



**ST GEORGE'S
C of E SCHOOL**

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Visit from South African Teachers - Shine Project

This begins on Wednesday 25th October and lasts for ten days. Last term, teachers from our school visited Meetse a Bophelo School in Mamelodi (which is in a township near Pretoria). With both sets of children, they constructed a curriculum of shared values that they would like to learn about together. The first value the children have chosen is 'Democracy'. Both schools work on the same units they have chosen and compare them, using a joint blog.

For this visit, Meetse teachers, for whom this is their first trip to the UK, will work with all year groups. It's wonderful to see the two sets of children from two different continents, working together on shared values, in a way they have chosen themselves.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 26th September

We would love to see you on Friday 26th September from 9.15 to 11am in the Sports Hall. Children will be able to join you for a drink and a cake for a time, as we will send Year 6 Leaders to collect them for you from classrooms. You will be able to enter and leave from the side gate.

Every year we have a brilliant turnout, raising a great deal of money for a great cause. Any cake donations etc would be much appreciated by Mrs Albery. As well as our fabulous Parent Helpers, teachers and the St George's Church volunteers will be helping. It's a great community event, that everyone enjoys and the children especially like because they get to spend time with family in school.

Platinum Sports Award - Monday 30th September 1pm

Next Monday will be the presentation of our Schools Sports Gold and Platinum awards by Furness Schools Organiser, Oliver Carswell. We will also be celebrating the news that our current Year 6 class are the first school children in the area to gain the BCU Paddle 'Start' Certificate and some of the group have and made really good progress in working towards the BCU Paddle 'Discover' certificate - this has been achieved by attending Waterpark Outdoor Adventure Centre for 5 separate days over the course of their time in Year 5. As part of this, they have also been awarded The John Muir Award. The presentation will be made to our Head Boy and Girl at 1.00pm on Monday 30th September.

Barrow AFC Free Tickets for Children

Non-League Day- October 12th vs Dover

If you haven't already received them, next week you will be receiving a free ticket for each child in this school, for the game on October 12th. This is part of Non-League Day and all children under 16 in possession of a ticket will get free entry. If you want to take the children, adult tickets are greatly reduced to £9 per head.

Attendance

Please remember any child who manages 100% attendance each term receives a special badge. Attendance, though still good, has dropped off a little this week in some classes. However I am delighted with how Reception Class have approached the school year and they deservedly received their extra playtime last week and the Attendance Cup.

Reception	99%	Year 5	93%
Year 1	92%	Year 6	92%
Year 3	99%	School	96%
Year 4	99%		

Dojos and Communication with Teachers

We hope the Dojo system is working for you and already we have some wonderful pictures and information on the school Facebook page. We pride ourselves on using a wide range of communication to tell you all about your wonderful children, through, Dojo, this newsletter, text and Facebook.

To support workload of our teachers, who have families of their own, I have asked staff that they not answer Class Dojo queries after 5pm or before 8am. They are trying to go the extra mile but I'm sure you agree, replying to messages sent outside their working time shouldn't be encouraged. Thank you for your support with this matter.