

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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A flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

WEEKLY NEWS

Once again, our school has been a hive of activity this week as we welcomed back more children to our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 bubbles. We have also now opened up another key worker bubble which gives us a total of 197 children overall who have returned to school, half our school intake. The children have settled well and have quickly adapted to the new 'normal'. Thank you to all our parents for your trust and confidence that we will keep your children safe and happy. We are incredibly proud of all our children who are displaying huge amounts of resilience and adaptability to our ever changing systems and procedures and would like to say a huge well done to all the children whether they are at home, in school, sending in work and messages or popping in to see their teachers. You are all doing an amazing job in these difficult times. It has been lovely to see a constant stream of Year 2, 3, 4, and 5 children and families, this week, who have popped in for a socially distanced 'motivational chat and catch-up' with their teachers. It has been uplifting to see every single one of you and hear how well you have been doing. If you have not already done so, please make sure you make an appointment with your teacher via the email boxes because they are really keen to see the children. We are very committed to ensuring that you still feel part of our community and that we remain connected. We can't tell you when this will end. We can't tell you what will happen next week. But, at a time of constant uncertainty, we can assure you that you can be certain we'll constantly be here to support you.

In the meantime, we are looking forward and planning our repair, recovery and reinvigorate curriculum, taking this opportunity to refresh our thinking especially in light of recent international events. These have shown that much broader and deeper healing is required both in our nation and across the world as we come to terms with the shocking events surrounding the tragic death of George Floyd. It provokes deep reflection and thought about diversity and inclusion – it is certainly front and centre of the leadership team's thinking and practice. Our Christian vision for living well together is one that is inclusive: where all are welcomed, and where everyone gets to play a part. As we begin to engage in our planning for next year and beyond, the healing of relationships and educating for living well together needs to stand at the centre of our decision making. Our Vision for Education is about the flourishing of children and adults – and living well together, for us, means that **unless we flourish together, none of us flourish**. We wish you all a very relaxing and enjoyable weekend, from all the staff at St George's.

Home schooling

Our teachers have enjoyed reading about all the learning that you have been doing at home and have been pleased by the lovely things that been happening here in school too. Therefore, the staff would like to acknowledge the following children: Mrs Marsh is blown away by Arabella's progress in both maths and literacy, she has worked so hard since returning to school. Mr Kenny is impressed by Frank for his continued hard work and brilliant attitude to learning. He is being such a super star and he is so proud of the progress he is making! Mrs Powell is pleased with Harrison for his fantastic reading throughout lockdown. Mrs Fage nominates Amelia who has been creating some fantastic art, researching Andy Goldsworthy and his use of patterns. She is also working hard on creating a time capsule. Mrs Satulenko is impressed with Natalia's politeness, Eleanor and Bethany's continuous, positive learning attitude and Eliza's amazing writing skills. Miss Callaghan is super impressed with Gemma for her wonderful and suspenseful short story about a dog's search for his missing bone. Miss Newnham is impressed with Jayden for being a truly fantastic, caring and loving big brother and Freddie for his informative PowerPoint on rivers. Mrs Lynch is impressed with Jude for his fantastic story about a magical world. She particularly liked how his choice of language like 'portal' and 'exquisite' which really added to the atmosphere. Also, Leah who passed her drama, dance and singing exam on Saturday and got a DISTINCTION! She will receive her Sapphire award when she goes back to her drama class. Mrs Coyle and Mrs Chambers said, 'Well done to all the year 6 bubble for their amazing Powerpoint projects about volcanoes. Did you know that lava can be made of mafic, intermediate or felsic composites? It all depends on the viscosity - we all learnt so much!'

Pause for Prayer

Remember to catch up with Fr Richard and his Pause for Prayer message this week where he teaches us about the feast of the sacred heart.

<https://www.facebook.com/294730657309924/posts/3006196252830004/?v=embed>

The Duchess of Cambridge addressed the nation with an assembly promoting kindness yesterday. Watch it on <https://classroom.thenational.academy/assemblies/kindness>

Book Corner

Mrs Sawyer has compiled a list of our favourite books. We thought you might like to read some of them for yourself or with an adult or older brother or sister. We would love to know what you thought, and which was your favourite in the form of a book review or a picture. We would also love to hear about the books you have read during lockdown. Send your recommendations and reviews into your class mail boxes so we can share them.

Art Challenge of the Week!

Here is a fun art activity this week. Monster blow painting using paint. Put a puddle of colour on your paper, grab a straw and blow. Once dry you can add character features, legs and arms, even googly eyes if you have them.

