



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

This week has flown by with plenty of exciting and interesting learning taking place. Year 1 were visited by Mrs Hewitt's uncle this week to talk to them about his experiences of the war. Year 2 have been applying their Science knowledge of the properties of materials to use in their DT project to design a suitable container to transport raspberries from the farm to the supermarkets. Which raspberries will survive the drop down the stairs? In year 4, as part of Anti Bullying week, they have been taking part in lots of team building activities and were challenged to work together to make the tallest tower they could using only paper and tape. They were very competitive but had some really good discussions together! The children realised the importance of communication and collaboration skills in order to achieve a goal and the activities definitely strengthened their relationships. The children also visited the field to play the team game 'Capture the Flag'. Year 4 have also really enjoyed writing and performing their own poetry too this week using sophisticated vocabulary and practising performance techniques. This week, in their Music lessons, Year 6 have been practising their vocal skills, by learning 'Say My Name' by Destiny's Child. Both Mr Kenny and Miss Yielding were particularly impressed at how quickly the children picked up the lyrics of a seemingly difficult song to sing. They finished their Music lesson by singing their hearts out in a girls vs. boys singing competition, which ended in a draw! Also this week, well done to Zachary who was awarded a medal from a big run that he took part in Tonbridge and placed really well. We are also proud of Faith who gave up her free time to exercise her freedom of speech rights by joining a demonstration in Parliament Square to promote equality. And Sonia who has starred in her first film written by the musician 'littlesimz' plus Joshua who passed his grade 2 viola exam with a high merit. So proud of them all.

Aquinas Review

The school had their termly Aquinas review visit and the focus was on observing the children's behaviour and attitude towards learning and what the school offers to enhance the children's personal development. The two Head teachers visiting were incredibly impressed by the children's engagement and focus with their learning and attitude towards school life. They felt that the school provided a very enriching curriculum with many opportunities offered to develop the children's life skills, collaboration skills and resilience. The children explained to the visitors how we celebrate all faiths, cultures and religions here at St George's and that every class has a Cultural heritage display. They explained that we have a variety of enrichment weeks such as Sports & Health Week, Cultural Week, STEM week, Book Week etc which they felt really enhanced their learning experience and they loved it when their parents came in to talk about their experiences, expertise and helping out in the classroom. Many of the children talked about how the school offers plenty of after school clubs such as Tech club, Taekwondo, drama, cookery, football, hockey and dance that they enjoyed going to. Thank you to the parents who were also questioned by the Headteachers, we were very grateful for your input. Have a wonderful weekend everyone from the St George's team.

| Diary dates | |
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| 19 Nov | Friends' Quiz night at 7pm: start 7.30pm |
| 20 Nov | Cross country competition - Crystal Palace: Ys 5 & 6 |
| 25 Nov | Friends' cake sale and 2 nd hand uniform sale |
| 26 Nov | Thanksgiving breakfast |
| 3 Dec | Christmas lunch Own clothes day - chocolate tombola |
| 8 Dec | EVFS Christmas performances : 9.30am & 2.15pm |
| 9 Dec | Bag2School |
| 10 Dec | Christmas jumper day Own clothes - bottle tombola |
| | Y2 Christmas performances : 9.30am & 2.15pm |
| 11 Dec | Christmas Fair |
| 13 Dec | KS2 Christmas service at St George's church KS1 Christingle service at school |
| 16 Dec | Christmas discos |
| 17 Dec | Last day, early pick up |

Thank you to the Friends for organizing the Quiz night and for those attending tonight. Good luck to all the Year 5/Year 6 children taking part in the Cross country competition tomorrow.

Book Recommendation

To raise awareness of St George's taking a stand against bullying, in Anti-Bullying Week, we have chosen the text 'A pocketful of Stars' by author Aisha Bushby, as this week's recommended read. The story tells the struggles of a young girl named Safiya, whose best friend Elle thinks it is cool to be mean to others. Safiya has to make the difficult decision over whether to stand up to the bullying or stick by her friendship to Elle. Look out for this text in our St George's library.

Online Safety

We are attaching a free online safety guide relating to Netflix as the planet's most popular subscription steaming service, Netflix currently offers more than 500 shows and almost 2,500 films for users to choose from. Most are aimed at adults but are accessible to children unless preventative controls have been set up. This was highlighted during a recent furore around Squid Game, a violent South Korean drama featuring deadly playground games. The attached guide focuses on the potential risks related to Netflix and suggestions for avoiding them.

Enrichment opportunities:

Lao Lao of Dragon Mountain Event at Orpington Library. Come and celebrate 25 years of Margaret Bateson-Hill's wonderful story Lao Lao of Dragon Mountain. Set in long ago China and featuring the traditional craft of paper cutting After the story Margaret will teach you how to cut one simple and one slightly trickier paper cut! Copies of Lao Lao will be available for sale and signed by the author. 25th November 4-5pm For children aged 5-9 with their parents and carers. [To book https://orpingtonlibrarymargaretbatesonhill.eventbrite.co.uk](https://orpingtonlibrarymargaretbatesonhill.eventbrite.co.uk)

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