

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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WEEKLY NEWS

We made it to our final full week of the summer term and what a year it has been! I think we can safely say it's been a year like no other and it seems befitting that it should end with our youngest children in EYFS leading the way with their enthusiasm and boundless energy. It filled us with delight to see them competing in their sponsored sports day, today. The children enjoyed the skipping, hurdles, football, bat and ball and javelin events. The EYFS team looked extremely glamorous dressed as a hotdog and Mrs Desborough was super impressed with all of the EYFS children who demonstrated great sportsmanship and showcased their sports skills. Well done and thank you to all the children, staff and parents for starting our 'Not the Summer Fair' event off with a bang. We look forward to the rest of the staff (teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, Inclusion team, midday supervisors and Father Richard) carrying out their challenges on Monday. Thank you to all the people who have already donated to our fun fundraising event, if you have not and would still like to, you can donate via the School Gateway until Sunday night so please keep donating. We have had some very generous donations, thank you very much to one and all. We are nearly at the £2000 mark, which is amazing. The staff are definitely looking forward to doing their challenges on Monday!!

Thank you to the children who have written a letter to put smiles on the faces of the residents at Sloane House Nursing Home in Beckenham as mentioned in last week's newsletter. Please pop any letters or artwork you would like to send, into the boxes outside the main office school doors and Mrs Ardern will deliver them to Sloane House Nursing Home next week.

If you are having a sort out and have any construction toys ie mobile, stickle bricks, K'nex, Lego, board games or puzzles please ear mark them for us too. We would be very grateful to have them for breakfast club and wet play games. We will leave a collection box outside the main office door for you should you have anything that we can recycle and reuse.

Pause for Prayer: Remember catch up with Fr Richard and his Pause for Prayer message this week, in which we consider chocolate biscuits, teddy bears, eau de parfum, using our senses physically and using prayer to reach out invisibly to God. Go to the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/294730657309924/posts/3081815351934760/?vh=e&d=n> to meet Father Richard's teddy bear.

As we enter into our final few days of term we are finalising our plans for September when we welcome back ALL of our children on Wednesday 2nd Sept. Details of what our picture of the future looks like will be sent out on Monday with drop off/pick up times. In order to meet the government guidelines and to ensure everyone remains safe we have had to adapt our routines, but we would like to ensure you that we remain consistent, dependable and continue to grow together through the difficulties we have faced and are here to guide and support you as best we can. This has been recognised by Lacey in a prayer she wrote for us all:

Dear Lord, thank you for showing us the way through this crisis,

You have shown us that although we have different colour skins, different accents, different backgrounds,

We can all get this through this together, supporting and helping each other.

We have learnt that if we all work as one,

We can create a strong enough force to beat the virus.

Amen

Home schooling

Our teachers have enjoyed reading about all the learning that has happened at home and have been pleased by the lovely things here in school too. We appreciate that it is hard to stay motivated, so please be kind to yourselves and do what-ever you can, 'a little a day, goes along way'. The teachers would like to acknowledge the following children: Mr Kenny would like to congratulate Teddie for always having a hard working attitude and for making such fantastic progress throughout the year. He said, 'Teddie's bubbly and smiley personality is infectious! Well done Ted, you're a Super Star!' Mrs Marsh said, 'WOW!!! Where do we start?! The children have all amazed me ...they have been so happy to come back to school. It has certainly made me think about what a privilege it is to be a teacher. Anyway, I would like to shout out to Aria and Sydney who have both made so much progress this year. They come to school excited to learn and their enthusiasm is infectious'. Mrs Freeman thanks Isabel for always being so happy and giving 100% to her learning since our return to school. Mrs Hatton has been so impressed with her bubble's positive attitude towards all their learning and the work they have produced, especially their wonderful pirate stories, which blew her away (taking her on lots of different adventures across the Seven Seas)! Mrs Powell says well done to 2P for their resilience and she looks forward to seeing them in Sept. Mrs Fage is impressed with Finley Renton from 2FL as he has been busy writing his own story books and typing them up. 'A young author to keep an eye on!' Miss Thorn was impressed by Holly and Georgia for their fantastic power points on their future careers. Miss Yielding wanted to shout out to 3Y, she said 'You are amazing in every way!' Miss Callaghan congratulates Victoria for her fantastic effort and continued motivation towards her learning, as well as developing new skills, including baking lots of delicious treats!

Miss Newnham is impressed with Hannah for smashing her times tables, trying so hard in her literacy and maintaining a positive, 'can do' attitude. Mrs Sawyer is pleased with Lacey for showing such resilience and positivity. Mrs Murphy is pleased with Jessica for her hard-working attitude and valuable contributions to the learning in her group. Mrs Lynch is pleased with Freya, Jonny, Mikey, Milan, Lila, Evangelina and Jack for working hard and submitting excellent applications for the Year 6 roles and Nathan for submitting his CV too. Mrs Chambers and Miss Yielding say a huge well done to all of the year 6 bubbles and the children at home for their fantastic input into the leavers' videos. Mrs Coyle said, 'a huge shout out to all of my bubble for being such fun to be around all week, we've had a really lovely time. I am going to miss them when they go.' Well done to you all and remember to share your home learning via the class email boxes. Excellent examples already form part of our Living and Learning in Lockdown displays that Mrs Sawyer and her helpers have been preparing ready for September.

Art Challenge of the Week!

This week's challenge is all about mixed media. You can use a combination of paper and paint to achieve this lovely effect. Start by sketching your flowers on the paper. Carefully tear your petal shapes from newspaper, tissue paper any paper that can find. Stick down and gradually add paint over the newspaper to build up your colour. Try adding pastel too.

