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

HEADlines

As we approach the middle of the school year, it seems a great time to reflect on the year so far. It has been wonderful to see how well all of the children have settled into their classes and the amazing work that they are all producing. We are delighted to have been joined by trainee teachers: Miss Smith, Miss Godsell and Miss Key—who are doing incredibly well. We are also really fortunate to have been joined by two amazing volunteers—Miss Mahon and Mr Sheppard—who are supporting children across the school. It has been fantastic to see over half of the school have been involved in extra curricular clubs after school, and we are looking forward to the clubs on offer after half term. We have seen lots of trips out and visitors coming into school to enrich their learning experiences and help bring it to life. After half term, we are looking forward to working in collaboration with children and staff from across the Trust on our One Big Idea invention competition and giving the children an opportunity to meet and work with their friends from the other schools to celebrate World Book Day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work and support this half term, and look forward to seeing everyone back safe and well on

27th February.



At the start of this term, all of Year One experienced their first Multi-Skills Festival up at the Stourport Dome. The children all had a go at different events in the festival and worked as part of a team or tried to set individual scores in the games. The children enjoyed all of the events and they just had enough energy for the walk back to school!

Additionally, some children from Year Six participated in a Swimming Gala at Holy Trinity. The Year Six children had a chance to show off their swimming abilities, which they had improved upon during their swimming enrichment slot last term. The children thoroughly enjoyed all of the different swimming events.



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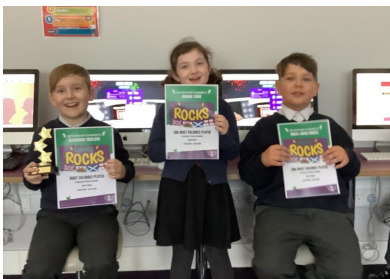
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Number Day 2023

On Friday 3rd February, the whole school had great fun on National Number Day to support the NSPCC. Many children came dressed as numbers or the favourite TT Rockstars character and Mrs Lane organised lots of different maths activities for everyone to take part in. Lots of classes also battled it out in a fiercely-fought TT Rockstars competition. Congratulations to Alex, Imogen and Bailey—all from Fir Class, who were our school's winners.



Just One Cornet-o

Since the beginning of the year, children in Fir class have been learning to play the cornet in their Enrichment afternoons—with the expert tuition of Mr Sprosen from Severn Arts, and of course, Mrs Lashford!

Yesterday they demonstrated everything they had learnt, and the skills they have developed in a fabulous concert to their parents and some of the other enrichment groups. After half term, Beech will start their cornet lessons—we can't wait to hear how you get on.



Curriculum Corner: Spring Term Topics

Rainbow



Next half term we will be pretending to be Super Heroes in our role play and writing while continuing to look at the real-life super heroes who help us, like the ambulance service. We are going to take a dive into healthy eating and explore different vegetables—learn where they come from, what they taste like and how we can prepare them.

Year 1

Next half term Year 1 will be exploring 'Food Glorious Food'! We are very excited to prepare, make and taste a variety of delicious food and learn to create simple dishes safely and hygienically. We will explore how to use techniques such as cutting, peeling and grating. To enrich our topic we will be visiting Churchfields Farm and using this to help inspire our writing.



Year 2

After half term Year 2 will be exploring the topic 'Up above and down below.' We will blast off to the moon and stars, then dive down to the depths of the deepest oceans. While our feet are on the ground, we will explore what plants need to help them grow and in Art we will be looking at Van Gogh's Starry Night to inspire our own pieces.

Year 3



After half term, Year 3 will be learning all about ancient Greece and working as historians to work out what life was really like for them. We will be reading different Greek myths and have an amazing travelling theatre company coming to perform for us and help us to put history into real-life. In our Art project, we will focusing on recreating traditional Greek patterns to create our own artwork.

Year 4

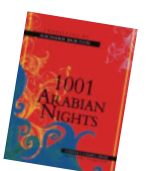
Year 4 will be travelling back in time to Ancient Rome next half term. The children will be learning about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain, Roman architecture and the art produced in the era. We also have the Hobgoblin Theatre coming to perform for us so we can use this as a stimulus for our writing; imagining we are a Roman soldier as well as writing from different points of view.

Year 5

Next half term, Year 5 will be taking a South American road trip! Our travels will take us along the Amazon River, to the snowy peaks of the Andes, to the Atacama desert - the driest desert in the world. We will be taking pit stops along the way to learn about the local cultures geography, myths and cuisine. All aboard!

Year 6

Year 6 are going to be studying the history of the ancient city of Baghdad. We are going to explore the stories of The Arabian Nights, including Aladdin, Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves and Sinbad the Sailor. We will be writing stories based on these adventures. In addition, we will be learning about Islamic Art and completing our own patterns using the art as a stimulus.



Kindness

Respect

WORLD BOOK DAY

2 MARCH 2023

On **Thursday 2nd March** we will be joining with schools across the globe to celebrate **World Book Day**. We would like to invite the children to dress up as a word and have lots of fun activities planned during the week.

As part of the celebration, over that week, we will be joining with children from across the schools in our Trust to attend workshops and readings by some famous authors.

Year 3 and 4 pupils start the week on Monday, meeting

with author, poet and illustrator, **Kev Payne**. He will talk to the children about how he became a writer—his favourite unusual animal and share some really funny poems and ghastly facts from his *Gross and Ghastly* non-fiction books.



On Tuesday, Year 5 and 6 will meet author and poet **Jason Beresford**, who describes himself as a writer, teacher, bad ukulele player and a man who speaks Japanese with a Coventry accent! His most popular series of books, *The Fabulous Fish Fingers* is about gang of superhero kids who fight crime on the streets of Tumchester, so long as it's not past their bedtime.

Finally, on Thursday, the children in Years 1 and 2 will get to meet **Claire Culliford**, who started her writing journey aged just seven with a story called *The Monsters' Tea Party*. She is best-known for her series, *The Little Helpers*, which supports the United Nations' Sustainable Goals and has been translated into a large number of languages.

We know that these events will deepen our children's love of reading and inspire them to read and write for pleasure, as well as an opportunity to see and work with friends from our other Trust schools.

The Great Benin Pottery Throw-Down

This half term our Year 5's have been learning all about the Kingdom of Benin – which is now called Nigeria. As part of their projects they explored existing masks, how they were made and decorated. Before beginning to create their own masks, they honed their pottery-skills, practising rolling, shaping and joining slabs. When they were ready, the children embarked on making and painting their own masks using traditional Benin decoration. "The best thing about making our masks was using the slip to join the slabs together – we got very messy"!



Honesty

Teamwork

The Great Fire of London

At the start of term – to kick start their topic on the Great Fire Of London, the children in Year 2 took part in a whole day workshop. They started the morning by arriving in their fantastic costumes and became apprentices on the streets of London, learning skills common for workers of the era: leatherworking, metal working, and sewing.

As the children learned their trades, the fire spread. With the flames drawing closer, they had to take action to stop it, including forming fire lines and tearing down local buildings. After lunch they had to re-enact the excavation effort, discovering what was left of the charred city, looking for personal belongings and important legal documents that could help the city start the process of rebuilding.

Yesterday, the children shared everything they had learnt about London, past and present, in an amazing assembly to their parents.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

After Half Term, our clubs are:

Monday: Multi Skills and Graphic Animation

Tuesday: Drama and Chess

Thursday: Crafts

Thursday: Art; Football and Eco

If you have a great idea for a club—why not speak to your teacher or school Council Rep.

Attendance Matters



In January, **147** children achieved 100% attendance. They have all been given a certificate and a raffle ticket and their names are displayed on our Attendance board.

Well done to the top class - **Beech**, who had the highest number of children achieving 100%.

School Gate Reminder

Please remember that the school gate now closes at **8:50** and all children who arrive after this time will be recorded as late in the register.

Did you know?

Being 5 minutes late to school every day adds up to 3 whole days of learning lost a year—while 10 minutes adds up to 6.5 days!



Safer Internet Day

This week, the children have been learning about ways to keep themselves and their personal information safe online. We had a visit from Simon Gallagher, from West Mercia police, who talked to the younger children about how important it was to tell an adult if they felt unsafe online. He also spoke with the older children about the dangers of social media and how not everyone you talk to is who they say they are.

Did you know?

These sites and apps all have a minimum age of 13 to have an account?



While Whatsapp has a minimum age of 16?

So what are the risks?

- Many sites include an instant message function that allows private conversations between site members.
- Most social networking sites have an app version available, meaning your child will have access to the social network from their smartphone or tablet. Some app versions of social networks use the location of the phone.
- Information shared between friends can be easily copied and may spread.
- It isn't easy to take back information that has been posted – and can be impossible if it's already been shared.
- Not everyone your child meets online will be who they say they are. Chatrooms and forums can connect people who are complete strangers and can be unmoderated.
- Chatrooms and forums are some of the places online groomers go to connect with children. They can also be places where people use a lot of sexual language and engage in online flirting. This is sometimes done through video chat programs.

You can visit www.internetmatters.org for more help and information about Internet Safety at home.

Upcoming Events

February

- 27th First Day of Term
Year 3 and 4 Author Visits
- 28th Year 5 and 6 Author Visits
Parents' Evening 3:30-6:00

March

- 2nd World Book Day
Year 1 and 2 Author Visits
Year 5 Trip to Whitley Court
Parents' Evening 3:30-6:00
- 3rd Rainbow Trip to Big Little Town
- 8th KS2 Girls Football Festival

- 10th SAET Children's Council
OAA and Problem Solving Festival
Miss Miles from SHS visiting Year 6
- 13th-17th Science Week
- 15th Year 5-6 Netball League Starts
- 17th Red Nose Day
KS2 Hockey Festival
- 22nd Year 5-6 Netball League
- 23rd Indoor Athletics Competition
- 28th One Big Idea Grand Final
- 29th Year 5-6 Netball League
- 31st Dance Festival
Last day of term—3:20 finish

We will send out details about each event nearer the time—or check out *News and Events* on our website