

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS



What a busy and exciting week we have had! Read on to find out about our football teams, parent workshops and Collective Worship.

Ofsted Update

You will know that Ofsted are inspecting schools again, having 'paused' their inspections for a while because of COVID-19. They have written a new Inspection Framework and they will be focusing on different aspects of the school than those areas they focused on in the past, including when we were last inspected in 2013. One example of this is a change to their focus on pupil achievement. Ofsted used to look very closely at how well the children achieved academically and judge schools as outstanding, good or requires improvement largely based on the Year 6 SAT results in reading, writing and maths in comparison to national results (attainment and progress). Now they will still take a close look at pupils' academic results but in addition to this, will quiz the children on what they can remember about what they have been taught in e.g. science or history. The definition of children making progress is now 'knowing more and remembering more' and not just simply passing the SATs tests.

The inspectors will also spend more time speaking to children about their learning and finding out about what they can remember. Alongside this, they will spend more time speaking to teachers who lead curriculum subjects. This is quite a different approach. In our school, we will continue to focus on making sure that the children leave at the end of Year 6 with good academic results as we have always done. We also hope that our children will talk confidently with inspectors about what they can remember from e.g. their history or science lessons. The new Ofsted Framework is much more demanding than in the past with the implication that in the future very few schools will be graded as Outstanding.

For a school to be awarded an 'Outstanding' judgement the school must now be what Ofsted consider to be exceptional. Although we are on an exciting upward path, at the moment St George the Martyr would not be judged as Outstanding.

We are pretty confident that the school is Good and is focusing on the right priorities in the curriculum, particularly with the work we are doing to improve children's reading at the school. We should therefore be very pleased with our progress to date.

Best wishes

Mrs Rebecca Harris Headteacher and Miss Taryn Jackson, Deputy Headteacher

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



On Tuesday, our wonderfully talented footballers had the opportunity to showcase their skills on the world stage at Somers Town Community Sports Centre. They were challenged against other schools in Camden to compete for points, enabling them to climb the league ladder.

Our girls' team put forward their attacking prowess to win two games and draw another, scoring fantastic goals and celebrating similarly as shown on the right. Our boys' team were missing their shooting boots, only managing to score a few, which resulted in two losses and a draw.

Not to worry however, as we will work hard to gain the points next week.

Miss Islam and Coach Harry were so proud at every child's dedication to hard work, respect and resilience, and look forward to next week's matches.



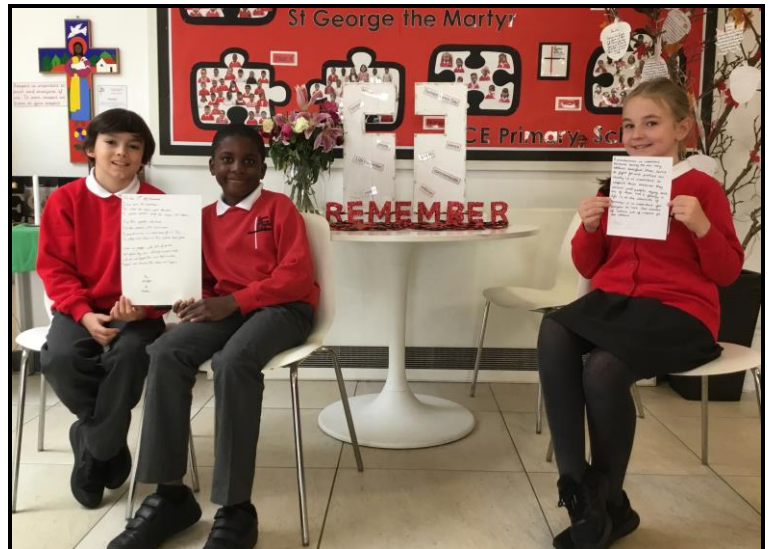
Go St George's!





To commemorate means to show respect for someone or something. This could include laying a wreath at a ceremony, talking to family about the two world wars or taking a moment out of our busy lives to pause and reflect on the sacrifice given by past generations.

Mateo, Nathan and Rosa from Year 6 shared their thoughts about the importance of Remembrance Day in these deep and emotive pieces of writing.



On the 11th of November,
It is a time to remember.
For when the wars were drawn,
To show peace and to show its done.

For the people who died,
For the people who survived.
Remembrance is important for us ALL,
So stop and observe the silence that falls.

Wear a poppy with lots of pride,
And stand by our strong heroes side.
Let us not forget the wars that are done,
Respect our heroes, the silence has begun.

By
Mateo
&
Nathan

Remembrance is important because during the war, many soldiers sacrificed their lives to fight for and protect our country. It is important to respect them because they weren't just people dying, each one of them had a family, a life. So, on the eleventh of November, it is important for everyone to have two minutes of silence out of respect for the soldiers.

Rosa Y6



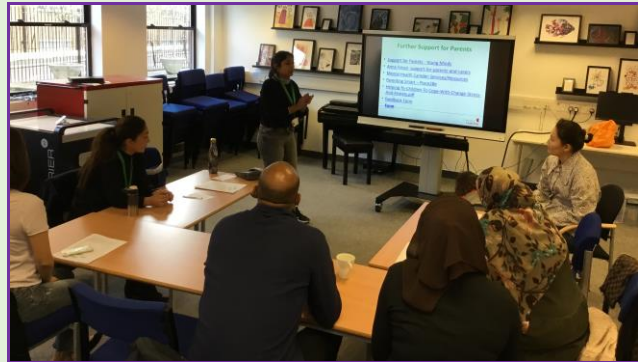
On Wednesday morning, professional theatre makers from Diorama visited us to do a workshop for Year 6.

This workshop was an enriching experience for Year 6. As well as being fun, it offered something different and unusual as the children had opportunities to refine their skills of collaborating and speaking in public.

The children had a fantastic morning.



Well-Being Workshop for Parents



On Tuesday morning, Naila Hirani, a mental health and wellbeing consultant from Camden Learning, delivered a parent workshop on supporting children to cope with stress and anxiety.

This was a great opportunity for parents to meet and greet each other, share experiences and learn different tips and ideas from one another. Parents found the session really useful and they learnt about the difference between stress and anxiety, spotting signs and symptoms and how to do develop healthy coping strategies at home.

NEILA HIRANI AND DEBORAH KAISER WILL CONTINUE RUNNING A SERIES OF WELL BEING WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AT THE SCHOOL ON THE FOLLOWING DATES.

- **Tuesday 29th November: Managing our own stress and wellbeing**
- **Tuesday 6th December: Promoting Positive Body Image and Self-Esteem.**

PLEASE POP BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR BOOK BY PHONE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

All sessions will start at 9:00 am.

Tuesday 29th November 2022

Managing our own stress and wellbeing

- Looking at the impact of lockdown and Covid-19 on our mental health
- Recognising what makes us feel stressed
- Strategies and activities that help us cope better and manage our stress

Please sign up at Reception to book your place

Dear EYFS and KS1 Parents and Carers:



We are excited to invite you to join us for an **Early Reading Workshop** on Tuesday 22nd November at 2:45pm in the school hall. Our Reading Leader and Year 1 teacher Mrs Ross, and Reception teacher Miss Hope will be explaining how your child is taught to read in school, and how you can help them on this learning journey at home. They will deliver an overview of phonics and reading practice, as well as offering you some helpful tips for sound pronunciation, reading for meaning and engaging your child at home. There will, of course, also be time for you to ask any questions at the end.

We hope to see you there, and thank you for your continued support.

This week in **Destination Reader** lessons **KS2** children have been **Asking Questions**

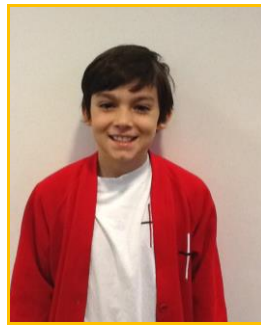


Asking questions is seeking information. We ask questions when reading for two main reasons:

- So we think more deeply about the whole text.
- So we check our understanding as we read.



GOLD STAR OF THE WEEK



Mateo is constantly striving for success and shows ambition and determination to achieve.

He is kind, considerate, and aware of others when he is around the school.

He is a shining star in the Year 6 classroom who spreads joy and positivity to others.

Well done Mateo.



Year 1's Work of the Week

This week in English Year 1 have been learning to write a poem collectively about what they love to do and what they hate to do. To do this they had to find words that rhyme.

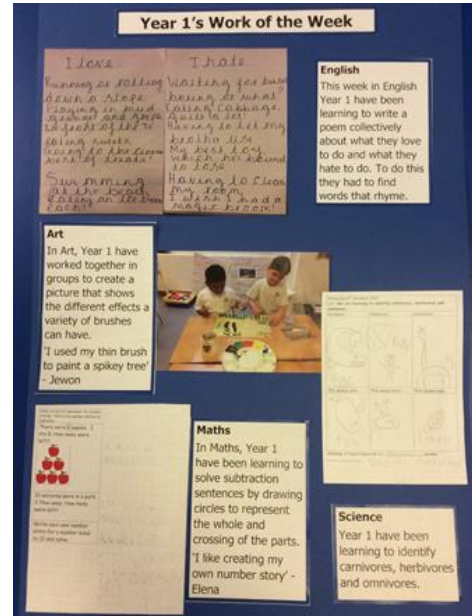
In Maths, Year 1 have been learning to solve subtraction sentences by drawing circles to represent the whole and crossing of the parts.

'I like creating my own number story.' – Elena

In Art, Year 1 have worked together in groups to create a picture that shows the different effects a variety of brushes can have.

'I used my thin brush to paint a spikey tree.' – Jewon

In Science, Year 1 have been learning to identify carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.



Collective Worship

This week Rev Jamie led our Collective Worship, the theme being **Remembrance**.

We reflected on the impact of war on people's lives and the significance of the poppy. Lorrissa read aloud two beautiful war poems.

We stood in silence to remember all those who have lost their lives during the war.



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,

*Help us to always
respect others, and
celebrate difference.*

*Help us also to
respect ourselves so
that we can be the
best that we can be.*

Amen



Please remember the importance of your child being at school on time and being in school every day.

Holidays during School term time will not be authorized.

Information for Parents

Please see below key dates for your diaries this term:

NOVEMBER

Monday 21st November: Year 4 School Trip to The Museum of London.

Tuesday 22nd November at 2:45pm Early Reading Workshop for EYFS and Year 1 parents on in the school hall.

Wednesday 23rd November: Y1 Advent Collective worship at Church - all Year 1 parents welcome.

Friday 25th November: Year 2 School Trip to The British Museum.

Monday 28th November: Year 1 School Trip to The British Museum.

DECEMBER

Friday 2nd December: Year 3 School Trip to the Fire Station in Soho.

Tuesday 6th December: Theatre Workshop for Reception Class at the School.

Wednesday 7th December: Piano concert at 2.15pm

Friday 9th December: School Christmas Fayre 3.30 -5.00pm

Tuesday 13th December: Christmas Performance at 2.00pm

Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Performance at 2.00pm

Thursday 15th December: Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch today, Christmas Panto and party bags 😊

Friday 16th December: School finishes at 2.00pm

SGTM WEEKLY AWARDS

Star learners / Christian Value certificates

Class	Star Learners	Christian Value
Nursery	Arisa	Layla K
Reception	Jemma	Owen
Year 1	Ibrahim	Elena
Year 2	Taseen	Mohilam
Year 3	Sulaiman	Masha
Year 4	Zaynab A	Scarlett
Year 5	Charlotte	Ambreen
Year 6	Rosa	Abdul

Attendance

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
Nursery	89%
Reception	89.9%
Year 1	94.3%
Year 2	92.5%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	93.2%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	98.3%
Whole School	93.7%

Reading

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
Year 1	96%
Year 2	89%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	97.8%

Well done Year 6

