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The latest news and information from the staff and children at Stourport Primary Academy.

HEADlines

It has been so wonderful to be able to invite parents into school over the past half term, as we continue to return to life-as-normal at Stourport Primary. This half term we have been lucky enough to meet with nearly all of you face-to-face at Parents' Evenings and we were delighted to welcome more than 150 Mums and Grandparents to school for a superb Mother's Day Afternoon Tea last week.

For the first time in two years, we are thrilled to be able to relaunch our Enrichment Programme on a Thursday afternoon. This gives our children the opportunity to work with children from other classes and year groups to explore a range of activities from baking to volley ball; eco to art and help them to discover likes and talents they didn't know they had! The children have had a fantastic time this afternoon in the first of their 4-week block.

As we begin to get ready for Easter and spend time with our families, our thoughts are with all of the children and families affected by the war in Ukraine. Thank you so much for all of your incredibly generous donations earlier this month to support these families. In school we have answered children's questions when they have arisen, to help them understand what is happening, supporting them to reflect on their own lives.

I would like to thank all of the staff for their continued hard work this half term and we are looking forward to an action packed summer term.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Attendance during the first half of this year has been difficult, with all of the restrictions and need to isolate—but as we continue to return to normal and instill the importance of good attendance—we hope to see our attendance rate increase.

Current Attendance 91.3% **Target** 97%

169 pupils across the school have not missed a day so far this year. Well done!

Our next **Parent Voice Meeting** will be on Friday 8th April between 9 - 10am and everyone is welcome but please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to join us. You are invited to tea, coffee and biscuits and a chat about school life.

The theme is **attendance** but we talk about anything topical.

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WE LOVE READING

We are working hard to raise funds for our school library which is at the heart of our school. We want to invest in some up to date fiction and non fiction to keep our fabulous library up to date and a place our children love to go.

If you would like to donate a small amount to help us buy some new books please go to the following website.

<https://bit.ly/38e5X9r>

Many thanks, The English Team



Year 5 & 6 were fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to become Mini Medics! During their afternoon course they learnt about the principles of First Aid, how to safely administer CPR as well as learning the protocol for putting someone in the recovery position.

The children then practised their newly-learned techniques on 'Annie' dolls before receiving a lovely certificate to reward their hard work. Well done Year 5 & 6!



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Curriculum Corner:

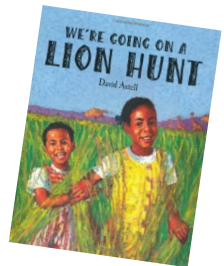
Next Half Term Topics

Year 1

Our topic next half term will be Tails, Talons and Teeth. We are very excited to explore some amazing books, such as: The Tiger who Came to Tea and WANTED: The Perfect Pet. We will be looking at animals from around the world and animals closer to home such as the pets we might own. How would we look after them? What do they eat? What do they need to survive? These are just some of the questions we will explore.

Year 2

Next half term, Year 2 will be going wild looking at Africa. We will discover which animals roam the Savannah and create art works based on the beautiful sunsets. We will retell the well known story of 'We Are Going on a Lion Hunt' with our own characters and ideas. In Music we will be studying the famous collection of pieces from the 'Carnival of the Animals'.



Year 3

After half term, we will be focusing on water and rivers, as part of our Flow theme. In Topic we are taking part in Geography field trips to explore our local area, including the river and its surroundings and answering key geographical questions about where we live. Using a variety of media will be creating Art to reflect water. In Music, we will be listening and responding to music by composers such as Mendelssohn and Debussy.

Year 4



Year 4 will be learning about the topic 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. We will be using Ted Hughes' book 'The Iron Man' as a stimulus along with other texts to inform our Focus Reading lessons. We will be learning about the British Iron Works Centre, who have created sculptures like the Spoon Gorilla and the Knife Angel which will link to our art project. We will also be creating music with online platforms to soundtrack a short movie of The Iron Man.

Year 5

Next half term in Year 5, we will be stepping back in time to the year 410AD and learning about the Anglo-Saxons. From longboats to great halls the Year 5's will be feasting on a banquet of historical knowledge. Art, Music, BATTLES! Children will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in all things Anglo-Saxon.

Year 6

Next term, Year 6 will be continuing with our Topic- All Roads Lead to Baghdad. We will be studying the history of the ancient city, as well as using the inspiration of Islamic patterns to design our own patterns using printing techniques. We will also be auditioning and rehearsing for our summer musical- 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits'. We have some exciting plans for Jubilee week including: making cakes, portrait art and design work using Computer Aided Design.



Kindness

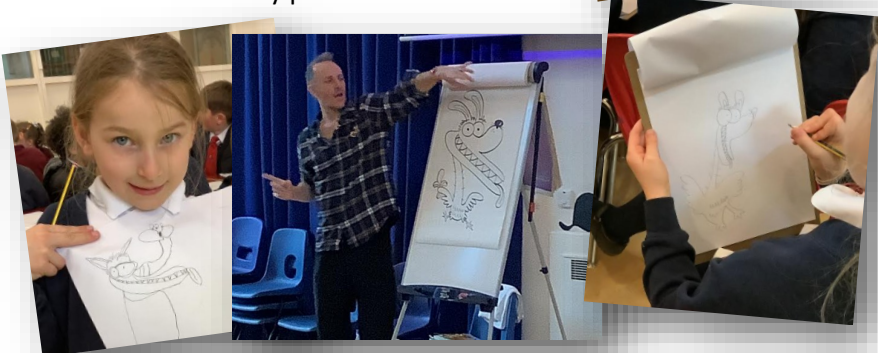
Respect



Chris White

At the start of March children in Years 1-4 from across the schools in the Trust came together to work with Author, Poet and Illustrator, Chris White. Some children came to Stourport Primary, while others went to St Bartholomew's.

First of all, we were introduced to some of Chris' characters then we took part in a fun activity creating crazy hybrid creatures. He was very entertaining and the children enjoyed creating and drawing their own made up animal characters from a mix of different animal body parts!



Hobgoblin Theatre Company

Thank you to everyone for the contributions towards the Hobgoblin Theatre Company visiting school on 16th March. The knowledge and experience of live theatre was captivating and inspired the children in their topics. The children were thoroughly engaged in the show and took a lot of knowledge from the workshop. The children also took part in a drama workshop creating a statue museum thinking about what they had learnt in the morning. A very entertaining and engaging experience for everyone in Lower Key Stage 2.



PE Post

During their curriculum lessons this term Year 3 have been introduced to two new inclusive sports games—Boccia and Kurling—both designed to develop their aim.

Beyond the school gates, pupils in Year 4 took part in a hockey 'quicksticks' tournament giving a great performance finishing second in their group. Elsewhere, Year 1 have been hard at work practising their dance to share at the Wyre Forest Dance Festival, reaching for the stars, with their space themed performance.

The Summer term is going to be an active one at SPA with a wide range of activities for all year groups, running at lunchtimes and after school to give all pupils a chance to participate. More details will be coming home soon.

Use the link below to access the 'Easter Wellbeing newsletter', which is filled with ideas to support the whole family (adults and children) in improving their overall wellbeing, through opportunities that are linked to the '5 Ways to Wellbeing'.

<https://jmp.sh/Kjz2UED>

Honesty

Teamwork



As part of our Red Nose Day celebrations, Mr Bennett organised a whole-school talent show which featured amazing performances from Rainbow through to Year 6.

"Wow, what talented children we have at SPA! From hula hooping to gymnastics, the children performing did not fail to entertain the entire school. What a fantastic experience for us all to watch and support the children who signed themselves up to take part. All of the performers were FAB and did themselves and the school proud. Well done to all that took part in the Red Nose Day Talent Show!" Mr Bennett



Thank you to Mr Bennett and the staff for an amazing day which raised £197 for the charity. Thank you everyone for your donations.

Upcoming Events

The Summer Term is going to be a busy one - here is a list of the events that we know about so far.

April

Year 1 Dance Festival - 1st April
Year 1 Music Festival at St Bartholomew's - 6th April
Year 4 Winter Games Festival - 4th April
One Big Idea—Trust Finals - 7th April
Parent Voice Meeting - 8th April
Last Day of Term - 8th April—*normal finishing time*
First Day of Summer Term - 25th April
Steel Drum Workshops—all year groups - 25th & 26th April
KS2 Rowing Festival - 29th April



May

Year 2 SATs begin - 3rd May
KS2 Athletics Festival - 6th May
Year 6 SATs Week - 9th May—12th May
Year 5 Bikeability - 9th May
KS2 Girls Football Festival - 18th May
Year 5 & 6 Orienteering Event - 20th May
Platinum Jubilee Celebration Week - 23rd May
Year 4 & 6 Cricket Festival - 24th May
Year 5 & 6 Girls Cricket Festival - 25th May
School Disco - 26th May
Year 3 & 4 Trigolf Festival - 27th May
Half Term - 30th May—6th June - *School Reopens on Tuesday 7th June*



June

Safety Week - 6th-10th June
Year 5 Big Sing - 8th June
Year 6 Houses of Parliament Visit - 8th June
STEM Careers Day - 9th June
KS2 Tennis Event - 10th June
Fathers Day Lunch - 17th June
KS2 Athletics Festival - 24th June
Summer Fair—24th June

July

KS1 Striking and Fielding Festival - 1st July
KS2 Rounders Festival - 1st July
SAET Commonwealth Games - 8th July
Rainbow Music Festival - 12th July
Year 6 Stourport High School Transition Days - 4th & 5th July



We will send out details about each event nearer the time.