

TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE C.E. SCHOOL



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WWW- What went well!

Head teacher Awards for February

Congratulations to children who received an award for teaching and learning in February.

Swans:	Leilani-Rose, Leo S, Teejay
Kingfishers	Lewis, Emily, Daniel M-S
Puffins	Michael S, Elliott P, Neena
Penguins	Ella C, Joshua G, Abigail O
Toucans	Daisy, Philomena, Tristan V
Hummingbirds	Freya D, Rosie W, Lindiwe
Robins	Isla-Marie, Riley, Lily-Jayne
Wrens	Ethan B, Chloe R, Harry V
Condors	James A, Tyler C, Joseph W
Kestrels	Isabella C, Jessica W, Austin W

Alameda Cross Country festival

Congratulations to our Cross Country team who competed on Thursday.

The children ran really well and the school came 9th, however of the Lower Schools competing we came 3rd!

Congratulations go to the whole team and to **Tyler** who came 7th overall. (He was the 1st placed Lower school pupil). A special mention for **Daniel** who finished the race, coming in well within the first round of finishers - despite having fallen and sadly broken his collar bone as he ran the route. Thank you to **Dexter** who slowed down to run with Daniel.

As ever we were proud of the children for taking part and their super attitude at the race as well. Thanks for coming to support them.

Our Hots Shots Basketball team have made it through to the next round of the regional championships so we are looking forward to hearing their news as they compete in the next round. Well done to the whole team.



Long Write week

We have just completed a 'Long Write' week. Many children have produced writing they can be very proud of. A number of children have shown very significant progress in their writing. In different year groups children have written postcards, birthday cards, stories about Aliens, writing based on Katie Morag stories, their own creation myths and writing based on Beowulf! We are very pleased with the effort so many children made.

Alien Day

Swans and Kingfishers

Last Friday we had 'green faced' staff and children dressed in wonderful Alien outfits. The children in Reception Class learnt so much about Planets and Space on their Alien day. They have lots of questions to ask you about it all. We had some tricky questions about planets - you may find you need to nip to the library, Google <https://www.universetoday.com/33415/interesting-facts-about-the-planets> or 'Ask Alexa' as some of the questions were quite demanding!





World Book Day

EVERYONE had a £1 book token. Most supermarkets have the **World Book Day** books, and W H Smiths have them too. The voucher lasts until the **end of the month**. There are lots of good books on the WBD list this year - have a look on **World Book Day 2019 website** to see the books you might like to choose with your child.



Sir Teach a Lot

Year 2 had a really interesting day of 'living history' last week when Sir Teachalot visited. Our visiting knight explained about medieval jousting, catapults, trebuchets and armour. Children also learnt how best to defend a castle. We hope this inspired your child to learn more about different periods of history.



Big Litter Pick

Thank you so much to those who came along to our 'Big Litter pick'. You helped keep parts of Toddington Parish and village litter free, and also helped tidy our playgrounds and field. As well as children, parents and staff we had babies, toddlers and senior citizens helping. The School Eco team then followed the hard work up with extra weeding and planting on Tuesday. (Please see the end of the newsletter for a couple of things we need some extra 'muscle' for to finish a couple of jobs!).



Times Tables Rock Stars have been such a hit we have extended the offer to play Times Tables Rock Stars to Years 2, 3 and 4. We are just sorting the details out for a fun number bonds app for Years R and 1 – so watch this space for news after Easter.

New Governors.

Thanks for considering this very important role for our school. I am delighted to say we have had a number of enquiries about being a Governor and what the role involves. I will write to you shortly with further details about who you can vote. Those elected will then represent you, directing and supporting the development of our school.



Hooked on Worship (HOW)

Our thanks go to all the children who led the HOW assembly this Month. They did a great job and had thought hard about the values of Faith and Commitment. The Collective Worship ended with the whole school, singing 'Walk on' which reflected Commitment. (The Liverpool fans were happy even if others weren't keen to sing another song!).

Parent drop in with Mrs Naomi Phelan

Mrs Phelan has come regularly to school to be available for Parents.

NO appointment is necessary and no concern too big or too small!

Do ring to book a slot with Naomi if you want to know you can have a

chat without anyone else around. We will run this session one more time to Easter on Thursday afternoon.

After May half term we will be offering the **Triple P parenting course** in school time and we already have some Parents who are keen to attend this excellent course.



This will be led by Charlotte Hodgson who runs the programme in a number of local schools. Further details will be sent out after the Easter holidays. Please let us know if you're interested.

Other News

Circulated with this newsletter is a Literacy Newsletter called Mad About Books, please do have a read. We have also enclosed details about the Summer Term SEND drop in dates run by Central Bedfordshire Council.

The old school email will not be available after Easter, therefore please ensure you are using the new one which is **office@toddstg.co.uk**

Finally, we are advertising for a Midday Meals Supervisor. If you are interested the details are attached.

Diary dates to the end of this term

Sunday Special Ladies Secret Shop presents passed on for Mothering Sunday.

Monday 9.20 - Dress Rehearsal for Yr. 3 play – to the children

Tuesday 9.00 onwards - RE Day in school-we are making Land Art crosses so do send in a few spring flowers or some natural resources if you are able to e.g. conkers that you may still have, pine cones or some (clean) twigs.

Wednesday 9.30 - Year 3 Easter Play to Parents and Carers in Yr. 3

Thursday 3.30-5.30 - PTA Movies and Munchies

Friday 9.30 - Easter Service for the children

2.40 - End of term Assembly for the children

Easter Sunday PTA Easter Egg hunt-starting from St. George's church after the Easter
(21st April) Sunday service

Looking ahead

Celebrating April 23rd St. George's Day! Dragons and Chocolate Cake!

We are back to school after Easter on April 23rd which is also St George's Day.

We always celebrate this date in school, and also call it 'The School's Birthday'.

Our 'King and Queen' children asked for chocolate cake for everyone and we agreed St. George's Day would be the day we would have chocolate cake day! If you love cooking and could make a few cakes for your child's class please bring them in to share on the 23rd - the first day back.

We also have a St George's Day challenge or concert.

This year it is a challenge and so your child **can bring a painting or a model of a dragon** if you would like to paint or make one. We have had **junk modelling dragons, clay dragons, playdough dragons, Lego dragons, collage dragons, paintings of dragons – all sorts!**

Let your imagination run wild and enjoy making a dragon over the holiday with your child if you would like to, or if we happen to get a rainy day inside or a day with less to do. You can also make a **digital dragon** - but these will need to be saved and then sent in rather than brought in on the 23rd.