



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, we had our termly Aquinas Monitoring visit from two of the Aquinas Primary Education Directors and as you can imagine our children and staff excelled as they always do. Both Directors were so impressed with how articulate our pupils were, how purposeful and supportive the learning environments were, how focused and engaged the children were and how well the children collaborated together. A special mention needs to go to Milan, Xander, Sofia, Jack, Georgia and Lily for sharing with the Directors their thoughts about the online learning during lockdown, behavior for learning in the classroom and what was special about St George's. All of them were so thoughtful, reflective and honest with their opinions. We wished we had recorded the conversation because they were so lovely and insightful! The Directors were impressed with the fantastic learning that they saw in the classrooms. In Reception, their caterpillars have now turned into chrysalis and it's very exciting!! They have been learning the lifecycle of a plant and everyone has planted a bean seed. Elliot's mum kindly gave up her time to read to the children in German this week. She also taught the children a game which is played in schools in Germany. Year 1 have been thinking about how we are all similar but different and how clever our bodies are. They have been learning about melatonin in our skin and the concept of ancestry. Year 2 participated in the London Philharmonic Orchestra's (LPO) live online music event called 'Elephants in the custard'. It included a free new film of storytelling, music and audience participation, based on the children's book 'Elephants in the Custard' by Samuel Langley-Swain and Jemma Banks. The 25-minute film was presented by animator Rachel Leach, interspersed with music performed by a brass quintet from the LPO. They had fun joining in with actions and singing along with a brand-new song that they had learned. Year 3 carried research tasting food from other cultures as part of their DT topic of designing a healthy sandwich. The children in Year 4 are reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. In their literacy lessons they have been learning about refugees (as the central character is a refugee from Syria) and they are beginning to write their own information leaflets about refugees to address misconceptions that the children felt some people may have. Year 5 have been thoroughly enjoying their literacy book, 'There's a boy in the girl's bathroom', this week. They have explored the concept of inclusivity through a range of writing opportunities, including a balanced argument and informal styles of writing. In year 6 they have been looking at Activism, in particular activists such as Baroness Lawrence, Granville Sharp, Olive Morris and they have looked in detail at the Bristol Bus Boycott. They have been exploring why people become inspired to campaign for civil rights and what makes their campaigns successful. Well done to everyone that tried their best to walk, cycle or scoot to school. We came 19th out of 496 schools in the Big Pedal competition. This is a fantastic achievement so it would be great to try to keep up the good habits. Have a lovely weekend - the St George's Team

Polling Day

As the school has to close for polling day, all teachers will be offering online Teams lessons on Thursday, 6th May. The teachers will be in contact regarding times and lessons. Work will also be sent home either to accompany the online work or for children to do independently as we are fully aware that some children will be looked after by childminders, grandparents or friends. Please do not worry if your child/ren are unable to log on to the planned sessions.

The Friends of St Georges

The Friends held a socially distanced meeting yesterday to discuss the planned Summer Fair on Saturday 17th July (finger crossed in can happen). If you would like to hold a stall, have time to help or have any fund-raising ideas please contact Laura on thefriendsofstgeorges@gmail.com

Diary

Mon 3rd May - Bank Holiday
Thurs 6th May - Polling Day (online learning will be provided)
Mon 10th May - Aquinas Maths Challenge/Mini
Mon 12th May - Beast visit for EYFS/Y1
Thurs 13th May - Eid-al-Fitr
Wed 19th May - Class photographs
Mon 24th May - Multicultural Week
Tues 25th May - Crime & Punishment workshop
Thu 27th May - Parent Forum
Mon 31st May - Half term
Mon 7th June - Return to school

Enrichment opportunities

Book Suggestions: This week, in celebration of the 100th birthday of Sir Captain Tom Moore, we are recommending his book - 'One Hundred Steps', which tells the incredible story of how he walked 100 laps of his garden, raising millions of pounds, and capturing the hearts of our nation. If you are interested in finding out more about his life, we also recommend reading his book from the 'Little People, Big dreams' book series.

Climate Heroes: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-green-badge> Follow the link and apply for your Blue Peter Green Badge and become a Blue Peter Climate Hero. All it takes is three pledges (plastic, power and plants), for two weeks to get one badge. Check out the Climate Hero Collection for quizzes, top tips and green makes. The badge wall segment live on Blue Peter (Thursdays, 5 pm on CBBC) celebrates the awesome things children have done.

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