



Barrow Hills
SCHOOL

Mr Oldroyd's Assembly

Friday 23rd April 2021

Why in England do we celebrate 23rd April?

It's St George's Day!

St George is the patron saint of England, but he is also celebrated in other countries. A patron saint is the protecting or guiding saint for a particular person or place.

St George is the patron saint of England, St Andrew is Scotland's, St Patrick is Ireland's and St David is the patron saint of Wales.

Many myths surround St George, but the essence of his story remains the same. He was a brave knight who lived many centuries ago. His most documented achievement is that he fought a fierce dragon to save a princess. In doing so, he set the people free from future misery by ridding them of the terrifying creature. It is this bravery that most people associate with St George, whether it's fighting unpleasant external forces such as the dragon in his story or symbolically overcoming our own dragons or fears.

Please click [here](#) for Mr Oldroyd's video.

Time for Reflection

Let's think about St George's qualities.

- He was brave in standing up to something that was bigger than he was, and putting himself on the line.
- He was selflessly prepared to fight to save something precious and graciously did not expect any reward in return.
- He wanted justice to be done by getting rid of something harmful, seeking to stop the wicked dragon at what could have been great cost to himself.
- He had resilience to fight the dragon despite the fact that everyone else was too frightened to do so.
- He wasn't scared to have a go, even though he faced an enormous challenge that could have gone very wrong!

I would like you to think about something that you find difficult or a challenge that you are facing at the present time. Examples could include the following:

- Finding maths difficult and it's really hard to keep trying.
- You have fallen out with your friends and you don't know how to sort it out.
- You have done something wrong and you don't know what to do about it.

Please remember that it often helps to talk with others about challenges and problems. You can speak to a teacher or a friend and don't forget about the Happy Hangout!



Prayer.



Dear God,

Please help us to learn from the example of St George by helping others to make the world a better place.

Help us to realise that helping others is its own reward.

Help us to find the courage within ourselves to do the right thing, even if it means going against the crowd.

Please give us the strength always to try to follow the truth and to do what is helpful for others.

Amen.

Today's Music...



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