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At St George's we are proud to be one family of lifelong learners who know that they are special to God. Our family is built upon a strong sense of belonging and mutual respect. Our community gives our children the freedom to flourish and succeed.

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Newsletter - Friday, 17th June 2022 A flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

Weekly News

Careers' Week has been a roaring success, finishing with the most fantastic careers' day. The buzz around the school has been absolutely great and the variety of professions the children have been exposed to today has been brilliant; fashion designer, solicitor, podcaster, broadcaster and journalist, soldier, paediatrician, reflexologist, TU Officer, artist, underwriter, priest, barrister, dentist, train driver, pilot, speech therapist, fire fighter, London cabbie, civil servant and sports mentor. What a fabulous range! A huge thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to talk to the children, we are so grateful as the children will have benefitted hugely from this experience. Also a massive thank you to Mrs Melton, Mr Teague and Annie who organised, liaised and arranged all our wonderful speakers. All our visitors have been so impressed with the behaviour, the questions the children asked, their aspirations for the future and their enthusiasm. It has been such a successful today, enjoyed by everyone.

Year 2 loved finding out facts about their bodies and listening to their heart beat using a stethoscope when Dr Dan came in to visit. They were captivated by watching a pilot show unique footage, filmed from inside one of the planes, of the Red Arrows fly by for the jubilee celebrations. They have tried on gowns and wigs, acted out a mini trial and considered what it means to be a barrister. Throughout the week they have considered what their individual skills and strengths are and how these might relate to future career aspirations. Year 3 had a fantastic day learning all about: the role and skills involved in being a solicitor; the different departments a civil servant can work in; the freedom of being your own boss as a London Cab driver; the design process and how to make fabric like Jeff Banks and the scientific knowledge dentists use for helping people to look after their teeth. The children were enthralled by our visitors and said they have been inspired in areas they had not thought of. Year 4 particularly enjoyed getting an artist and a designers' autographs. They appreciated the props our visitors brought as this really brought the presentations to life. One of the children asked "Who organised Careers Day as they are very good at their job." They had a wonderful day, thank you to everyone involved. Year 5 learnt how to march and stand to attention with a sea cadet, followed by creating their own cartoons with an artist and finding out about the army from a soldier, where they got the chance to try on parts of the uniform to see just how heavy it is! In the afternoon, they had a relaxing pamper session with a reflexologist and ended the day learning about the life of a barrister, acting out all the roles within a court for the case against Goldilocks. Whereas, Year 6 had an amazing day exploring fashion design and broadcasting. They re-enacted a court room set up and found out about what life is like as a paediatrician. At the end of the day they created their own podcast - we are sure '6Y's Amazing Stories' will be a massive hit! Thank you to all our visitors everyone had a truly brilliant day. Huge well done to the following children too who took part in the Aquinas Maths challenge competition today :

Mae, Luca P, Makar and Lizzie as they came joint second out of 10 schools. Only missed coming joint first by one point! Very proud of you all. Have a wonderful weekend. From Mrs Peyton and the St George's team

Diary dates	
20 June	Break the Rules day
22 June	Year 5 Aquinas Church
	festival
23 June	Chislehurt Caves Y6
24 June	Hornimann Museum Y1
	Own clothes day - bottle
	tombola
28 June	Chessington trip Y6
	Great British Science
	share
30 June	Rock Steady Concert
1 July	Y1 Maritime Museum
2 July	Summer Fair 11am-2pm
5 July	Transition/Meet your new
	teacher day
7 July	EYFS/KS1 Sports day
8 July	KS2 Sports day
	EYFS PE Enrichment day
	Aquinas Big Debate
12 July	Thank you tea party for
	volunteers
13 July	AAC meeting
14 July	Disco day for all
15 July	PE Enrichment day Y6
	Y6 Leavers' party
	House point reward
40 = 1	afternoon
18 July	Year 6 Leavers' assembly
10 7.4.	(achievement included)
19 July	EYFS-Y2 Achievement
20 Tul.	assembly Y3-Y5 Achievement
20 July	
21 July	assembly End of summer term
21 July	1.30pm finish
	1.50pm (misn

This week, four of our pupils took part in the Aquinas Trust T.U.S.W.D.K (tell us something we don't know) final. Our pupils were incredibly articulate, held the audience's attention and imparted a plethora of information in an engaging manner. Well done to Francesca, Georgia and Freddie and a special congratulations to Freya who won the Y3 medal. We are incredibly proud of you all.

This week our Antibullying Ambassadors have been working hard to produce a child friendly antibullying policy for all of the children and staff at St. Georges to be able to refer to. The Ambassadors will be sharing this policy with the children on Wednesday 22^{nd} June on Don't Face it Alone Day. Thousands of young people experience bullying behaviours every day. They often don't speak out about it because they are scared of what might happen or they are unsure about who to tell or how to report it online. We want to change this by showing young people that they deserve to be heard and that help and support is available. As many of our children have access to social media it is important, we are aware of the impact this can have and how best to protect them, below is a link to an article that you may find useful.

https://theconversation.com/how-social-media-affects-children-at-different-ages-and-how-to-protect-them-180374

Year 6 Bromley Junior Citizen

This week Year 6 went to Bromley Football club to participate in the Bromley Junior Citizen scheme. Here they were met by Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Paramedics and TFL staff, who taught the children lots of information about how to keep themselves and others safe in the big wide world. Some of their highlights included learning how to move an individual into the recovery position, exploring the equipment Police Officers carry and discovering how to ride safely on public transport!

Book Recommendation

Ahead of Father's Day on Sunday, this week we have chosen a selection of books that celebrate male role-models in children's lives. Take a look at the texts here: https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklist-fathers-day. One of our favourites is 'Hair Love' by Matthew Cherry, which tell the story of a Dad who gives his daughter an extra-special hair-style to build his daughter's self-confidence. Look out for this book in our school library!