



St **George's** News - February 2024

A message from Mrs Tyers

A warm welcome to our re-launched monthly newsletter! We hope that this letter is informative and keeps you up to date with what is happening in school. I am incredibly proud of how hard the children and staff are working at St George's and it is a pleasure to celebrate their learning and successes with you.

It has been a busy January.

The children in Year 6 have spent a week at the Beacon Centre working with the team from Into University; they thoroughly enjoyed their time there.

We have had 2 parent afternoons where the children in Years 1 and 2 shared their learning about their topics of the 'Arctic Circle' and 'Heroes and Heroines'.

All of the children have been enjoying taking part in their dance lessons for their second PE session of the week and the lunchtime dance club has been a big hit!

February looks to be another busy month and before we know it, it will be the Easter holiday. Don't forget that the half term holiday is from Monday 19th February until Friday 23rd February. Whatever you are up to for half term, I hope you have a wonderful break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Tyers

School News

Staffing Updates

We have had a number of staff off due to ill-health and the team have worked tirelessly to ensure that there was as little disruption to our children's learning as possible.

Mrs Morse hopes to return to work soon. In the meantime, her class is being covered by Miss Moran supported brilliantly by **Mrs Hutchinson, Mr Garvey and Mrs Rafalska**.

Mrs Rigby is now on maternity leave after the safe (but early) arrival of Ella. We are delighted to have **Miss Bancroft** back. She has taken over the teaching of Year 3. A huge thank you to **Mrs Horsfall, Miss Smith and Miss Whiteley** for all their hard work supporting Year 3 since the start of term.

A warm welcome to **Miss Hilton** who has joined us and is teaching Year 4.

Parent Teacher Meetings

At the end of the Autumn term, you all received a report about your child's progress. On the 25th and 26th of March, we are having parent/teacher meetings, this is your opportunity to book an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and see how you can support their learning at home. Appointments will be available to book via School Spider from the 4th March so please ensure that you are able to log onto your School Spider account.

British Sign Language

Since September, all the children have been learning BSL. Mrs Reid is extremely proud of how enthusiastic all the children are to use their signing skills. If you would like to support your children with their signing, and possibly learn yourself, you can visit [this website](#) which has lots of resources, tools and games.

Debating Competition

Lily C, Freddie and Barirah from Y6 have been taking part in a debating competition with other schools in our cluster. They have had to research and prepare speeches to either support or oppose the following topics:

- Art and Music shouldn't be taught in school.
- Homework should be banned

The children worked extremely hard, spoke passionately and represented St George's brilliantly, winning their second debate against The Friars. Well done Lily, Freddie and Barirah and to Faith, Ruby and Harley who helped with the research!

School Events this term

You can find information about upcoming events on our website on the [school events calendar](#).

February/March

- **Wednesday 7th February** - Final Y4 swimming session
- **Friday 16th February** - Finish for half term break
- **Monday 26th February** - Children back into school
- **Thursday 7th March** - World Book Day - Children can dress up as their favourite **book character**.
- **Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March** - Parent/Teacher meetings (book via School Spider)
- **Thursday 28th March** - Y3/4 Trip to RHS Bridgewater/Finish for the Easter Holiday.

The importance of good attendance and punctuality

On Monday 8th January, the government launched its new campaign, '*Moments Matter, Attendance Counts*' to improve attendance and punctuality in schools. At St George's CE Primary School we believe that attendance and punctuality at school is not only a legal requirement, but is fundamental to a child's development and attainment. **Local Authorities, Schools, Parents and the wider community all have a role to play in improving attendance.**



There is strong link between good attendance, punctuality and achieving good results. Having frequent absences from school may affect academic progress as well as have a negative effect on maintaining friendships. **Good attendance** is seen to be **96% and above** and at SGPS we strongly encourage this. Each week in assembly, we celebrate the class with the highest attendance and they receive the Attendance Bear to look after for the week. Every day, in every class, a letter is awarded if all the children are in. When a class has achieved all the letters in ATTENDANCE, they are rewarded with a non-uniform day.

In order to support us with better attendance, and in turn benefit your child, we ask families to avoid taking day trips, long weekends and family holidays in term time. We also ask that any dentist or doctor's appointments are made outside of the school day, where possible. If your child is genuinely unwell, then of course they must stay at home to get better, you are the parent and you know your child best as to when they are poorly. But if you are unsure, then send them into school and let the teacher know they are a little under the weather, as on lots of occasions, children rally once they are in the school environment and with friends. We would always contact you to collect your child if they were genuinely too unwell to be in school.

Our Attendance Officer, Miss Preston, will continue to work with families to ensure that children are in school every day and in class by 9:00am.

Thank you for your support.

Every Minute Counts

Minutes late each day	Missed learning time (per year)
5	3 days
10	6.5 days
15	10 days
20	12 days
30	19 days

What's been happening in school this month?

EYFS - Reception and Nursery

We have been taken a trip on a magic carpet around Asia; visiting China, India, Russia and Egypt (which sits across the African and Asian continents). The children have used a map to find these countries. They have learnt about Chinese culture and traditions, including Chinese New Year. They have found out about aspects of Indian culture, including Diwali. The children then flew to Russia and found out about key features of Russia's culture; they really enjoyed playing with the Russian Dolls. Finally, our magic carpet took us to Egypt where we found out about the Great Pyramids and what a desert is like.

We're now moving onto learn about "Way back when...hats had brims".

Please visit our [class page](#) to read our curriculum newsletters which tell you what we will be learning.

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The EYFS Team

Year 1

Year 1 have been on a trip to the Arctic Circle - brrrrr! We have learnt about the location of the Arctic Circle and found it on maps and a globe. We have found out about the weather and climate, and how Inuit people live there. We really enjoyed learning some Inuit traditional dances. We have discovered some of the animals and plants which survive in the harsh conditions of the Arctic Circle and we have seen the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) which we have learnt is created by solar particles and solar winds.

We are now moving on to learn about the famous record breaker Sir Ranulph Fiennes and all his achievements. To find out more about what we'll be learning, please visit our [class page](#) on the website where you'll find our curriculum newsletter and WHISK (What I should Know) sheets.

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The Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about heroes and heroines, both past and present, who have overcome major challenges in life and become inspirational figures. We particularly enjoyed learning about Malala Yousafazi who suffered a terrible ordeal but still campaigned for girls' education. It was lovely to invite families in to share our learning with you.

We are now moving on to learn Mary Anning, world famous female paleontologist, and why her discoveries were so important. To find out more about what we'll be learning, please visit our [class page](#) on the website where you'll find our curriculum newsletter and WHISK (What I should Know) sheets.

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The Year 2 Team

Year 3

Year 3 have been on safari! We have visited Africa and discovered that it is a very big continent! We have seen the 'Big 5' (elephant, lion, buffalo, leopard and rhinoceros) and investigated countries where they can all be found. We have taken part in an African dance workshop, which we really enjoyed, and have learnt about African culture, in particular African food and folk tales. We have also been back in time and found out about the Benin Early Period which began in about 900AD/CE. We now know that the Obas were very powerful and they owned all the land in Benin and were treated like gods.

We have really enjoyed our trip to Africa and we're looking forward to our next topic where we'll be going back in time to find out about 'Lindow Man'. Please visit our [class page](#) to read our curriculum newsletters and WHISK sheets which tell you what we will be learning.

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The Year 3 Team

Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about the history of slavery. We started by learning what slavery is, looking at some of the reasons behind it and examples of it, before moving on to find out about slavery in Europe, Asia, Africa and America throughout history. We learnt about two key people who were instrumental in making slavery illegal, before investigating modern day slavery and what we can do to stand against it, like the courageous abolitionists of the past. We found this theme very thought-provoking.

We are now moving on to look through a "Window on the World", learning about global issues; settlements, land use and trade links. Please visit our [class page](#) to read our curriculum newsletters and WHiSK sheets which tell you what we will be learning.

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The Year 4 Team

Year 5

Year 5 have been on a whirlwind trip around North and Central America. We started by locating countries and states, before we moved on to the learn about the discovery of America and the Indigenous People of the Americas. We also studied the weather and climate, as well as the human and physical features of the Americas. We learnt how to line dance which was lots of fun and you can see the result of our hard work on our ClassDojo Class Story.

We are now moving on and back in time to Ancient Egypt where we will learn about the "Pharaoh Queen". To find out more, please read our latest [curriculum newsletter](#) which can be found at the bottom of our class page on the website.

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The Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 have been working extremely hard so far this term. We have spent at week at The Beacon Centre working with Into University, taken part in a debate inter-school competition as well as finish our Learning Means the World theme, "I Have a Dream" which the children have really enjoyed.

We are now moving onto a new unit of learning called "Been Around the World". To find out more, please read our latest [curriculum newsletter](#) which can be found at the bottom of our class page.

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The Year 6 Team

Let's Celebrate!



There are many ways we reward children in school. This ranges from a smile, a positive comment, a sticker, a praise slip, receiving Dojo points and special mentions, amongst other incentives – the list is long! Children are awarded for following our school rules of **ready, respectful and safe**, linked to our school values of **respect, compassion, community, perseverance** and **thankfulness**, as well as for achievements with their work. Our Positive Behaviour policy sets out in detail how children are celebrated, supported and guided to make good choices. This can be found in the [policy section](#) of our website.

Congratulations to the following children who have received a 'special mention' between 5th January and 2nd February:

Reception: Yunus, Finley M, Keelan, John Boy.

Year 1: Daisy, Camilla, Mary-Lou, Jonathan, Heidi, Simon, Holly, Rupert, Arthur.

Year 2: Asal, Esmee, Jackson, Oliver, Bella, Lucie-Lou, Caleb, Eleanor, Emilia-Rose, Evie.

Year 3: Hollie, Thomas, Finley, Ameera, Deanna, Niah, Ethan, Poppy, Noah, Ayda.

Year 4: David, Riley W, Nevaeh M, Jaxen, Pujya, Ethan, Zoe, Daniel, Lucia.

Year 5: Charlie, Devon, Nela, Wyatt, Sana, Omar, Ciara, Libby, Savannah, Ano.

Year 6: Oscar, Lily C, Bobby, Scarlett, Karson, Tia.

PE: Nevaeh M, Jakob, Adriel, Casey, Mya

[Attendance Shout Outs!](#)

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Congratulations to the following classes who have been awarded the Attendance Bear:

Week ending 12th January 2024 - Year 6 with 93.7%

Week ending 26th January 2024 - Year 6 with 98.7% who also got all their ATTENDANCE letters this week so had a non-uniform day on Tuesday 30th January.

Our attendance target is 96% and above.

Community News

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🕒 10.00am - 3.00pm
📅 Monday 19th Feb - Thursday 22nd Feb
📍 King William Street, M50 3UQ

To Book: <https://eequ.org/experience/6410>

 Salford Community Leisure

For enquiries please contact active.communities@scll.co.uk

Contact Us



We are here to help. If you need to speak to someone in the school office, please find our contact details below. Mrs Worsley will be able to direct you to the best person to speak to. If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please use ClassDojo, School Spider or speak to them at the start or end of the school day.

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