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# CELEBRATING SAINT GEORGE'S DAY AND LITERARY DELIGHTS!

Yorkston School Newsletter



**DEAR ALL,**

As April is coming to an end, we find ourselves on the brink of Saint George's Day, a momentous occasion celebrated with great zeal in both England and Catalonia. This month's newsletter is brimming with literary delights, cultural insights, and exciting updates from our English teaching community.



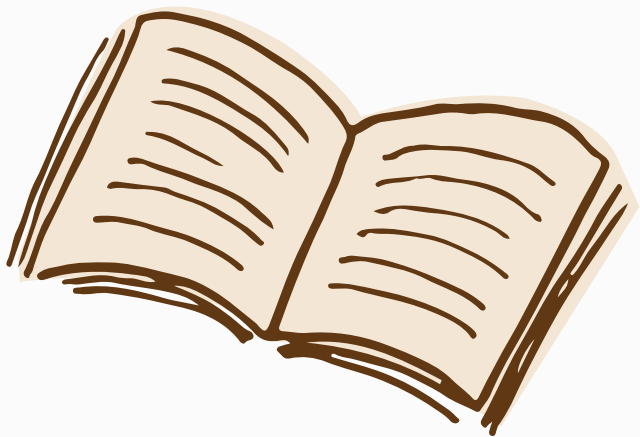
# SAINT GEORGE'S DAY: A TALE OF TWO TRADITIONS

In **England**, Saint George's Day is a time-honored celebration of the patron saint of England. Marking the legend of Saint George's heroic deeds, this day is observed with parades, feasts, and a proud display of the English flag. In contrast, Catalonia imbues this day with a unique charm, where streets come alive with vibrant stalls adorned with books and roses. It's a festival that not only honors Saint George but also celebrates literature, reading, and culture in a picturesque manner.

## Literary Recommendations for All Ages

In the spirit of Saint George's Day, here are some handpicked book recommendations for readers of all ages:

- For Children: **"The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend"** by **Dan Santat**. Join Beekle on an enchanting journey to find his perfect friend.
- Young Adults: **"The Night Circus"** by **Erin Morgenstern**. Enter a magical world where two young illusionists compete in a captivating game of love and destiny.
- Adults: **"The Shadow of the Wind"** by **Carlos Ruiz Zafón**. Delve into the mysterious world of post-war Barcelona with this gripping tale of love, loss, and secrets.



## Poetic Interlude: **"A Rose by Any Other Name"**

*In honor of Saint George's Day, here's a timeless poem/adage celebrating the beauty of roses and the power of literature to captivate our hearts.*

**"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet."**

- *William Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet*



# RECOMMENDED READING LIST:



1. **"The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho** - A timeless tale of self-discovery and adventure set against the backdrop of travel and exploration.
2. **"Into the Wild" by Jon Krakauer** - Follows the journey of a young man who leaves his conventional life behind to explore the wilderness of America.
3. **"Eat, Pray, Love" by Elizabeth Gilbert** - A memoir detailing the author's journey across Italy, India, and Indonesia in search of self-discovery and fulfillment.
4. **"Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail" by Cheryl Strayed** - Chronicles the author's solo hike along the Pacific Crest Trail and the personal growth she experiences along the way.
5. **"Vagabonding: An Uncommon Guide to the Art of Long-Term World Travel"** by Rolf Potts - Offers practical advice and philosophical insights on long-term travel and immersing oneself in different cultures.
6. **"The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World" by Eric Weiner** - Explores the concept of happiness through the author's travels to various countries known for their unique approaches to well-being.
7. **"In Patagonia" by Bruce Chatwin** - A blend of travelogue and memoir recounting the author's journey through the stunning landscapes of Patagonia.
8. **"Shantaram" by Gregory David Roberts** - An epic tale of an Australian fugitive living in Mumbai, India, and his encounters with its diverse cultures and communities.
9. **"The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon" by David Grann** - Follows the true story of explorer Percy Fawcett's quest to find a mythical city in the Amazon rainforest.
10. **"A Year in Provence" by Peter Mayle** - Chronicles the author's experiences of living in rural Provence, France, and the humorous challenges he faces adapting to a new way of life.



## LANGUAGE LEARNING CORNER

### Idioms:

1. "**Bite the bullet**" - To endure a painful or difficult situation with courage.
2. "**Hit the books**" - To study diligently or intensely.
3. "**Jump on the bandwagon**" - To join a popular trend or activity.

### Phrasal Verbs:

1. "**Break down**" - To stop functioning or to analyze something in detail.
2. "**Bring up**" - To raise a topic or to mention something.
3. "**Cut off**" - To disconnect or to interrupt someone or something.

### Fill in the gaps with the appropriate phrasal verbs and idioms:

1. After struggling with his injury for weeks, Tom finally decided to \_\_\_\_\_ and undergo surgery to fix his knee.
2. With final exams approaching, it's time for Sarah to \_\_\_\_\_ and start studying diligently if she wants to ace her tests.
3. When the new fitness trend gained popularity, everyone at the gym couldn't wait to \_\_\_\_\_ and try out the latest workout routine.
4. The old printer suddenly \_\_\_\_\_, leaving the office without a reliable way to print important documents.
5. During the meeting, the manager asked Sarah to \_\_\_\_\_ the issue of declining sales and propose solutions to improve performance.
6. As the deadline approached, the team had to \_\_\_\_\_ unnecessary tasks to focus on completing the project on time.

*(Answers on the next page)*





# ENGLISH LANGUAGE TIP!



TO ENHANCE YOUR ENGLISH FLUENCY, TRY INCORPORATING ENGLISH INTO YOUR DAILY ROUTINE. WHETHER IT'S READING ENGLISH NEWS ARTICLES, LISTENING TO PODCASTS, OR CHATTING WITH NATIVE SPEAKERS, CONSISTENT EXPOSURE IS KEY TO IMPROVEMENT.



## St George's Day Wordsearch

Can you find the words with a St. George's Day and England theme, hidden in this puzzle?

W	S	F	I	S	H	A	N	D	C	H	I	P	S	S
A	S	V	G	Y	O	P	L	S	A	X	F	S	U	F
X	D	G	V	E	N	G	L	A	N	D	A	R	V	L
W	R	I	E	I	P	F	S	B	J	S	Y	A	S	O
R	S	B	T	O	H	S	G	N	S	Q	O	V	N	N
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E	S	S	A	E	N	G	L	I	S	H	E	I	D	P
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W	F	K	N	I	G	H	T	Q	P	R	E	W	C	N
X	D	S	G	V	D	D	H	M	C	A	P	R	I	L



GEORGE, DRAGON, KNIGHT, APRIL, ENGLAND, ENGLISH, ROSE, LONDON, ROAST BEEF, YORKSHIRE, PUDDING, FISH AND CHIPS,

**ANSWERS:**  
BITE THE BULLET  
HIT THE BOOKS  
JUMP ON THE BANDWAGON  
BROKE DOWN  
BRING UP  
CUT OFF

## EXCITING NEWS: MASTER SPOKEN ENGLISH VIA WHATSAPP!

WE'RE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF OUR IMMERSIVE AUDIO PROGRAM,  
**"MASTER SPOKEN ENGLISH VIA WHATSAPP."**

WITH THIS PROGRAM, YOU'LL HAVE A DEDICATED LANGUAGE COACH RIGHT IN YOUR POCKET,  
GUIDING YOU THROUGH DAILY ENGLISH PRACTICE AND HELPING YOU ACHIEVE FLUENCY WITH  
EASE.

OUR STUDENTS ARE ALREADY REAPING THE BENEFITS, AND WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO  
**JOIN US** ON THIS LANGUAGE-LEARNING JOURNEY!

### HERE'S A SNEAK PEEK AT WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:



WEEK 1	GETTING STARTED
DAY 1	INTRODUCTION AND ICEBREAKER
DAY 3-4	DAILY ROUTINES
DAY 5-6	FAMILY AND RELATIONSHIPS
WEEKEND ASSIGNMENT	
WEEK 2	DEVELOPING FLUENCY
DAY 1-2	TRAVEL EXPERIENCES
DAY 3-4	WORK AND CAREER
DAY 5-6	CULTURAL DIFFERENCES
WEEKEND ASSIGNMENT	
WEEK 3	CONSOLIDATING SKILLS
DAY 1-2	TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION
DAY 3-4	ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
DAY 5-6	PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
CONCLUSION AND WRAP UP	



JOIN US IN MASTERING ENGLISH THROUGH AUDIO AND UNLOCK A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH.

### **SIGN UP TODAY**

AS ALWAYS, WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU ON YOUR ENGLISH LEARNING ADVENTURE. FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT  
WITH ANY QUESTIONS, FEEDBACK, OR SUGGESTIONS.

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