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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, 28th May 2021

A flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

WEEKLY NEWS

It has been the most amazing, colourful and vibrant week. EYFS continued their tour of Australia visiting many famous landmarks including Uluru, Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge. The children drew pictures and even made Lego sculptures of them! Additionally, the children learnt all about the native animals of Australia, before writing some great fact files! Also, they welcomed a special guest, Mrs Ardern, who came to share her experiences of travelling across the continent! Year 1 have been learning about the Democratic Republic of the Congo, finding out about where it is in the world. Did you know it is the second biggest country in Africa and has the deepest river in the world? They found out about the rainforest, the animals that live there, including Lowland gorillas and the okapi, and about the volcano Mount Nyiragongo that erupted at the weekend! They have written non-fiction information sheets about the DRC, made clay pots, tribal masks, paperchain snakes, painted pictures and created a poster asking people to look after the rainforest. Year 2 have been learning about Guatemala, creating colourful artwork, weaving friendship bracelets, designing, and making worry dolls. Year 3 have been learning about Russian art, music and even made Russian dolls! They also had the opportunity to participate in an engaging brass workshop today with Ms Brock from BYMT. They had great fun learning about brass instruments and having a go at playing themselves. We are very excited that there is the opportunity for the Year 3 children to continue learning this in a small group next half term. Please return the form, given to your children, asap if your child is interested in taking up this opportunity. There are only 12 places available and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Year 4 have really enjoyed learning about the meaning and history behind Indian art and crafts and producing their own versions. They created a giant rice Rangoli, painted pictures in the style of R.S Raza, created a fact file on their chosen Hindu deity and wove rakhi bracelets. The children have also enjoyed sharing food and other items that relate to their own culture and heritage. Year 5 have been busy learning all about Mexico and have enjoyed crafting their own pinatas, papel picado, sugar skulls and pinch pots. They have also written a biography on Mexican painter, Frida Kahlo, and recreated one of her famous self-portraits. Year 6 have studied Ghana this week; tasting traditional foods, reading Ashanti tales and they produced their own kente cloth. It was lovely to see all of the traditional clothes today and hear the children talking enthusiastically about their heritage. Thank you to all the parents who sent in food and other artefacts that helped to bring the array of cultures we have in our school to life.

This week the Aspire2Inspire (A2I) working party held their first meeting to discuss the curriculum offer for St George's pupils. The group links the senior leaders, the AAC, the Parent forum, and the Friends together so they can discuss how we can work in partnership, collaborating to provide an all-inclusive, enriching and broad curriculum by tapping into resources and skills available in the community. If you can support through sponsorship, grant applications, funding, and resources or by giving some time please contact us via the school office. Staff will be in touch with requests for specific support, in areas of the curriculum in the Summer term, so watch this space! The winners of the Nourish Pirate hat competition were Archie and Emilia. Well done both for their creative and imaginative designs. Meet our new Family Worker, Mrs Carrie Sawyer: <https://stgeorgescebromley.school/team/family-worker>. Please note we are still required to inform families of positive cases of Covid 19 for the next 48 hrs, so please email the office. Have a restful half term - the St George's Team

Diary Dates

Mon 7th June - Return to school
Thurs 10th June - Aquinas Maths Challenge
Fri 11th June - Darwin Day
Mon 14th June - STEM week
Tues 15th June - KS2 Big Sing Event
Fri 18th June - Great British Science Share DNA day at St George's
Mon 21st June - Year 6 Progressive Sports Week
Wed 23rd June - Aquinas Big Debate
Fri 25th June - Vocabulary Day
Mon 28th June - Health and Sports Week
Weds 30th June - EYFS Sports Day 9.30 am
Thurs 1st July - Year 1 and 2 Sports Day 9.30 am
Thurs 1st July - Year 3 and 4 Sports Day 1.30 pm
Fri 2nd July - Year 5 and 6 Sports Day 9.30 am
Tues 6th July - Secondary Transfer Day, Meet the Teacher EYFS to Year 5
Thurs 8th July - AAC meeting
Sat 17th July - Summer Fair (hopefully)
Fri 23rd July - **End of term 1.30pm**
Mon 26th July - INSET DAY (staff only)
Tues 27th July - INSET DAY (staff only)

The Friends of St George's

Our wonderful Summer Fair is rapidly approaching and the Friends have sent round an email asking for support regarding operating the stalls, raffle prizes, jolly jam jars, bottle tombola etc. Thank you to those who have already volunteered and offered help. Our wonderful team, ably lead by Laura and Victoria, would also like to announce that Victoria and Laura are stepping down as Chairs at the end of this academic year so the Friends are looking for some wonderful parents who could take over the mantle of Chair/s and Treasurer. If you are interested and wish to find out more, please contact the Friends at friendsofstgeorges@AquinasTrust.onmicrosoft.com The Friends do an amazing job at raising funds for the school which is so much appreciated, as you all know their hard work has provided us with teaching walls, awnings, ipads, a wooden gazebo and an amphitheatre just to mention a few.

Enrichment opportunities

Book Recommendations: With the sad announcement yesterday that author Eric Carle had passed away at age 91, we remember his legacy by celebrating the amazing children's books he wrote during his lifetime. Written over 50 years ago, one of his most famous books and a tireless classic, The Hungry Caterpillar, is a book that has been shared with and enjoyed by our children at St George's, year after year, and still continues to be a popular favourite across our school. Take a look at a selection of just some of the 70+ other books Eric Carle wrote here: <https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/children/2019/jun/where-to-start-eric-carle-books.html>

Bromley Floral Fest Reminder: We are entering a planter into the Bromley Floral Fest Competition. This year's theme is to celebrate our school community - particularly in light of the last year's events. This could reflect how we stayed in touch in lockdown; how we celebrated being back together; a particular initiative we are working on or another way our school community has shone. Prizes will be given by the judges for: most creative, best use of colour, best horticultural display, best use of theme and there will be a further People's Choice prize for the public's favourite. If you would like to draw a design that could be used, please give it to Mrs Peyton by **Monday, 7th June** and you can help Charlie and Mrs Peyton to plant and maintain it until the competition date on Saturday 26th June.

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