



St. George's Bickley CE Primary School

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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, 24th September 2021

A flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

WEEKLY NEWS

The week has been a hive of activity with our youngest children Reception learning to rhyme. They have enjoyed reading the book 'Oi Frog' and singing traditional nursery rhymes. They have also talked about the Harvest celebration and have made observational drawings of fruits and vegetables. Year 1 enjoyed dressing up and learning about heroes, heroines and significant people from the past. The costumes were amazing, well done to them all. Year 2 enjoyed leaning how bar codes and scanners make our lives easier in Computing. Mrs Fage and Mrs Powell were very impressed with the Great Fire of London models that Year 2 have made for their home learning task too. Year 3 have compared homes and dwellings from the Stone Age to today's homes and also learnt how cave paintings provide evidence of how early man lived. Year 4 have been learning about the scientist Carl Linneaus and classification. They have been exploring how they can classify sweets and will use the same skills to classify animals next week. Year 5 explored how Christian's put their beliefs into practice this week, with a focus on how Martin Luther King Jnr's religious upbringing and Christian beliefs influenced his approach to conflict during his activism for black rights. The highlight of the week for the Year 6 teachers were the very impressive speeches that were delivered by the children who wished to put themselves forward for Head Boy or Head Girl. Their passion and commitment to our school was very evident in their words as they wanted to give something back to the school for all the amazing support, teaching and fellowship they have received over the years, especially during the toughest of times. They were keen to support and help the younger children as they felt it was their duty and role. They had fantastic ideas for how we could continue to raise money, continue to develop and improve procedures in our school and all the candidates had the right attributes for the roles as they were confident, good listeners, responsible, trustworthy, would work hard to make a difference and great role models. They wanted to assure their audience that they would always do their best and make sure that everyone in our school could flourish and succeed. In line with tradition it was down to the Year 6 cohort to choose with their votes so we are very pleased to announce that Sophie and Hope are our Head Girls and Benjamin and Zachary are our Head Boys. A huge well done goes to the other children who took part in the process as we were so impressed with everyone: Jack, Harry, Mya, Isabelle, Amelia, Anna and Lily. We are so proud of every single one of you. Have lovely weekend from the St George's team.

Diary Dates

Tues, 28 Sept: Meet the teacher & Phonics workshop for new EYFS parents 9.15am
Meet the teacher KS1 4 pm (virtual)
Scadbury Park Y1H
Ancient Greek Workshop Y5
Weds, 29 Sept: Scadbury Park 1M
Art Workshop Y2
Aquinas Transition CW for Y3 (virtual)
Thu, 30 Sept: Meet the teacher KS2 4 pm (virtual)
October: Black History Month
Fri, 1 Oct: Ancient Egyptian work shop Y4
Mon, 4 Oct: Aspire2Inspire meeting
Thurs, 7 Oct: Parent Prayer Space Meeting
Fri, 8 Oct: Parent Prayer Space Meeting
Tues, 12 Oct: Parents' Evening
Thu, 14 Oct: Parent Forum
Parents' Evening
PE Enrichment Day Y3
Fri, 15 Oct: Individual photographs
Half term 18 Oct to 29 Oct

The Friends of St George's

The Friends' AGM was held this week and we would like to say a huge thank you to Victoria, Laura and Victoria for all they have done this year to raise money for the school in very difficult circumstances. This year, The Friends' funds provided the amazing awning over the Year 1 area in order to provide additional outside learning space and a plentiful supply of books for our library and reading areas in our classrooms. Victoria and Laura are stepping down as Chair and Treasurer and we are very pleased to announce that Josie and Rachel are taking over the Chair role and Tais as Treasurer. Watch out for the dates of the upcoming Friends' meeting (all are invited) and focus for this year's fundraising. Thank you all parents who have taken part in the fundraising this year, it is very much appreciated by all staff.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for all the generous donations of your harvest gifts, our hall is full of meat tins, packet mash and tined potatoes ready to be delivered to Bromley Food Bank to help and support those in need. This morning, the children took part in a Harvest Collective Worship, led by our parents Pip and Emma who also lead our Parent Prayer group. They shared the story of Ruth and explained the origins of giving and sharing at harvest time. Ruth and her daughter-in-law had moved to Bethlehem with very little to their names. The law at that time, allowed the needy to gather as much food as they could after the fields had been harvested. Boaz a wealthy land owner, ordered his workers to leave some crops in his fields so that there was more for the people who needed it most - hence sharing what he had with others. We are very grateful to Pip and Emma for giving up their time to share this important message of harvest with us.

Book Suggestions

This week, inspired by the voting to elect this year's school councillors, we have chosen a story called 'The Class Vote' by author Deborah Chancellor. The text follows Romesh's journey of learning about democracy, when his class get a new pet hamster and they could not decide what to call it. We think this is a great read for teaching our children a valuable life lesson of fairness and British values.

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