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

HEADlines

Welcome to November's Newsletter. I can't believe it is the middle of November already. As always, life at SPA is incredibly busy and exciting—and we hope you enjoy reading about all the things we have done, and those still to come. In school it is time to start thinking about Christmas Performances, Church Services, Breakfast with Santa and Christmas @ SPA and we are really looking forward to welcoming everyone into school to share these special events.

I am delighted that so many children have taken up the opportunity to take part in extra-curricular clubs after school. So far 104 children have taken part in at least one club. After Christmas, we have KS 2 Choir, KS 1 Crafty Club, Reception/ KS 1 Art, Year 5/6 Dance, Football with Kidderminster Harriers, Drama, Graphic Design and Eco Council. Look out for the sign-up letter before the end of term.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Jodie Lewis and Marta Benetti, who have kindly volunteered their time to be Parent Governors on our Governing Body. You can find out more about them in the newsletter.

Finally, if you have not already done so, please remember to follow us on our new Facebook page facebook.com/stourportprimaryacademy/



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On Friday 11th November at 10:45 am the whole school gathered together for a Remembrance Service. We looked at pictures of men who had gone to World War One and Two from Stourport and explained to the children why we wear a red poppy. We talked about our Remembrance plaque that we had made last year and about the importance of it to Stourport Primary Academy. At 11:00 am the whole school observed the 2 minute silence. We were very proud of all the children who were respectful throughout. Year 4 created some lovely Remembrance pictures with Mrs Lashford.



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In November we have celebrated World Nursery Rhyme Week. It is a free, world-wide initiative celebrating the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development. Experts in literacy and child development have discovered that if children know eight nursery rhymes by heart by the time they're four years old, they're usually among the best readers by the time they're eight.

- The Big Ship Sails
- 12345 (Once I Caught A Fish Alive)
- Five Little Speckled Frogs
- BINGO
- Twinkle, Twinkle

We have been immersing ourselves in the language and rhythm of these nursery rhymes and have had lots of learning opportunities based on them. Why not put them on YouTube or Spotify and have a sing along with your children?



A huge thank you to everyone who bought a book from the Book Fair. The total spend was just over £600, which is amazing! We have been able to top up our classroom books with around **£330** of money to spend. Children in all classes are enjoying listening to stories based on their Topic. Please remember to keep reading and signing GOREAD/BOOM Reader for a chance to win one of our fabulous Book Hampers.

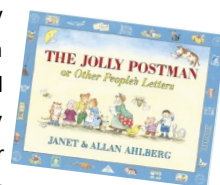
Curriculum Corner

Reception

This half term Rainbow will be learning about different celebrations. First we will learn about the Gunpowder Plot and why we celebrate bonfire night, we will also be discussing how to keep ourselves safe. We will be learning about Diwali and why the festival of light is celebrated. Next we will learn all about the Christmas story— learning and retelling the story 'Jesus' Christmas Party'. We will be learning all about the season of winter and how things around us change at this time of year. Finally we will end our year with a (hopefully) fantastic performance of Lights, Camel, Action!

Year 1

This half term Year 1 will be reading the story of 'The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters'. Each week, we will explore a traditional tale linked to our topic 'Once Upon a Time'. We will be developing our geography skills through mapping the Jolly Postman's route in the book and eventually be delivering our own letters! Additionally, in DT we will make our own moving storyboard based on the nursery rhyme 'Humpty Dumpty.'



Year 2

This half term Year 2 are exploring the topic, 'People Who Changed the World.' We are learning about people who have made a difference to our lives and throughout history. We will learn the history behind the Gunpowder Plot and why we celebrate Bonfire Night. We will also be discovering and comparing the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. In DT, we will be designing and creating a land sleigh with wheels for a project about mechanisms! We are looking forward to performing our KS1 Christingle to the school and parents.

Year 3



Year 3 are learning all about The Stone Age. We are finding out about the history and geography. We also aim to build our own replica Stone Age houses, as well as doing some cave painting in Art. We are enjoying our class text: The Stone Age Boy as well some other great reads along the way.

Year 4

This half term Year 4 are studying Geography and History through The Vikings topic. We are also writing our own stories and Kenning poems based on Viking Sagas. In Science we are learning about Electricity and then using our skills to create a working torch in Design and Technology.

Year 5

Year 5 are travelling the World learning about breads from different traditions and countries. We are making our own bread in DT and will be creating short stories based on the novel 'Where Rivers Run Gold'. We will be spending a number of weeks preparing for our Christmas production of 'Christmas 1914' which builds on our knowledge of WW1 from the last half term.



Year 6

This half term, Year 6 will be going back in time to Ancient Egypt! We will be learning about when the Ancient Egyptians lived, before zooming in to what life was like back then. We are looking forward to exploring ancient everyday life through our themed 'Ancient Egyptian Day', and plan to showcase what we have learned in our Museum Exhibition at the end of term.

Kindness

Respect

Meet our New Parent Governors

Jodie Lewis

As a parent of three children, one of which attends Stourport Primary, I am passionate about creating opportunities for children to receive the very best educational, pastoral and extended wrap-around care. I have worked within the education sector for 13 years, so have a good understanding of school life and how we can best support our students to achieve their true potential.

I'm delighted to be part of the learning journey at Stourport Primary Academy to support the school in achieving the best education for our children, families and community.

Marta Benetti

Hello! My name is Marta Benetti. Some of you may already have seen or met me on the school playground. At school, I am known as "Freddy's or Ani's mum" or "the Spanish teacher" as I'm volunteering in Enrichment teaching Spanish Language & Latin American culture.

I work in Marketing, and I like cooking, cycling, gardening, and chatting (My daughter, Anahi-Y6, calls me Little Miss Chatterbox), so you are welcome to stop me for a chat as I'll be happy to talk to you about school or children's concerns, ideas & feedback.

Off to Thebes in 1323 BC

As part of their topic on Ancient Egypt, all of the children in Year 6 have taken part in a virtual workshop run by *History Off The Page*. During their remote sessions, they have learnt about the life and death of the Pharaoh Tutankhamun, about Egyptian religious beliefs and their burial beliefs and rituals. As part of the day they all had a go at mummification, creating golden plaques for Tutankhamun's tomb, creating clay shabti dolls, writing cartouches using hieroglyphs and creating a tomb painting. The children (and staff) had a fantastic day being Egyptologists— brought to life by the appearance of real-life pharaohs and even a camel!



Honesty Teamwork



For the last 3 days, children in Key Stage 2 have been busy playing Times Table Rockstars as part of our participation in England Rocks, where pupils compete against others across England in answering as many multiplication and division questions correctly, as quickly as they can.

Well done to all the children who have shown commitment to this competition by playing both at school, during their breaks and at home helping us to come in first place across the SAET schools and in the top 10% of the country. A big congratulations go to Rowan for being the winning class in our school, with Fir in second place. Mrs Lane will be awarding certificates in Friday's Celebration Assembly.



Pupils in Year 5 have had a great three days, being 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.



School and SAET Council

The School Council welcomes a new councilor - Tristan. They all received their new School Council badges at our previous meeting and are wearing them with pride. We also drew self portraits to show other children in the school who they are. We look forward to meeting with representatives next week to discuss ideas for future events and activities to enhance the school.

On the 16th September Anahi (Rowan) and Serena (Cedar) attended the first Trust Council Meeting of this year. They enjoyed getting to know the representatives from the other Primary Schools in our Trust and discussed items including ideas for inter-school competitions and ways to encourage children to stay safe online. These ideas will be discussed further in the next meeting which is scheduled for Friday 18th November.



Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated towards the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal this year. They were taken to Birmingham to be distributed to some of the poorest families in Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our whole school attendance for October was 92.75% with 174 children achieving 100% attendance in October - their names are displayed on our attendance board and they have all received a raffle ticket. Who will have 100% attendance in November?



STAYING SAFE

This week is Anti-bullying week and the Theme is Reach Out. We started the week with Monday Odd Socks Day. Everyone was invited to wear odd socks to raise awareness that we all have differences but Reach Out together against bullying.



What is bullying?

Repeatedly and purposefully hurting one person or group by another person or group. Or intimidating or frightening a person involving an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online

We have had lots of other activities including: a Kindness assembly; 'Tell someone' our child friendly Anti-Bullying Policy; a Child Voice survey; PSHE lessons - *Know how to help if someone is being bullied*; and revisited our school values.

Kindness Respect
Honesty Teamwork

Upcoming Events

November

School Council Meeting—21st
Cinderella at Swan Theatre—29th
Year 6 Online Safety Workshop—30th

December

Rainbow Nativity—1st - 9:15 am
Last Week for Clubs—W/C 5th
Christmas Film Night—6th 3:30-5:30 pm
KS1 Christingle Service—7th - 1:30 pm
Breakfast with Santa—8th & 9th
Year 6 Church Service at St Michael's Church - 8th - 9:00 am
Santa Dash—9th

Year 6 Egyptian Museum Open—13th (morning for parents to visit) & 14th (for the school to visit)

Christmas Lunch—15th

Christmas Assembly and Elf North Pole Tour 16th

Last day of term—16th @ 12:30 pm

January 2023

First Day of Spring Term—4th

We will send out details about each event nearer the time—or check out *News and Events* section of the school website.

