keavy (St Anthony) ~ Keavy has approached the summer term with a positive attitude and she tries hard in all that she does. Well done for coming in to school with a marvellous smile every day!

Michal (St Peter) ~ for such a fantastic effort with your home learning this term. You have completed all the tasks and consistently uploaded to our blogs, well done you!



EYFS

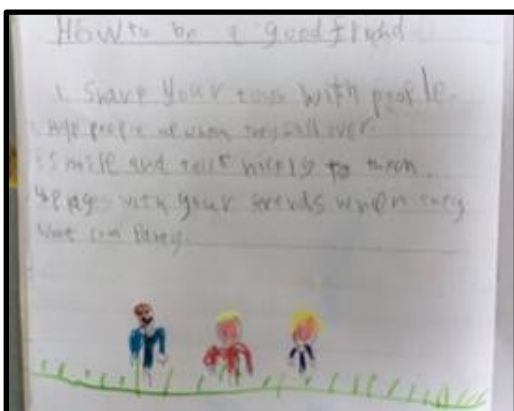


What a super week we have had in EYFS. Our book for the week has been 'Elmer' and has proved to be very popular! We have continued to learn about adjectives and have written sentences about the animals that Elmer meets in the story. The adjectives have made our sentences more interesting. We have also been very creative, making our own Elmer pictures. Some have been painted and others created from different fabrics and materials in a collage effect. We even had an 'Elmer' made from stickers! Purple Mash has been used to create and label

elephant pictures too. In maths, we have been working on measuring using non-standard units. We have been busy finding things in the environment to measure using our hands, and then recording our findings in a table. We have been really impressed with the daily 'quick fire' maths too. In R.E., we have seen some beautiful prayers written thanking God for all of the wonderful things in the world. Well done children, you are superstars and it has been wonderful seeing all of the fantastic learning this week.



Year One



Another week has flown by and we have still been busy even though we are close to the end of term. Our English book this week has been 'The Rainbow Fish' which has helped us think about how we are all unique and special and also how we can be kind and look after others. Some great instructions have also been written on how to be a good friend. This led well into

Mrs Gillett's work for Year One on Wednesday being 'All About Me' in preparation for going into year two. Super posters everyone!





Mrs Fitchew's stories continue to be a hit with everyone including the newest members of our families! Even though we are nearing the end of term we are still working hard at our maths and this week it was the tricky topic of finding fractions of numbers. Great work year one! The children have been working hard at their Science this week,

not only with monitoring the measurements in their rain gauges but also finishing off their animals topic too.



In school we loved painting our clay 3D models that we created last week. We used thicker brushes for blocks of colour and thinner brushes to add detail. We were very proud of the results! More photos are on our class page!

I am so very proud of all of year one for their amazing work, motivation and enthusiasm in our home school learning. Thank you to all of our families for making the experience so enjoyable!



Year Two



This week has been another very busy week with lots of fantastic reading comprehension work linked to our seaside topic. The children have also been busy writing their All About Me facts for Miss Rusz. Mrs Cracknell set the children a great Science task this week to learn about the life of Charles Mackintosh who invented the mackintosh. They

wrote fact files about him and tested different materials to see if they were waterproof. Then they had to design a coat. Look at Jacob experimenting!

Our new R.E topic is all about the world being a treasure. The children had to think about what they treasure and say why God's world is so precious to them. They thought about what we should do to preserve and look after God's world. Some children went on to write a prayer to thank God for his precious world.



For our topic work the children have been learning about islands around the UK and they had to locate them on a map and label them. They also found out about The Isles of Scilly and the physical landscape, traffic and what would they would miss if they lived on a small island.

Year Three

Year 3 have been very lucky to have contact with Mr Sims this week, on our summer term blog. They have been telling Mr Sims all about themselves and have expressed what they are most looking forward to, about going into year 4. I think you are all going to have a fantastic time in year 4! I have been wowed this week by some of our children's creativity this week. Florence I has been experimenting with prints, and made beautiful blossom paintings. Jacob R has been very busy making a dinosaur head, and has successfully camouflaged himself within the bushes of his garden! What a fabulous idea.



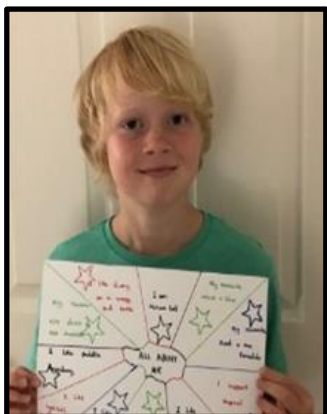
As some of the rules of lock down have eased, it has been lovely hearing about some of the activities the children have been able to do. Theodore and Aubrey have been able to start football training again, and it has been a pleasure seeing some great photos of them enjoying their football.

The children have been very busy this week reading a chapter a day of a new story about aliens. They have produced some brilliant work about aliens and I have been impressed with

their use of descriptive language. You have come so far with your descriptive writing, well done year 3 Lastly, the children have been thinking very carefully about 'special places' in R.E, and have produced some lovely topic pages. Hopefully you will all be able to visit lots of special places over the summer holiday! Take care and have a lovely weekend.

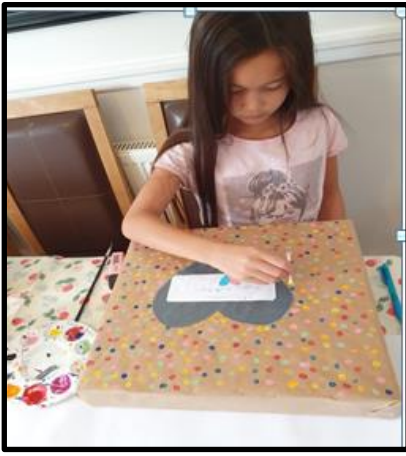


Year Four



This week, St Joseph Class has yet again demonstrated what a fabulous group of learners they are. A challenge was set for them this week, to share facts about themselves that we may not already know after a wonderful year of working together both in class and through our home learning.





Colourful, very well-presented 'All About Me' posters filled our Class Blog throughout the week, and I have been able to learn even more about these wonderful young people. It will be lovely to enter our new classroom in September and see this work on display.



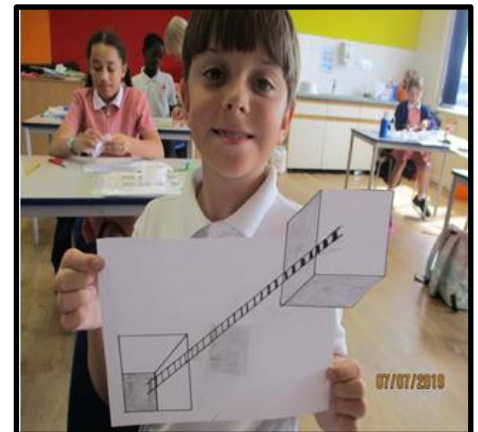
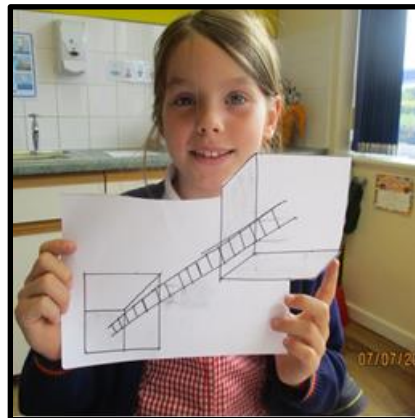
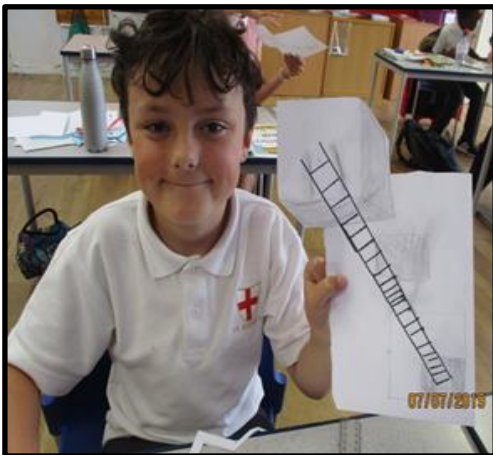
We have come to the end of another Serial Mash story and yet again, I have seen more

wonderful writing. The year ahead looks very exciting for our class. As we come to the end of the term, the children have been demonstrating their learning by creating fact files about the rainforest and very colourful, well-presented posters about the different animal habitats we have been studying in Science.

We took part in our final Times Tables Rock Stars tournament this week and took on the fabulous Year 6. Our class were quietly confident, having already beaten Year 3 and Year 5. I couldn't believe how very close the daily totals were, with the leading team changing constantly. I am absolutely thrilled and delighted to announce the final result

St Joseph Class: 31,287 St Peter's Class: 31,218

Congratulations St Joseph Class and thank you St Peter Class for inspiring us to keep improving our times tables.



Year Five

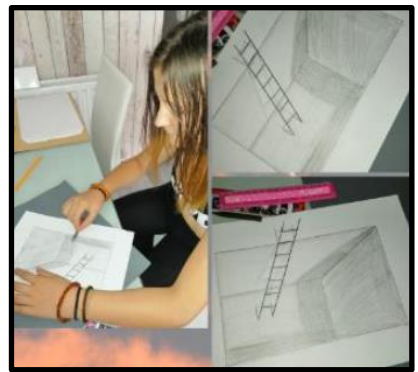


We are in to the penultimate week of year 5 and we are still working as hard as ever. We have been continuing to write our own Greek myths and I have been enjoying the extensive imaginations of all the children. They have each written about their own myths with heroes and mythical beasts. I think we might have some future novelists in our midst because I've been in the edge of my seat reading them all. We've also been creating some art work that is based on optical illusions, the class have created work which looks like a ladder going in to a hole. I am so impressed with how they have turned out.

Some of the class have also been researching different optical illusions and making their own. An update on the flowers we have all been growing: Florence's sunflower is now above her head and



Natalia's pansies have now blossomed. Some children have been writing film and book reviews too, so we all have plenty of recommendations to watch and read over the summer.



This week, we all met our new teachers: Mrs Sayer and Mrs Bracknell. I know that we are all very much looking forward to what next year brings and we really enjoyed getting to know our new teachers. Thank you Mrs Sayer and Mrs Bracknell for answering all our questions.



Year Six



I can't believe this has been your penultimate week at St. George's..... where has the time gone?

In RE this week Year 6 thought about how Jesus tells us that whenever we look after one another, we have looked after him and that we should have an attitude of care for our sisters and brothers all the time. They have written some wonderful letters to friends to ask them to think about ways we can look after and care for vulnerable/sick people. A fabulous way to end our Healing topic. Sticking on the letter theme they have also written letters to Year 5 to tell them all of the wonderful things they will have to look forward to in Year 6. They have also written a quiz question each ready for our big end of year quiz next week – there are certainly a

wide range of topics! In school this week the children have mostly been scrolling through lots of photos of their class from the past 7 years and choosing which ones to save onto their USB stick. Even they were surprised to see how small they once were! Other highlights include Michal's fabulous handmade wooden planter for his garden, well done Michal! And James's very thoughtful printmaking art for the artist of the week – he has painted a class tree with a fingerprint for everyone's name. Thank you James. We are very much looking forward to our end of year celebration with all of you on Wednesday. Have a lovely weekend.



CoolMilk

We are unable, at the moment, to resume delivery of milk in September. Please do not make any payments for the Autumn term. We will keep you updated as to when we can restart milk for the children.

Birthdays



Happy birthday to everyone who celebrated their birthday this week

Hannah (St Elizabeth), Ocean (St Joseph) and Oliver (St Peter)

Reading Awards

WELL DONE to:

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

Rosie (St Therese), Ocean (St Joseph) and Stanley (St Anthony), our DIAMOND readers who have reached 200 reads

AND.....

Isis (St Joseph) our SUPER reader who has reached 250 reads

Artist of the week



This week's theme for the 'Artist of the Week' was about printmaking. The children produced some amazing prints using leaves, fingertips, potatoes, hands, feet and polystyrene block printing! This week Mrs Gillett has picked two winners and both are pictures of blossom trees!



Florence I (St Joseph's Class) for her beautiful blossom tree made with potato prints and Samuel (St Joseph's Class) for his fantastic tree created with his arm, hand and fingertips. Well done Samuel and Florence.

Prayers



We pray for all our community at this time.

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado