

Dear Parents and Carers

Greetings from a rainy and windy St George the Martyr! Despite the inclement weather, it has been business as usual at our lovely school.

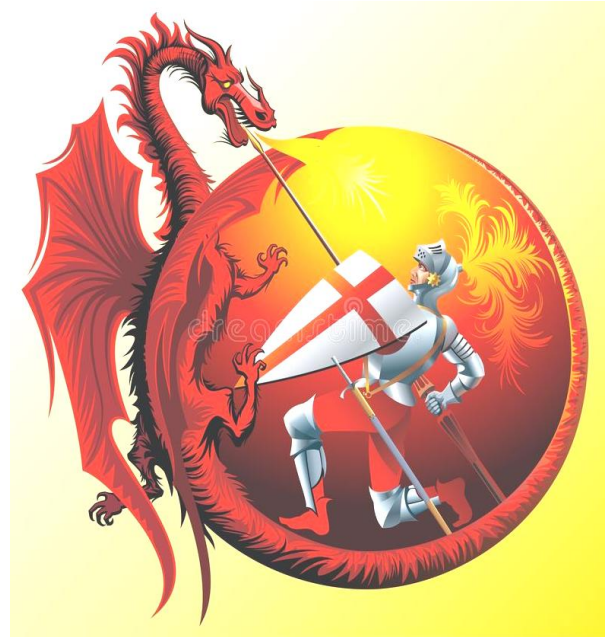
This week has been jam packed with excitement, including a visit from Oreo and Friends, Animal Encounters for EYFS and Years 1 and 2, an animation project for Year 5 with the Charles Dickens Museum and Bikeability sessions for Year 6.

Please read on to hear all about our activities.

Academic Review Day.

It was wonderful seeing such a good turn out of parents at Academic Review Day last Friday.

The teachers enjoyed discussing your children and thinking about their next steps for the second half of the school year.



Go shine in the world as Jesus did, with compassion, honesty and integrity.

Teachers Strike Action **Important Information**

The school has received notification from the National Education Union (NEU) that its members propose to take industrial strike action on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.

Should this situation change, we will be in touch. Some staff within the school are members of this union and therefore the school is affected by the industrial action. We have undertaken a risk assessment and myself and the chair of the Governing Body feel it is necessary to partially close the school on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.



Wednesday 15th March

The school will be **closed** for the following pupils:

Nursery
Year 1
Year 4
Year 5

The school will be **open** for the following pupils:

Reception
Year 2
Year 3
Year 6



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All about READING EYFS/KS1

For our learning in Reading and Literacy, **Nursery** enjoy exploring and selecting a range of stories from our Nursery Library. The children build their knowledge and understanding through looking at the pictures and deepening their oracy skills, through engaging in extended conversations and using key vocabulary from the story. The children are given many writing opportunities to mark-make characters and events from the story and give meaning to the marks they make.

In Reception this week, the children have been learning about growth. They have been looking at the progress of our sunflowers seeds that we planted last week and a little stem is appearing now! In Literacy, we have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk and we have been watching sped up video of plants growing which has been fascinating. Another fascinating thing is that we had Oreo and Friends coming to visit us. The children got to see animals that come from other countries. The children absolutely loved it!

Year 1 have been learning about Julia Donaldson and reading some of her books over the past week. We have read Tabby McTat, Superworm, Room on the Broom, Charlie Cook's favourite Boot, Stick Man and her new book, 'The Baddies'. We took a vote and decided that Superworm is the class favourite. We all love the character Superworm, because he is kind, caring and adventurous!

In **Year 2** we read a book called 'This Rabbit belongs to Emily Brown', which Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed! The children were so invested in the story that they joined in acting out the repeating phrase of the book. We had great fun reading it and were quite delighted to have taken this reading journey together as a class! Amazing experience!





All about READING **KS2**

Year 3 have been doing a fantastic job with their reading this year. They have shown great enjoyment and dedication, devouring a wide range of books with enthusiasm. From classic tales to modern adventures, from picture books to chapter books, the children have explored an incredible variety of genres and styles. Not only have they developed their reading skills and comprehension, but they have also cultivated a love for reading that will serve them well in the years to come.

Year 4 have been enjoying the fascinating reading of *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q Rauf which offers a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness. We have also been reading *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes, a fascinating book about the age of machines and technology.

Year 5 have been reading *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. The story so far has seen Michael sail around the world with his parents, only to find himself in grave danger!

Year 6 have been reading our new book *Pig Heart boy* in our English lessons; a story about a young boy who has a rare heart disease, and needs a pig's heart. The children have had different opinions on whether Cameron should continue with this surgery or not, looking at many different factors which could influence this choice. Individually, the children have been reading a range of books from fiction to nonfiction. A class favourite highlights the *Hunger Games* as well as different comics from *Minecraft* to *Captain Underpants*. Year 6 children are spending any minute they can catch to read their books!





Year 5 and Year 6



This week year 5 and 6 have been really excited to be doing their Bikeability training! They have been working hard and having fun learning new skills to help them ride on road.

They started off on Monday learning how to snake, set their pedals and keep their brakes covered.

As the week has gone on they have also learnt when and how to signal and the importance of when to check behind.

Well done to everyone that took part. Sadly the Session had to be cancelled due staff shortage on Thursday; but Bikeability will return in the summer term to catch up on sessions missed.

If you would like any information on free child or adult cycling lessons please checkout the Camden Council website.

**Tom Leslie.
Bikeability Instructor.**



On Wednesday, EYFS and KS1 had a fantastic visit from an animal experience company called Oreo and Friends. We were given the opportunity to meet some animals that you might find in Africa and around the world.

All the children and staff as well, were exceptionally brave and really enjoyed meeting the different animals.



Luna: "It was amazing having the animals so close to us, especially the spider on my hand was very sticky".



Stanley: "I like the lizard because it was smooth"



Collective Worship

This week's Collective Worship was led by Rev Jamie, who told us the important Parable of The Prodigal Son. After reading the story, Coach Harry and some of our children acted out the story beautifully.

There once was a father and two sons. One day, the youngest son asked his father for his share of the brothers' inheritance. The father was unsure but decided to give both brothers their inheritance money. At first, the youngest son was delighted. For the first time in his life, he had plenty of money, and he could spend it however he pleased!



Not long after though, the youngest son ran out of money, having spent it all. With no money and no home, the youngest son's only choice was to find a job; but the only one he could find was feeding pigs, which he didn't like at all.



So in desperation, he decided to go home and ask his father for a job as a servant. When the son returned, his father hugged and kissed him, and welcomed him back into the family home. The youngest son was surprised, having expected his father to be angry and reproachful. Instead, the father gave his son the finest robes, sandals, and even a ring to wear. He also decided to throw a big party to celebrate his son's safe return.



Seeing how happy his father was at his younger brother's return, the second brother became upset and angry. He thought it was unfair that his younger brother should make such a big mistake only to be rewarded for it. He refused to go to the party.

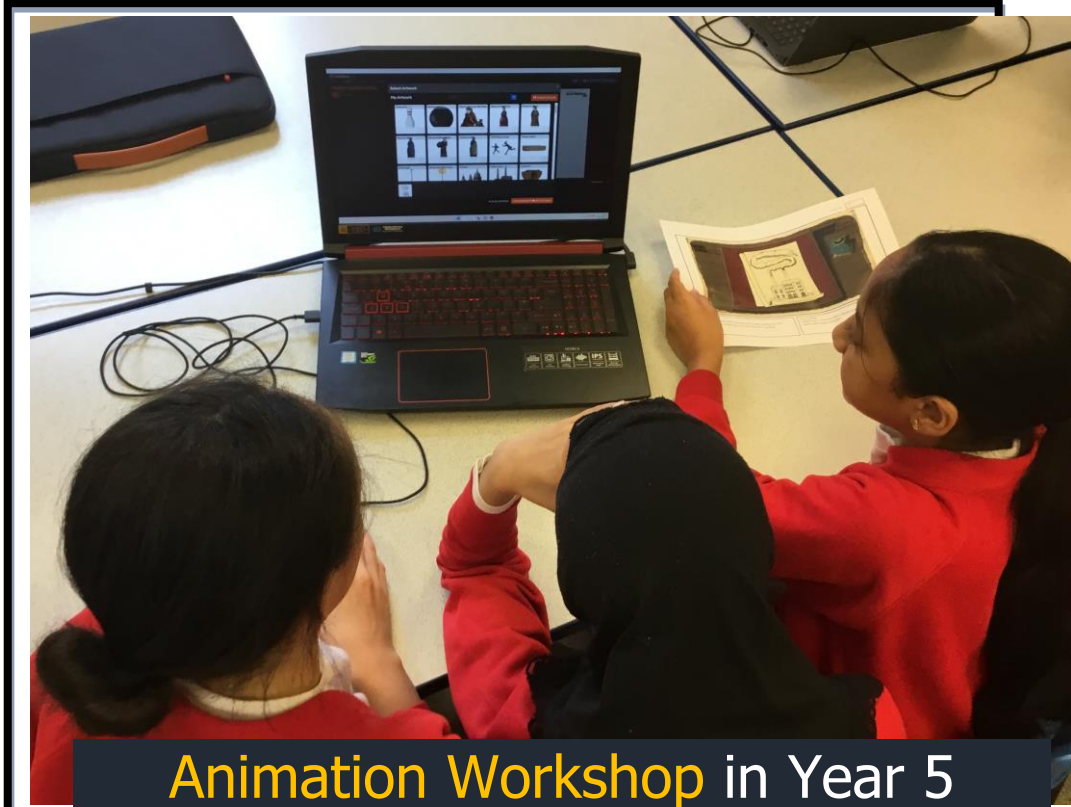
Noticing his eldest child's disapproval, the father told him:
"You are ever with me, and all that I have is yours, but thy younger is lost, and now he is found".

What can children learn from the story?

In the Parable of the Lost Son, the father shows that he loves his youngest son unconditionally.

The son's mistakes were forgiven because he returned home to his father, that was all that mattered. In a Christian context, the moral of the story is that, no matter what you've done, God will forgive you if you're willing to be humble and own up to your mistakes.

Charles Dickens Museum Partnership



Animation Workshop in Year 5

An animator and expert from the Charles Dickens Museum worked with the class this week on a project for use in the museum.

The children used the software Scribbleo, and visual assets created for the project to animate a range of scenes.

The work they have produced will form part of a new exhibition in the museum examining pollution and climate change, from the days of Dickens, to modern London.

The Foundling Museum Workshop in Nursery



Nursery had another outstanding and engaging workshop delivered by The Foundling Museum. Isobel, an artist provided the children with a range of materials and foam sponges. The focus of the workshop was about families and people who are special to us. The children wrapped wonderful gifts, using the different materials offered to them. The gifts demonstrated love, care and affection to their families and people who are special to them. Nursery explores their learning through a creative approach and explores materials freely. What a fun and eventful workshop for our little pupils. A big well done to all the Nursery children.

Information for Parents

Do you have any questions about school life?

We are of course, really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small. Do phone the school office to ask questions or ask to arrange an appointment to speak to the class teacher. You can also speak to myself or Miss Jackson (Deputy Headteacher).

A member of the office staff will also be available in the playground in the morning. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one. We also like to hear your good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile.



**Mrs Rebecca
Harris**
Headteacher

Prayer

Dear God,

*Please bless our school.
Thank You for all of the
staff that work so hard to
help us learn. Thank You
for providing a place where
we can learn more about
the world. Protect us from
harm, and help us to be
kind to each other.*

Amen

This week in **Destination Reader lessons KS2** children have been **Evaluating**



Evaluating is commenting on the quality of what you read.

You can discuss how the author/text made you think or feel. We evaluate so that we can:

- **Deepen our understanding of texts and what the author wants us to think or feel.**
- **Recommend the right text or book to someone else.**
- **Use these ideas in our writing**

Information for Parents

Messy Cathedral Saturday 1st April 10.30am – 1.00pm

St Paul's Cathedral invites families to a **FREE** session of activities for all ages, including crafts, singing and storytelling, the theme being the days of Holy Week. All that fun will culminate in a Holy Communion.

Tickets on www.eventbrite.co.uk



Rev Jamie is happy to invite you to a free Easter holiday event "Easter Eggstravaganza" at St George the Martyr Church from 11.30am - 2.30pm on Monday 3rd April. This is a chance for kids to get stuck into some Easter arts, crafts, games (and dancing!) plus make their own yummy lunch and get their face painted! Parents can chill in the comfy seats with hot drinks and biscuits or alternatively join in the fun!
RSVP



Information for Parents

Determination

Respect

Community

Excellence

Inspiration

Friendship

SEND Parents Day

With Camden Parents Forum and SENDIASS

For Camden parents & carers of children & young people with special educational needs & disabilities (SEND).

Join us to hear from speakers, meet other parents & give your feedback!

CAMDEN Special Parents Forum

SENDIASS Camden

All welcome!
For more information email: CamdenSPF@kids.org.uk

WHEN Friday 24th March, 10am-2pm **FREE LUNCH!**

WHERE Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town, NW5 1LB.

Together for better outcomes – with Camden managers of SEN education, Social Care & Health services.

Camden SEND Strategy – what's next for families?
Martin Pratt, Deputy Chief Executive, Camden.

Doing it yourself – Emma Colverd founder of Safehaven Basketball club

Give your feedback to Camden.
What's working?
What needs to change?

Book your FREE place NOW!
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/camden-send-parents-day-tickets-559600118017>

This event is for Camden parents & carers only. We are unable to provide a crèche or any children/young person's provision.

Camden Learning Kids Giving disabled children a brighter future

Islington and Camden Parental Support Project

We're inviting all parents and carers in Islington and Camden to join in our events and services aimed at helping improve the lives of young people aged 11-18 (25 for those with disabilities) and their families.

Join a webinar covering a series of important subjects

Child and Criminal exploration.



How to reduce the risks of child and criminal exploitation and how we can safeguard our children together.

Teen dating abuse.



How parents and carers can identify signs around abusive and coercive behaviour amongst young people.



To sign up to our events, scan the QR code

Summer programme.



Together we can reduce the risks and keep young people safe during the summer and beyond.

Social media awareness.



Training and how to supervise young people safe online, as well as information about IT, Zoom, Microsoft Teams and more.

County line training.



Understanding how county lines operates, and how to reduce the risk of grooming.



Please see below key dates for your diaries this term:

March

- **Friday 17th March: Tempest Photography – individual, sibling and class photos.**
- **Monday 20th March: Year 2 School Trip to Nightingale Museum.**
- **Wednesday 22nd March at 9.30am: Year 4 parents - Stations of the Cross and Easter Collective Worship at the Church.**
- **Thursday 23 March Nursery Class School Trip to Foundling Museum**
- **Friday 24th March Year 4 School trip to Tower Bridge.**
- **Tuesday 28th March 10:40 - 11:40am: KS2 Concert at the Barbican.**
- **Friday 31st March: School breaks up for the Easter holidays at 2.00pm.**

Weekly Awards

Star Learners / Christian Value certificates

Class	Star Learners	Christian Value
Nursery	Henrietta	Isaac
Reception	Layla	Jemma
Year 1	Elena	Maryam
Year 2	Aleena	Ayaan
Year 3	Sara	Anila
Year 4	Julieta	Zaynab
Year 5	Amaya	Oliver
Year 6	Aneeqa	Ryan

Attendance

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
Reception	96.6%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	94.2%
Year 6	99.1%
Whole School	96.1%

Reading

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
Year 1	98%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	87%
Year 6	98%