



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

Next week we are taking part in our termly cross Trust moderation and standardisation event. All the children have to write an unaided piece of writing about their school and we share the pieces across the Trust in order to quality assure and discuss writing across our schools. We must say that the teachers have been really touched and quite moved by the pieces of writing produced as the children have been very honest when describing what they think of our purple community. Here are some quotes from Y4 : 'At St George's our community is treated equally. Our virtues are used to help us connect to God. Our school community is a family of lovely people who will learn something new every day as they flourish and succeed through the years.' (Amelia). 'As a child in St George's I would like to say "Try your best!" Every term there is a new goal to achieve: Thankfulness, Hope, Love, Trust, Forgiveness and Fellowship. We talk a lot about them in Collective Worship and if you think you are different to the rest, come here, we like to be different!' (Izzy) and 'Our school gives the chance in life to flourish and succeed spiritually and socially with a wide range of subjects and facilities. We have a little forest area for KS1 to play in at staggered times. The children have spades and shovels to increase their bond with the outside world. This fun and exciting activity includes a free hot chocolate and biscuit at the end of the session!' (Brandon) So many more made us smile with joy.

Celebration Collective Worship

We celebrated a plethora of achievements this afternoon from across the school. The teachers stood up and spoke about why the child in their class had been recognised for going above and beyond, showing our school virtues, working hard and being a very responsible member of our community - so well done to: Julia, Thea, Annabelle, Zahari, Teddy and Chloe plus Izzy, Elvie, Harry, Mervin, Liam, and Hope. Children shared their successes in sports; our resilient runners from last week's cross country competition for Years 5 and 6. The children definitely challenged themselves and persevered. Thank you to the families who came to support them all. Well done to Benjamin who was selected to represent Bromley borough for the London Youth Games in the under 11s Cross Country event on Saturday too. He did really well and overall Team Bromley took Gold for both the boys and girls events! Our wonderful Year 6s were recognised for turning out on a cold winter Tuesday evening to show prospective parents round our wonderful school. The adults that came were so impressed with the children, their enthusiasm, passion and politeness when showing them around the school. Thank you for being such great ambassadors. Our Timestables Rockstars received their certificates for achieving the most points this week and being number whizzes. Also well done to Adelaide who is doing a sponsored silence to raise money for the Homeless. Her classmates were so proud of her, that many of them joined in today so Mrs Coyle has enjoyed a very quiet class today! However, the children's favourite part of our celebration time together was which House had achieved the most House points to date and at the present time it is Widmore. All the staff have been allocated a House too so parents you are very welcome to award House points to the staff too, if you catch them doing something exceptional!!

Diary dates	
Disability Awareness week 29 Nov - 3 Dec	
3 Dec	Christmas lunch Own clothes day - chocolate tombola
8 Dec	EYFS 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 11am - 2pm
13 Dec	KS2 Christmas service at St George's church KS1 Christingle service at school
15 Dec	Christmas discos
17 Dec	Last day, early pick up

Thank you to the Friends for organizing all the wonderful events this week, the cake sale and the Thanksgiving breakfast. They were certainly busy this morning with over 150 attending!! Well done everyone and for all your support. Please remember to contact the Friends if you are able to help out at the Christmas Fair on Saturday, 11th December. All hands welcome especially from Y2 & Y4 to serve drinks, teas and coffees. Much appreciated.

Book Recommendation:

As many of our children enjoyed their thanksgiving breakfast this morning, this week we have chosen a collection of poems called 'Let's Celebrate: Festival Poems from Around the World' by Indian born poet, Debjani Chatterjee. The text presents poems from different celebrations across the globe, including Thanksgiving, Chinese New Year, Diwali, Holi and many more. Plus, at the back of the text there is a section which explains each festival in detail. Look out for this text in our school library!

Christmas Fair

Match funding is a simple way to maximize the fundraising efforts made by The Friends of St Georges. Usually, a company pledges to match a sum of money relating to an amount raised. If you own a company or the company you work for would be interested in match funding one of our stalls at the Christmas Fair or future events, please do get in touch to discuss this further. Alternatively, if you would be interested in **supporting** one of our future events in return for some advertising, please get in touch with the Friends. thefriendsofstgeorges@gmail.com

Enrichment opportunities:

Stanley Arts in South Norwood will be presenting a shortened version of **The Nutcracker** on Sunday 5 December 2021. The production runs for 50 minutes and they offer a photo opportunity for children to have their photos taken with the dancers on stage. Please see the link below if you wish to purchase tickets: <https://stanleyarts.org/event/the-nutcracker/2021-12-05/> Other dates at other venues are also available too.

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