

# Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase Weekly Newsletter



Term 3 – Week 6  
Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Families,

We have reached the end of Term Three and what a fun and successful term it has been! The children have taken part in lots of wider learning experiences this term including Young Voices at the O2, an educational visit from the Police, I-Rock band performance, swimming lessons, trips to the library and reward events at the park. Within school the children have been working hard and this can clearly be seen from the children's work, their displays and from talking to the children about what they have been learning. It has been brilliant to end the term with 'Love Yourself Day!'

Next term we look forward to many more exciting events at the Primary Phase, beginning with our 'Wizard Stories' event in our first week back.

Mrs Foxwell leaves us today. Mrs Foxwell has been working with Miss Edwards in Badger class as part of her teaching training. We wish her lots of luck as she continues on this journey. I know Miss Edwards and the Badgers will miss her!

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February for the start of term four.

Mrs Palmer

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

*Well done to Squirrels – Attendance Ted will be visiting you after half term! Well done to Foxes too, you were so close!*



Hedgehogs	96%
Badgers	89%
Squirrels	97.1%
Owls	94.67%
Foxes	97%

WHAT'S THE BEST DAY TO COME TO SCHOOL?  
**EVERY DAY!**



# For Information



## Mother's Day Activities, 17<sup>th</sup> March

A reminder that we would like to invite all of our lovely mums into school on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March for a Mother's Day activity hour. You and your children can complete some Mother's day craft and share tea and cake together.

Year Group	Activity Hour Start Time
R – Hedgehogs	9.00am
1 – Badgers	10.00am
4 – Foxes	11.00am
2 – Squirrels	1.00pm
3 – Owls	2.00pm



The community that collected the most points this term is **our blue community - Canterbury!**

They will meet with Mrs Palmer next term to decide what their prize is going to be!

## Belle and Biscuit

Our two Giant African Land Snails are still not what we would call giants, but they have certainly doubled in size since we first got them! They are being lovingly looked after by Miss Parker and are even having a holiday at her house over half term!





## For Information



Saint George's Primary has signed up for **The Big Battery Hunt!** This is a nationwide battery recycling programme for schools funded by Duracell. Its aim is to increase the number of batteries currently being recycled in the UK. **You can pick up a special Big Battery Hunt recycling box from the school office** and then start filling it with old batteries (AAA, AA, C and D batteries only).

Once you have collected as many batteries as possible, count them up and write the number you have collected on the top of the box. Then simply drop the box back to the school office.

The school that collects the most batteries before the 23<sup>rd</sup> June will win £3,500 towards garden and outdoor equipment!

**Let the Big Battery Hunt commence!**

Each year about 600 million batteries are thrown away!

More than 20,000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill sites!

It can take 100 years for a battery to decompose & they can leak harmful chemicals into the soil.

So instead of throwing your batteries away – why not recycle them!

# This week in school

## Year R barefoot walk

Hedgehog Class had fun ticking off one of their '50 things' earlier this week, when they went for a barefoot walk in the Year R garden!



## York Trip to Woodlands Park

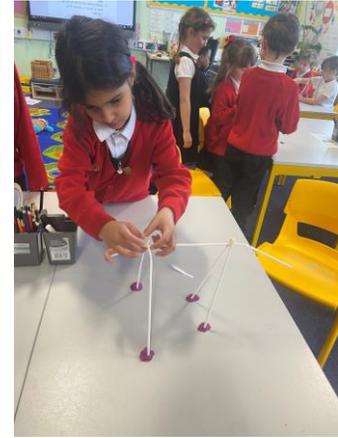
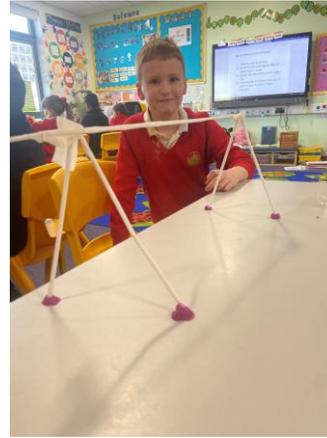
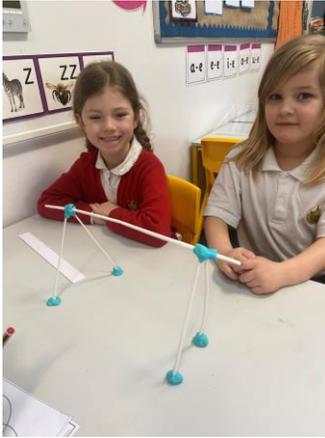
Our yellow community also had fun outside this week, when they visited Woodlands Park as their treat for being the winning community last term!



# This week in school

## Year 2 Science

Our squirrels have been busy learning about structures, stability and strength. They had lots of fun making anchored and non-anchored frame structures from paper straws and playdoh to explore the meaning of stability.



## Year 4 Connecting for Children's Mental Health Week!

Our Fox Class have been working in teams to create bridges in DT and have also entered into the funniest potato competition in PSHE! By working together with kindness and understanding they have produced some fantastic work and learned how to look after each other's mental health!



## 6th Form Worship

We were lucky enough to have a visit from some of our Sixth Formers this week, when they delivered a worship about leadership. Thanks to all involved!

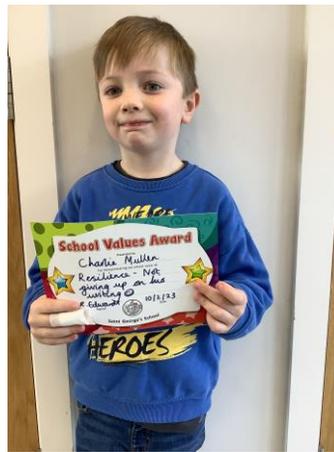


# School Values Awards

Who has been demonstrating our school values this week?



**Billie** for showing *resilience* by using her sounds & letters in her writing!



**Charlie** for showing *resilience* by not giving up with his writing!



**Ivana** for showing *resilience* in her maths and always trying her best!



**Logan** for showing *honesty* by telling the truth even when the consequences are challenging!

**C**reativity

**H**onesty

**R**esilience

**I**nclusion

**S**tewardship

**T**hankfulness



**Jason** for showing *resilience* by working hard to increase his independence!

# Our stars of the week!



**Hedgehogs**

**Oliver** for his fantastic map reading skills when hunting for 2D shapes!

**Badgers**

**Megan** for her amazing innovation of 'The Ugly Duckling'

**Squirrels**

**Naydine** for working so hard on her presentation in English!

**Owls**

**Harriet** for showing perseverance in maths and tackling challenging questions independently!

**Foxes**

**Luke** for his fantastic creative writing!

# Dates for your Diary: Term 4

Term 4	
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>First day of term 4</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Year 2 visit to Fire Station – see email sent 09/02/23
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Wizard Stories Event – see email sent 31/01/23
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Parent Voice Meeting 2pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Book Week
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Fire Brigade Visit
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023	World Book Day – Children to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	Book Fair – further information to follow
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Science Week
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Visit from FizzPop Science
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Mother's Day Gift Shop – see letter sent 3/02/23
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Mother's Day Gift Shop – see letter sent 3/02/23
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Mother's Day Activity Hour – see information in this newsletter
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Trust Development Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023	Visit from author of 'I want to go to space' – further information to follow
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023	Parent Consultations – further information to follow
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	Parent Consultations – further information to follow
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Badger Class Worship 9.15am – Parents invited to attend
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 3 & 4 Anglo-Saxon Workshop – see email sent 02/02/23
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 4 Kingswood Residential Trip Meeting for parents 6.00pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Last day of term 4 – Finish at 1.15pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>Deadline for Year 4 Kingswood Residential Trip Payment</b>
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils

**Thank  
You!**

Thank you to our lovely SGPA who gave all children a chocolate or sweet and a note telling them how amazing they are!

# ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS

One of our Year 2 parents is running a series of art and craft workshops at the St Andrew's Art Centre in Gravesend. Please see below for information on how to book your place!

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**11 AND 25 MARCH**

**8 AND 22 APRIL**

**13 AND 27 MAY**

**10 AND 24 JUNE**

**8 AND 22 JULY**

**12 AND 26 AUGUST**

**9 AND 23 SEPTEMBER**

**14 AND 28 OCTOBER**

**11 AND 25 NOVEMBER**

**9 AND 23 DECEMBER**

Please join us for our new fun and friendly family art and craft sessions, running twice a month at the St Andrew's Arts Centre in Gravesend, starting February 2023.

Taking place every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, you will have plenty of opportunity to explore a variety of skills and different art and craft techniques in our family-friendly making workshops facilitated by local artist Sonnia Montes.

Suitable for all ages.

Please note, children aged 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian throughout the session. (Parents or Guardians do not need to book a space if assisting the child).

Price: £3 per place or book 2 places for £5

Workshops take place at 10.30am and 12.30pm

For information and advanced bookings, please visit: [www.visitgravesend.co.uk](http://www.visitgravesend.co.uk)



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