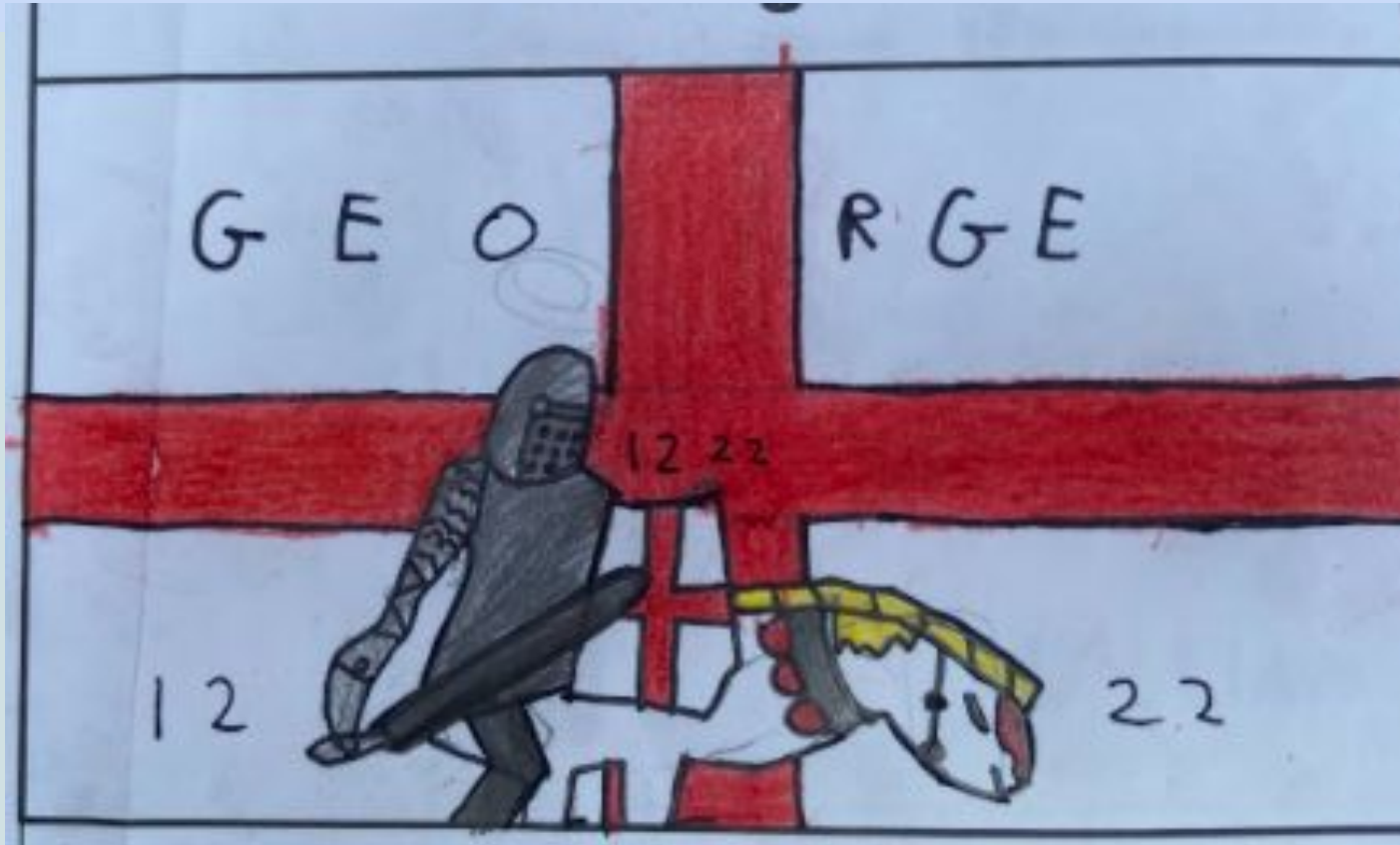


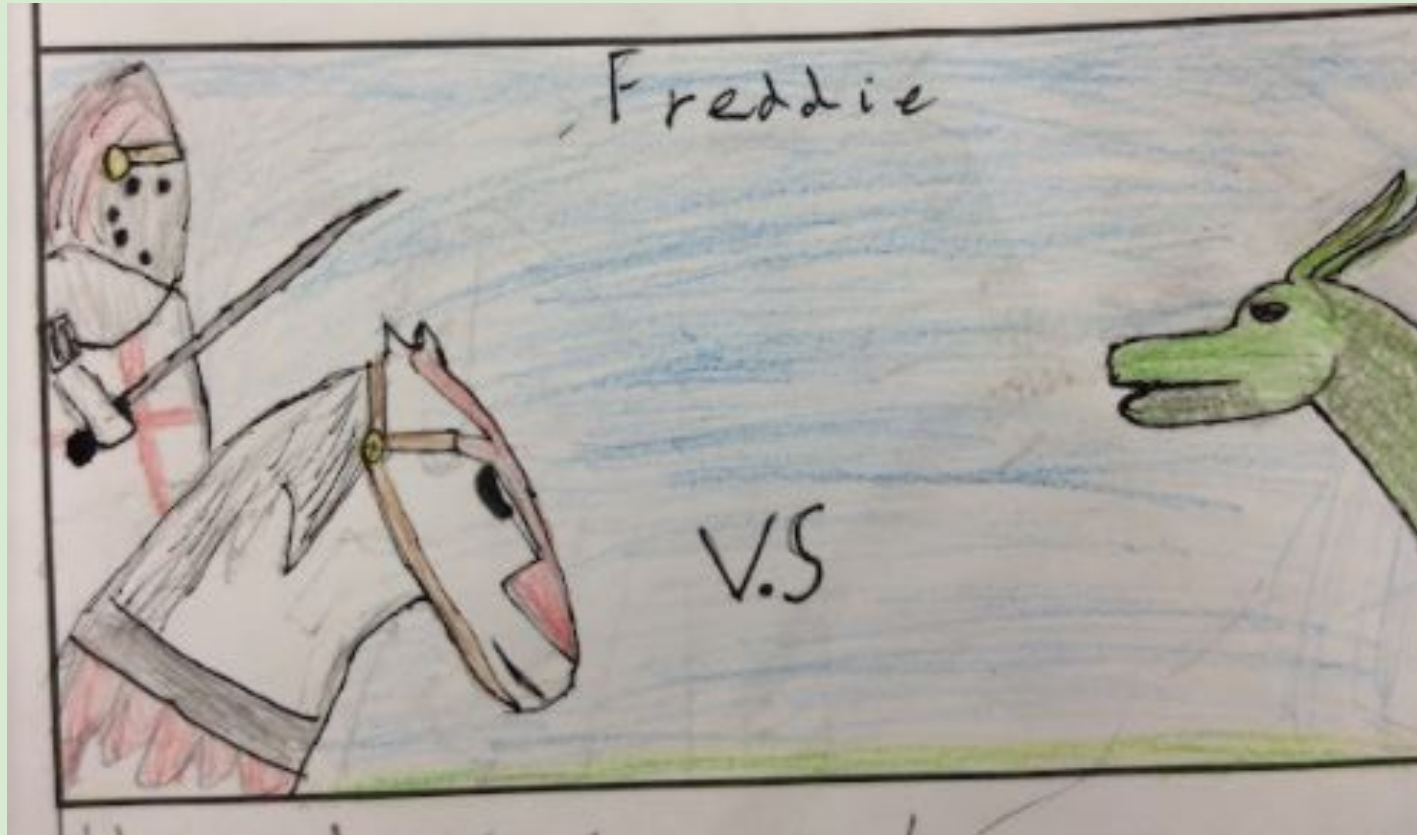
St George - a legend. . .



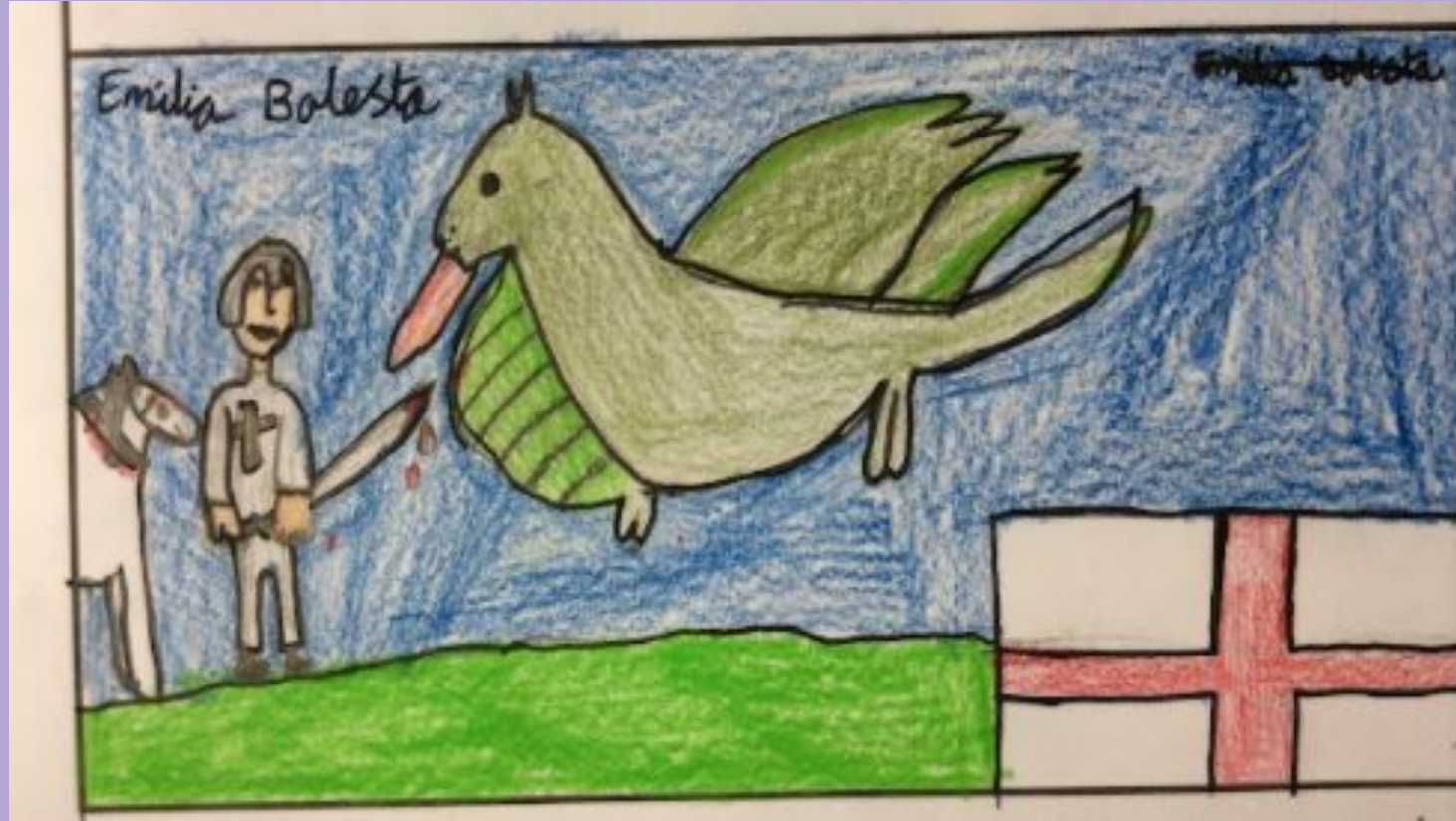
. . . And a saint!



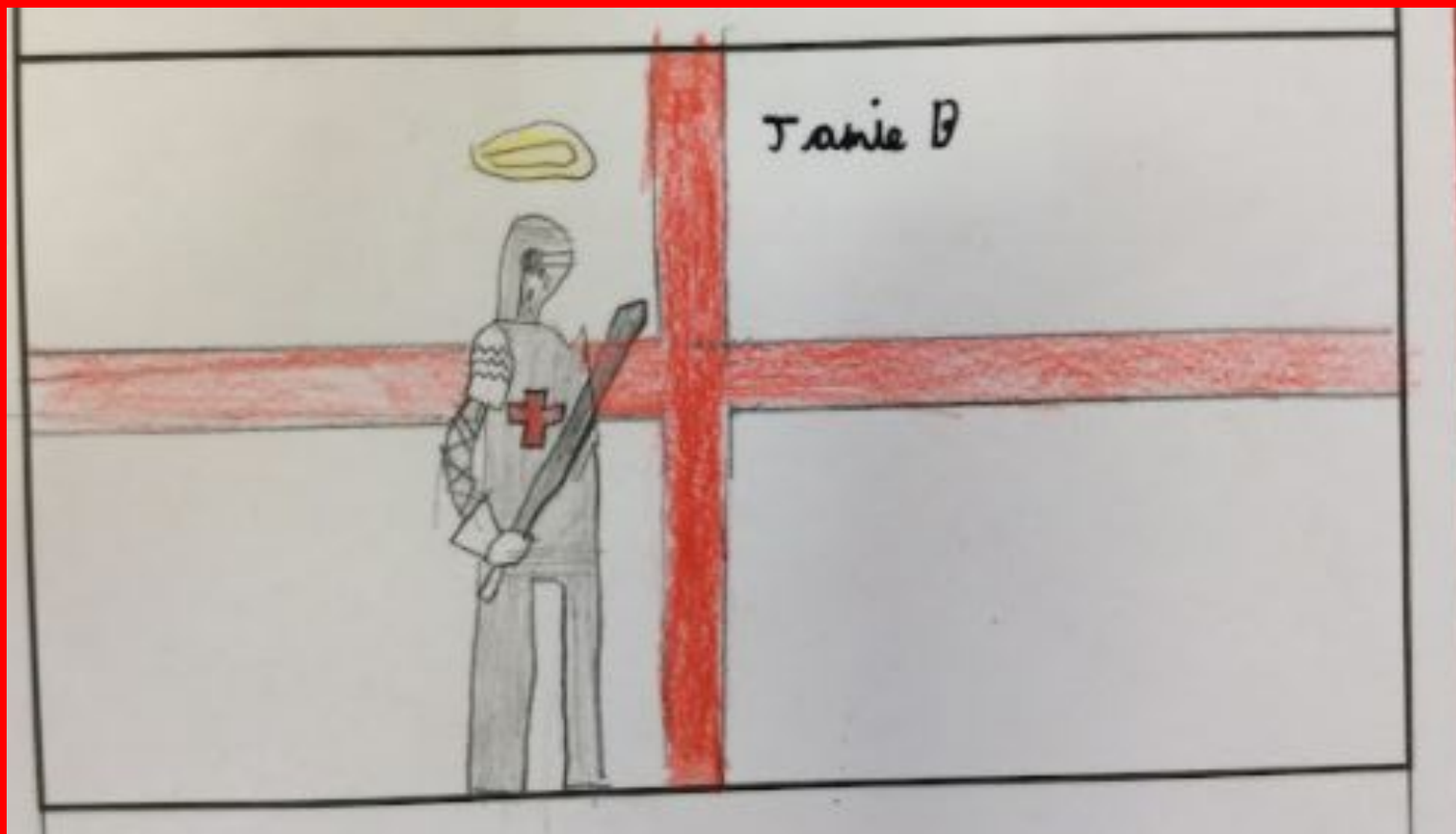
Saint George - so, who was he? We are going to tell you about him...and his courage.



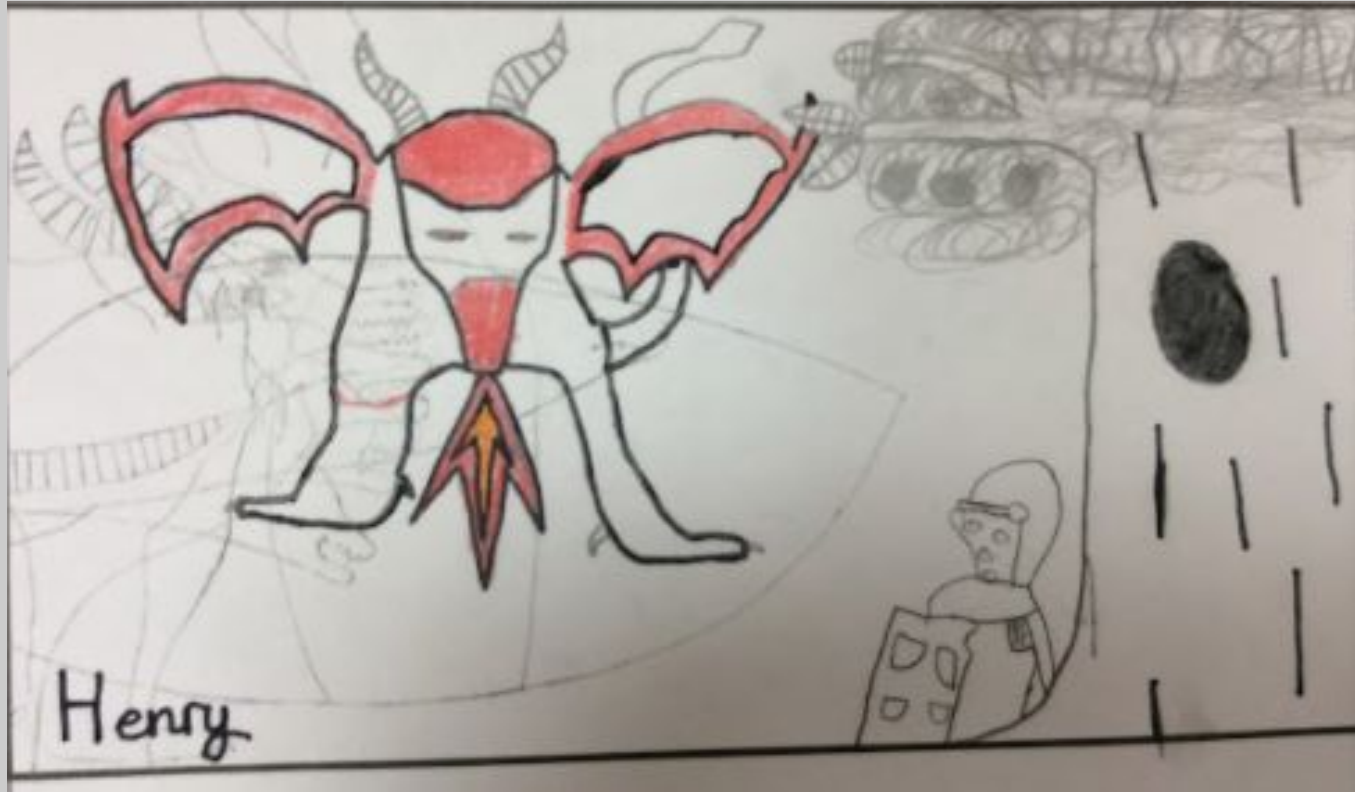
He was a star of paintings and stories!!!!



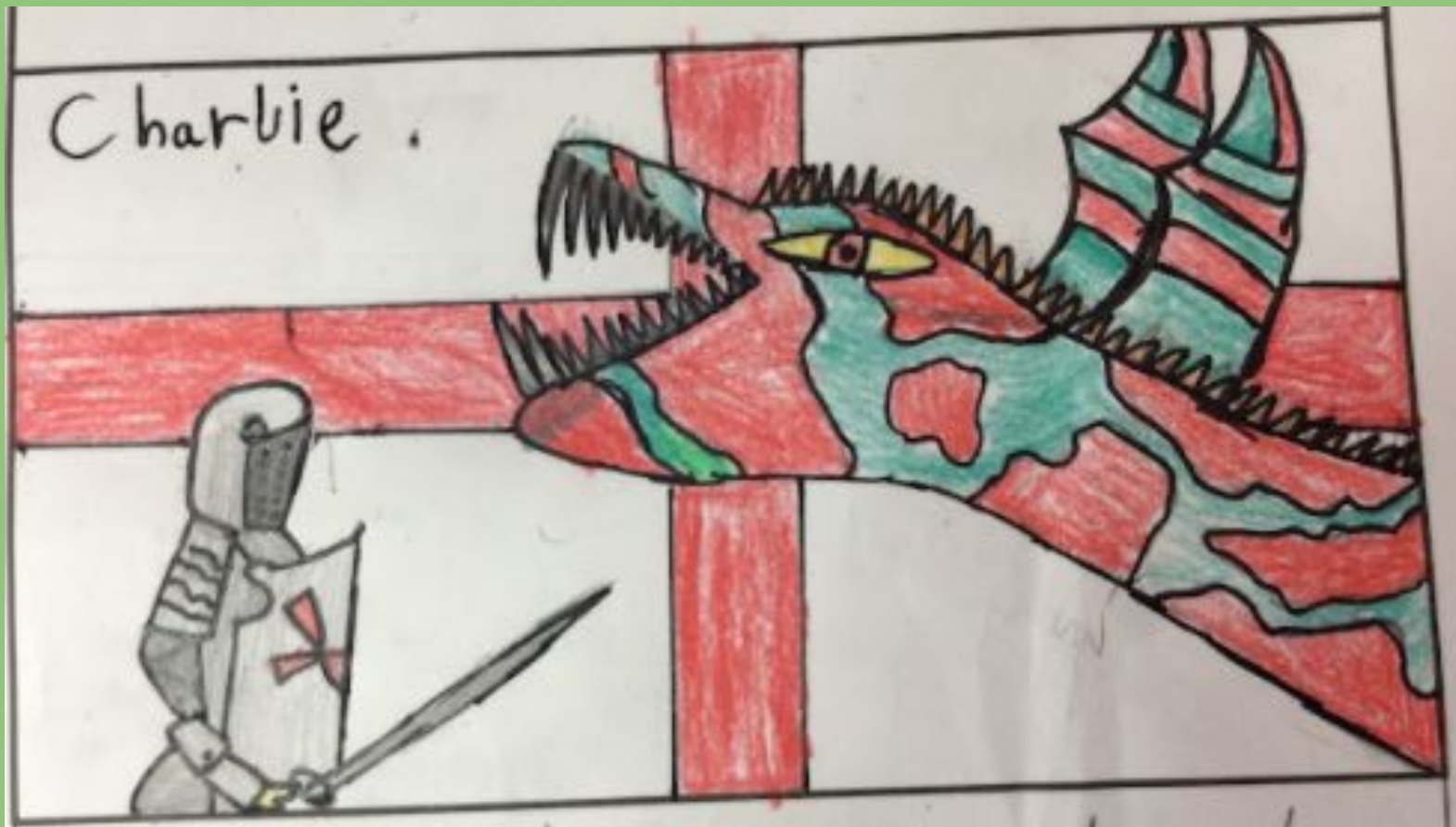
He was a Roman soldier who protected Christians



He shares his saint's day with Shakespeare's birthday - 23rd of April



The first St George's Day was in 1222.



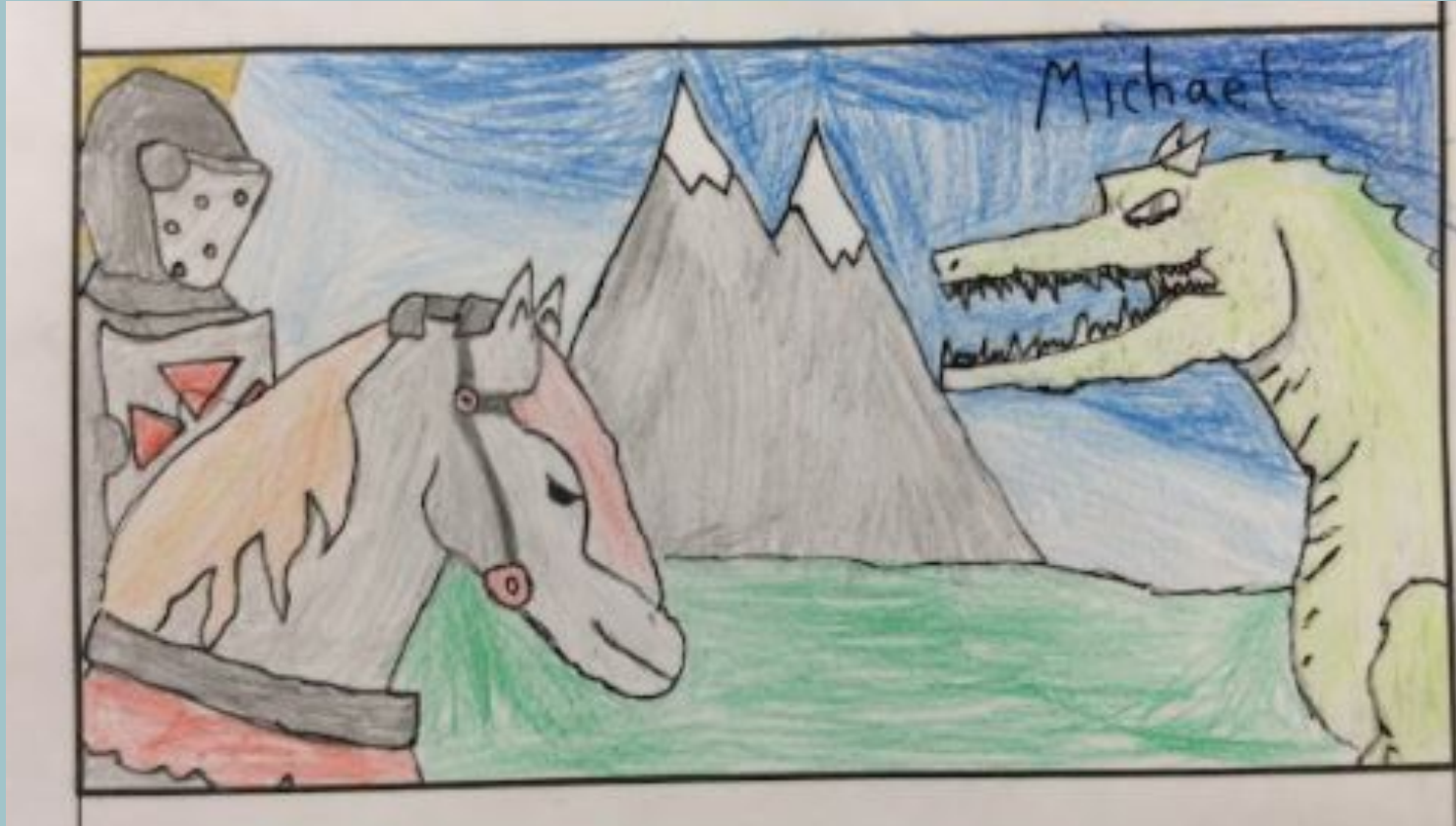
He was said to have slain a dragon. . .



Although dragons don't exist, in the Middle Ages, they represented the devil.



So, St George symbolically overcame evil.



He wore a white robe as a soldier.



The robe had a red cross on it.



This was a symbol of a crusader - who was a Christian soldier.



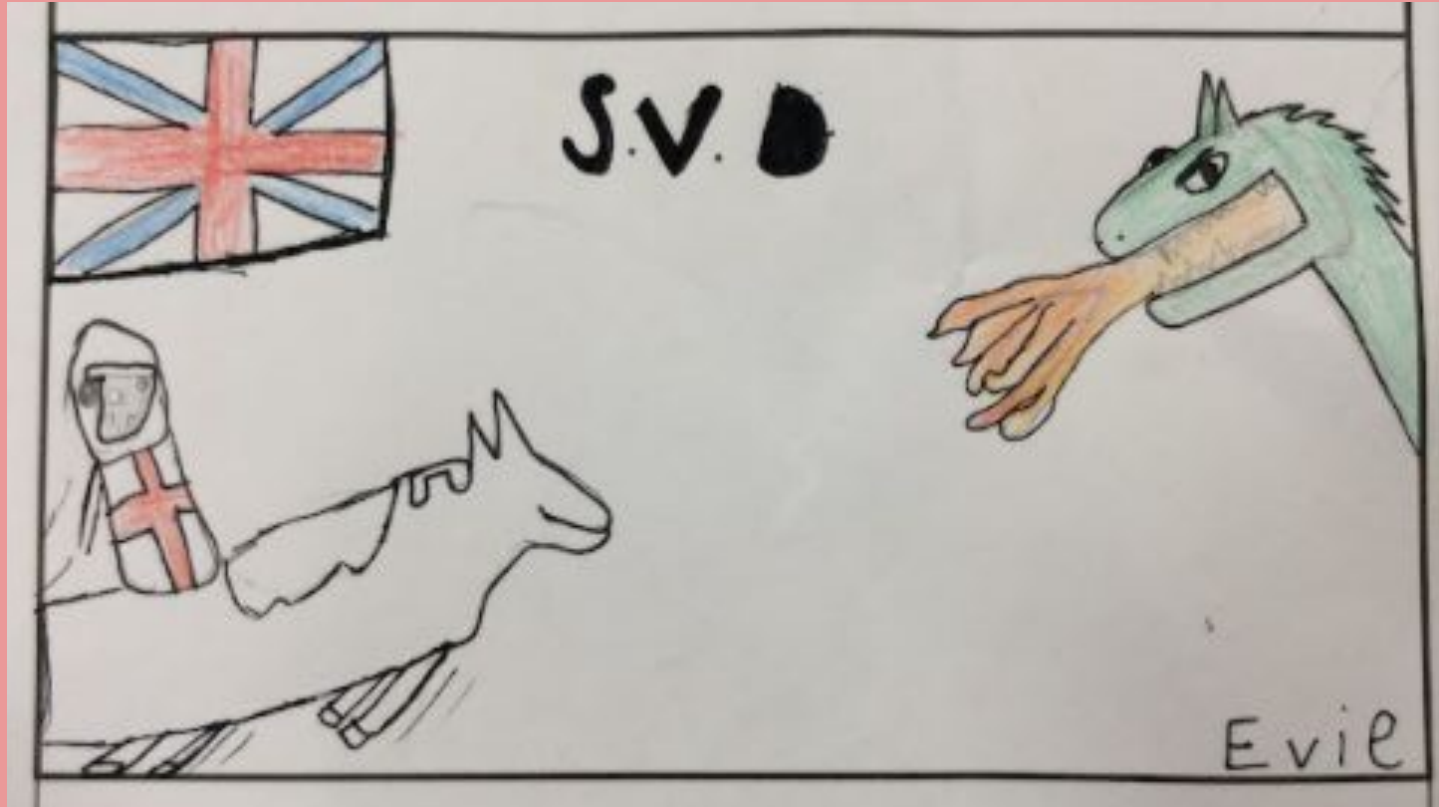
St George was a crusader.



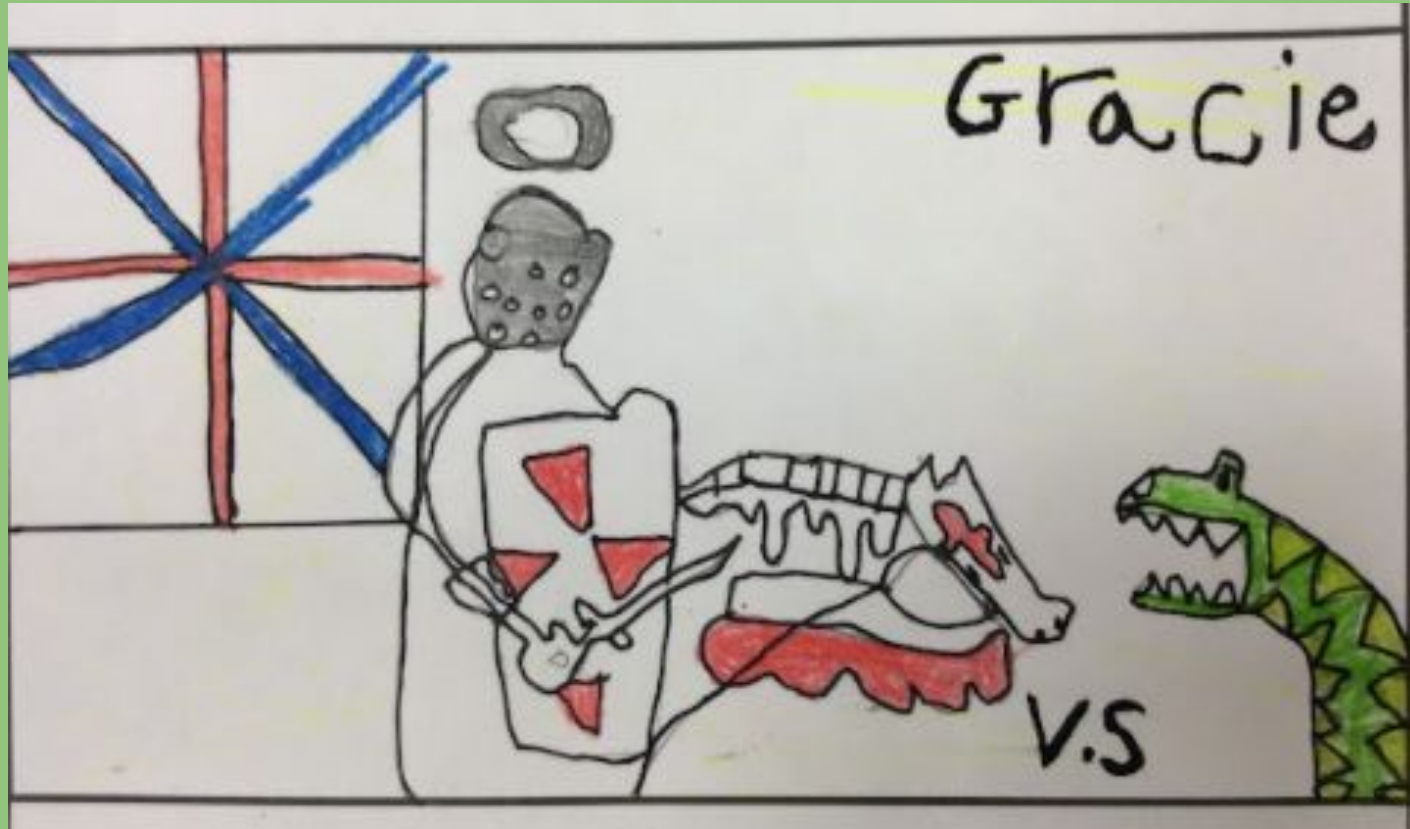
The red and white cross became the flag of England in 1190.



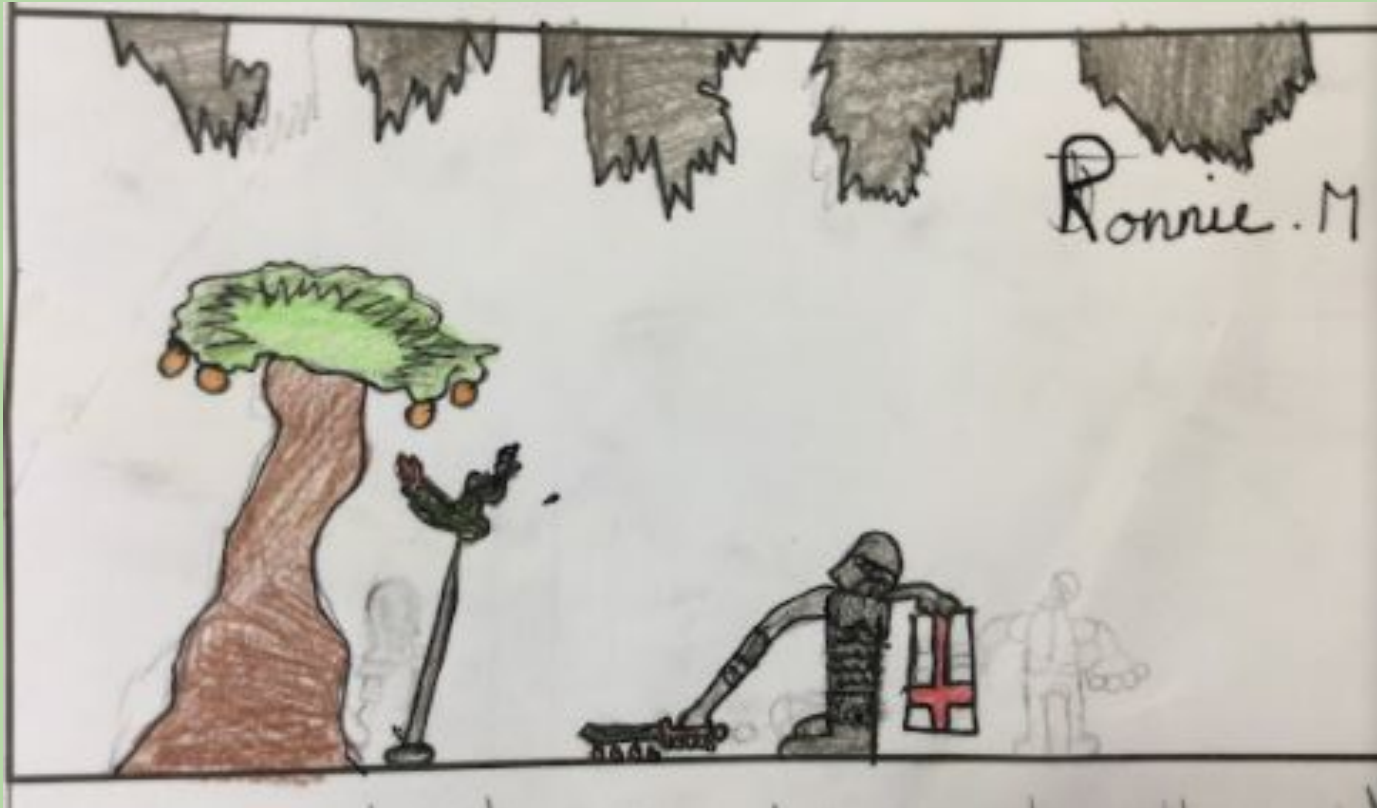
St George is said to have saved a village from the threat of a dragon while dressed in the crusaders colours.



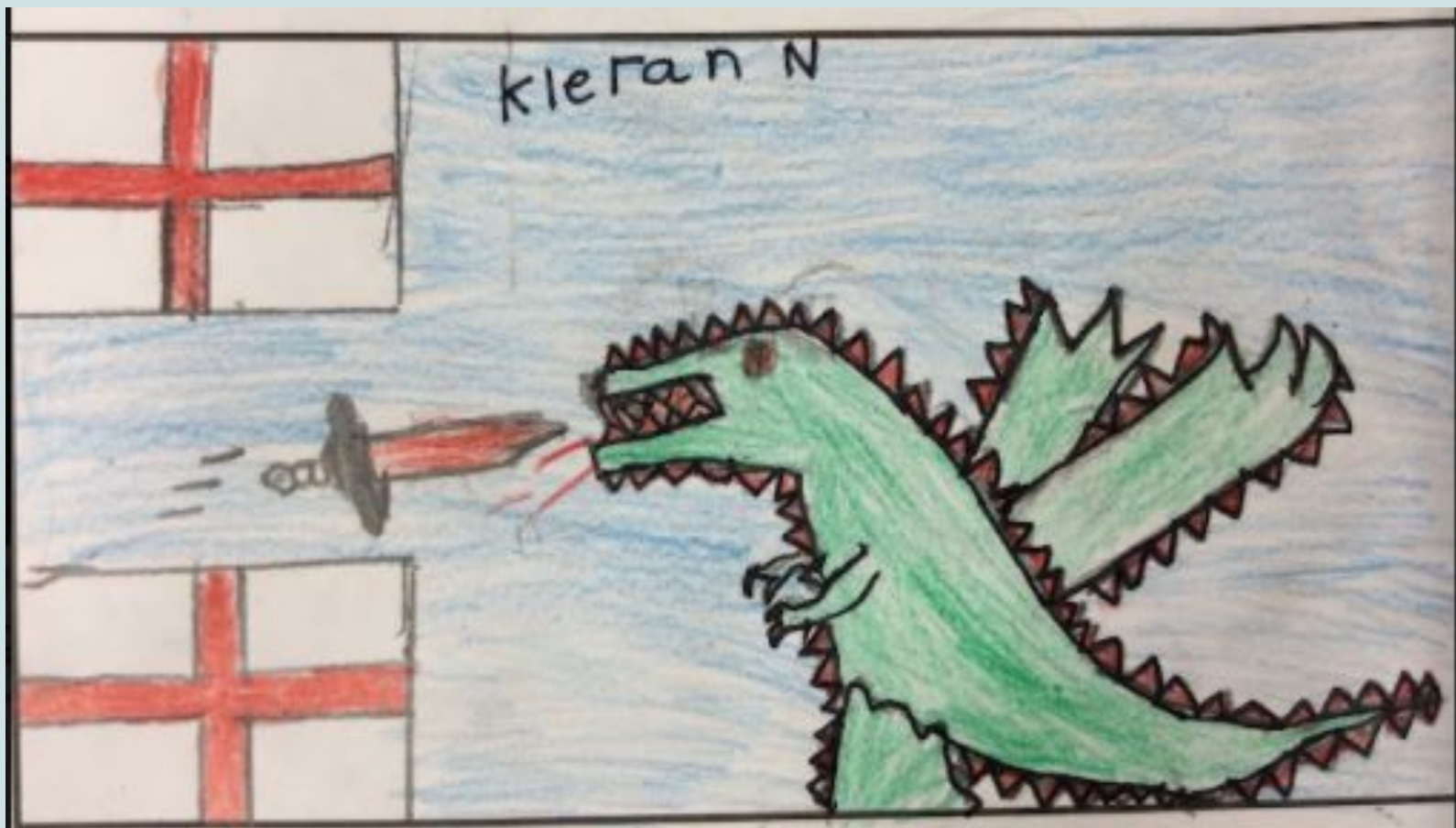
He pierced the dragon's scales with his strength and courage.



His courage was his strength in battle and . . . in saving the villagers.



And his faith in God at times of danger.



Images of St. George are a common theme around villages and towns.

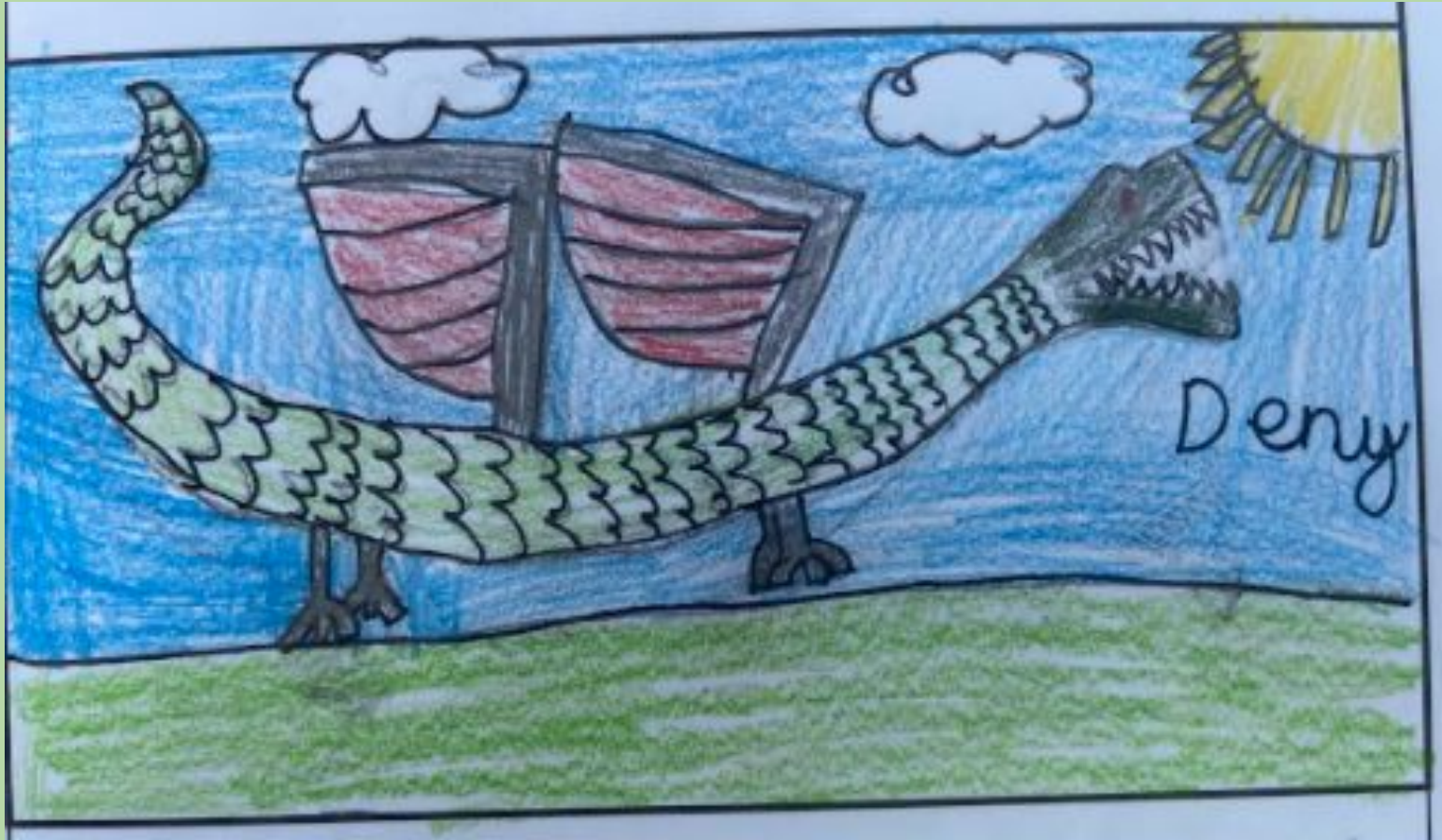


If you look closely, you can see a dragon weathervane and St George's Cross flag on St Andrew's church in Hagbourne.





St Andrew was one of the Six Champion Saints.



And St George became the seventh.



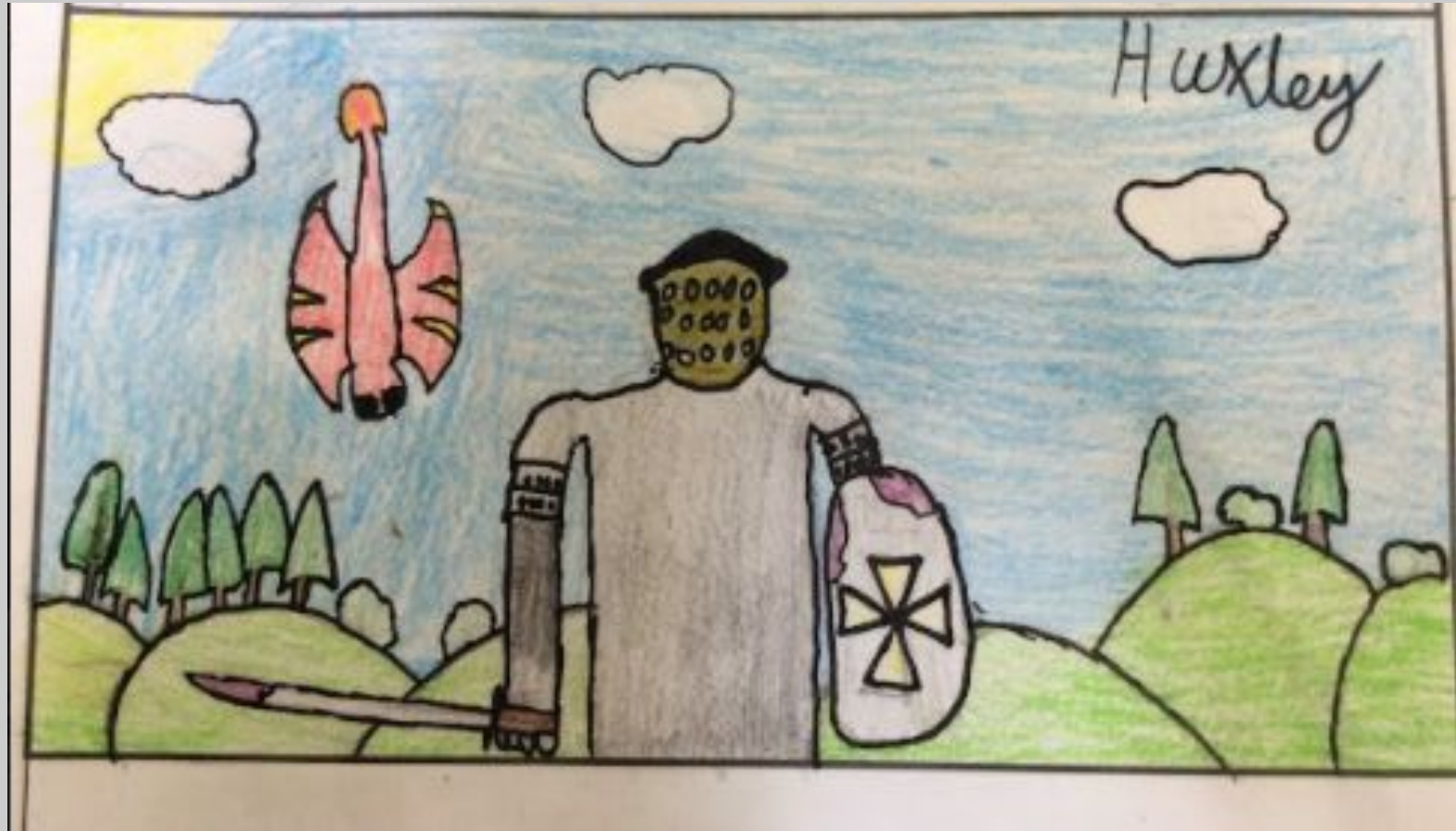
He rode a strong, white horse named Bayard.



We are now going to sing a song about brave St George.



Please join in with the chorus when you can. [Link to song](#)



Here is a short video about St George.

[LINK TO VIDEO](#)



We hope you now know a bit about St George and how and why he showed courage 😊

