



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, 26th March 2021

A flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

WEEKLY NEWS

This time last year we had closed the school for the start of the first lockdown. Don't think we ever imagined all that was then to follow and it's hard to comprehend the year that has gone by. It was therefore very important that we had time to reflect on all that has happened over the past year so on Tuesday, we participated in the National Day of Reflection. Every child made a daffodil as a symbol of hope and placed it on our reflection board. They had time to reflect and discuss the effects of the past year on them as an individual and their family and considered a more hopeful future on the horizon.

The rest of the week, we have seen wonderful examples of our enriching, diverse and creative curriculum and our children rising to the challenge. EYFS invited parents and friends from our St George's community to read stories to the children in their home language. The children were lucky enough to have stories being read in Russian, Hindi, Italian, Spanish and German. Year 4 have been reading 'Cinnamon' by Neil Gaiman, which is the story of a Hindu Princess who is blind and will not talk. They held discussions about the Hindu faith and some of the disabilities that Cinnamon is struggling with. In their Music lessons, they learnt about the Indian composer Ravi Shankar and the children loved his symphony finale and listening in particular to the sitar. All year groups have been learning about world faiths this half term: Year 1 and 2 looked at stories from other faiths, Years 3,4,5, and 6 have thought about key beliefs, places of worship and festivals in Islam, Judaism, Hinduism and Islam. Miss Thorn has been really impressed to see the depth of thought and opinion in PSHE lessons, when the children discussed challenging issues including friendship, anxiety and growth mind set. She was particularly impressed with Year 5's level of maturity whilst discussing discrimination. Well done! This week, Year 1 went on a virtual tour of Crystal Palace Park to look at the dinosaur sculptures there. This was linked to their topic 'Time Travellers'. They looked at the dinosaur sculptures in the park and thought about why they didn't really look like the dinosaurs they see in books and online. They found out that more recent work done by palaeontologists has uncovered more fossils and information so that we now have a more complete idea of what the dinosaurs looked like. Mrs Desborough was absolutely amazed and impressed by all the children in 5C and their skills in tag rugby. Great team work and collaboration skills. We hope you have a lovely weekend - the St George's Team

Diary dates

Tuesday, 30th March - Parent Forum meeting @ 10am

Thursday, 1st April - last day of term 1/1.30pm finish (staggered times)

Monday 19th April - Summer Term starts



On Wednesday, there was a real buzz around school, as the children brought in and shared their favourite book. Each child (and our staff members!) had their photo taken with their book for our reading display. It was so wonderful to see all of the stories our children love to read at home and to hear them talking about their favourite authors. Some of the most popular authors unsurprisingly included David Walliams, Roald Dahl, Julia Donaldson and Michael Morpurgo. To give the children some more inspiration for reading, here are some branching out book recommendations from some famous authors and texts:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/branchin>

Friends of St George's

The Friends are pleased to announce that they have now registered with a website to enable us to sell second hand uniform online through the website uniformly.co.uk. You will need to register to be able to use the site but it is a quick and easy process and there is a tab which talks you through it, if you get stuck.

Enrichment opportunities

Wild Glades: Thursday 25th March and Friday 26th March see <https://www.theglades.co.uk/wildglades/> "Wild Glades Online - is a family-focussed festival themed around biodiversity & sustainability. During the festival, the aim is to bring Bromley together to celebrate the beauty, the wonder and the rich biodiversity that is local to our area. Videos will go live at their scheduled time, but don't worry - the content will stay live after this, so you can come back and view it whenever you like!"

Earth Hour: Saturday 27th March 8.30 - 9.30 pm see <https://www.wwf.org.uk/earth-hour> "Earth Hour is one of the world's largest movements for our planet. Millions of people around the world switch off their lights to show they care about the future of our planet - our shared home. Joining Earth Hour's switch off reminds us that even small actions can make a big difference."

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