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

HEADlines

Well it has been a very short half term, but we seem to have squeezed a lot into it, including trips out to Whitley Court and Big Little Town, lots of sporting festivals and visitors in school, including three well-known published authors to help inspire our children and bring the curriculum to life.

The Summer Term looks equally as busy and all of the dates are on the last page of the newsletter—but I would like to draw your attention to the importance of the national tests that children in Year 1, 2, 4 and 6 will be taking. Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school and on time so that they can settle in well with the rest of their peers, keeping disruption to their day as minimal as possible. This way, they can achieve their very best.

I wish everyone a very Happy Easter and thank everyone for all of their hard work and support this term. We look forward to seeing everyone back, safe and well on Tuesday 18th April ready for another brilliant term.



With kindness as one of our school values, charity is always close to our hearts. We have been bowled over by the kindness

and generosity of our community over the past few weeks and would like to thank everyone who has been able to donate to our Red Nose Day collection and our Easter Egg Appeal. Through wearing red for the day, we raised a massive **£101 for Comic Relief** which will help people who are facing the toughest times of their lives and help them to break free from poverty, both here in the UK and across the world.

Wyre Forest Food Bank support 76 children every week, and we have collected **over 100 eggs and chocolate bunnies** to ensure they all receive an Easter egg next week as well.



After Easter, we will be looking at how we can give up a little of our time to help the local community as we take part in **'The Big Help Out'** for the King's Coronation.



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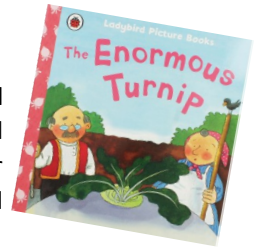
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Curriculum Corner:

Summer Term Topics

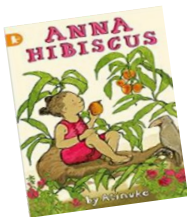
Rainbow

After Easter, we will be learning about things that grow. We will read 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'The Ugly Duckling'. During this term, we will care for our own ducks. They will arrive as eggs and leave as ducklings. We will look at the life cycle of a duck and how to look after different animals. We will also plant and grow flowers from seeds. We will be visiting forest school this half term as the flowers have started to grow and we will observe the seasonal changes.



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 explore the country of Kenya. 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 Easter, 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 we 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

For the first half of the Summer term, the learning will be based on Ted Hughes' book 'The Iron Man'. The children will continue to develop their writing skills in this half term, recreating the first chapter of the book. In Music we will be creating a soundtrack for an extract from the film 'The Iron Giant'. The children will research and find sound effects to replicate the noises that would have been on the soundtrack to develop suspense and drama in the audio accompaniment.

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 5s will be feasting on a banquet of historical knowledge. Children will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in all things Anglo-Saxon. Year 5 will also be taking part in the Bike Ability programme to develop their cycling proficiency and their awareness when cycling in public spaces and roads.



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 and the Silk Road, as well as using the inspiration of Islamic patterns to design our own artwork. After SATs, we will be auditioning and rehearsing for our summer musical. We will also be investigating 'Pulleys & Gears' in Design Technology, making our own compositions in Music, and learning about animals and countries in Modern Foreign Languages.

Love of Reading

We had a fantastic week meeting some famous authors during World Book Week. Working with children from across the Trust, Year 1 and 2 children met Claire Cullford - author of the Little Helpers series, Year 3 and 4 met author, poet and illustrator Kev Payne and Year 5 and 6 met Jason Beresford of the Fish Finger Gang! Thank you to Mr Price from Wolverley Sebright Primary School for organising this for everyone.



On World Book Day children came dressed as a word this year and we had some super ideas including: puzzle, onomatopoeia, princesses, dragons, footballers, blue, orange, descendants, flower power, happy birthday and many, many more.

Children in Year 3 and 4 also took part in a writing competition following on from an interactive session with Michael Rosen. The winners were: Harvey and Methmi in year 4 and Julia and Ella in Y3, who each received a book token - well done to everyone who entered.

Finally, we all took part in a sponsored read - both at school and at home. A huge thank you to everyone who helped raise over £600, which has kindly been topped up to £1,000 by Usborne Books to buy even more super books for our library and classrooms.



As part of British Science Week, all of the children in Key Stage 2 took part in the Worcestershire STEM Challenge with Sarah Lalor from STEM Works. Throughout the challenges, the children learned about structures and

mechanisms, and used their knowledge to solve construction challenges to design and build the components for an automated warehouse. The winners, voted for by our visitor, have a chance of being invited to the next stage of the STEM competition later this year! Good luck everyone!

In Key Stage 1, the children undertook a range of different science investigations to observe chemical and physical reactions, including adding dye to milk and planting bulbs.



Honesty

Teamwork



Nursery Corner

In Nursery we have been exploring how to use loose parts in our play. Loose parts are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, and taken apart and put back together in multiple ways. The wonderful thing about loose parts is there is no right or wrong way of playing with them; the children create the direction. Here you can see some of the wonderful games and play scenes the children have created.



We have found loose parts are helping with the children's curiosity and engagement as well as encouraging conversation and collaboration with others. You can have a go at loose part play at home using items from around the house. Cardboard boxes and bottle caps are always a great start! If you'd like to know more here's a link to a blog post: <https://rb.gy/onjfeo>



After Easter, our clubs are:

Monday: Multi Skills and Graphic Animation

Tuesday: Drama, Dance and Construction

Wednesday: Mindfulness and Cookery

Thursday: Football and Eco



During this half term, some of the children have had the opportunity to show off their hockey and Quick-Sticks skills in a competition against other schools. A special mention goes to our Year 4 team who worked really well as a team and this was demonstrated in various wins during the event. As well as this, Year 5 had the opportunity to put to use all of their practical learning about fitness and stamina during an indoor athletics event. Also, as part of our Dance After School Club, children are preparing to show off their moves at a dance festival on the final day of term! Finally, Year 6 are looking forward to getting ready for their Tag Rugby competition coming up in April!



During the summer term, children in Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 will be taking statutory assessments, along with children in the same year groups across the country.

- **Year 1 and some Year 2** - Phonics Screening Checks 12th-16th June
- **Year 2** - KS1 SATs Tests in Reading, Maths, Grammar & Punctuation and Spelling throughout May
- **Year 4** - Online Multiplication Tables Check 5th-16th June
- **Year 6** - KS2 SATs Tests in Reading, Maths, Grammar & Punctuation and Spelling 9th-12 May

Children have been working incredibly hard towards these tests, and it is really important that they are here to take part in them. We will send specific information to individual year groups nearer to the time.



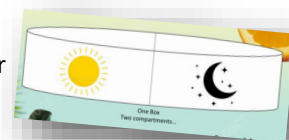
This term, we have all been busy being designers, entrepreneurs, and marketers as part of the SAET One Big Idea competition.

All of the children in the Primary Schools across our Trust have taken part. The challenge posed by Mr McLean was to

come up with 'One Big Idea' that may possibly change the world! The emphasis was on inspiring their creativity, possibilities and imagination to 'dream big' - and at SPA we were not disappointed.

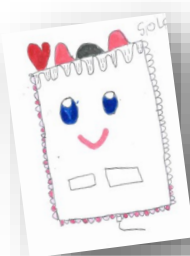
Each year group approached the challenge slightly differently, with some classes working collectively, and some older children working in groups to develop and present ideas to be voted on as a class. Each Year group held a vote to find their best idea which were:

Rainbow—a snack box with a section for their morning and afternoon snack.



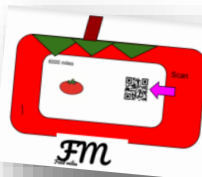
Year 1—The Game Changers X—football studs that clip onto your normal trainers. *Changing the way you train!*

Year 2—The All Weather Jumper—the jumper that knows when you're too hot or cold and adjusts so it's the ideal temperature ...and.... it's fully water proof. *The perfect outfit for playtime.*



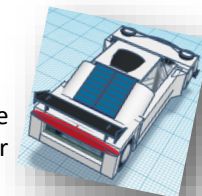
Year 3—The Solar Super Charger—a super-slim phone case with built in solar panels to charge your mobile phone without plugging it into the electricity.

Year 4— Keeping it Close—a device or app that scans the QR codes on food packaging to tell you how many food miles it has taken to get to the shop. *The perfect solution to help everyone buy local and reduce carbon emissions.*



Year 5—The Interpret Ear—a language translator which goes in you ear with a microphone that what you and other people say into any language you would like.

Year 6—The Solar Powered Car—the perfect solution to the climate crisis that charges in the sun and has battery power for grey and rainy days!



Each idea was presented amazingly well in front of the whole school, and then everyone voted for our SPA winner, which was..... **Year 5s Interpret Ear**. The team from Year 5 then had a few weeks to polish their presentation before presenting to a distinguished panel of judges, against all of the other SAET schools at the Grand Final on Tuesday 28th March. They did an amazing job and we can't wait to find out who the SAET winner is when we come back after the Easter Holiday.



Easter holidays are coming and there are free activities and support for families.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) are providing free activities for children who are eligible for Free school meals.

Sign up for their programme and for more information about the HAF Programme, please visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/rsw

HAF are supporting Active Youth Outreach Services who are running activities at Stourport Memorial Park on 4th April.

Free entry for children aged 5+ and it runs from 11 am to 3 pm.

Activities include archery, crazy golf, scooter ramps, Tae-Kwondo, circus skills, and much more. A free packed lunch is available

Starting Well supports families with children aged 0-19 in the Wyre Forest area. Their aim is to support communities to build safe and healthy environments for children, young people and families to thrive in.

They have sent out their programmes for the summer term. For further information see the safeguarding noticeboard at the front of the school, phone 01905 520032 or email admin.wyreforest@barnardos.org.uk

Attendance Matters



Well done to our Top 3 classes for Attendance for the year so far

- ✓ 1st Beech 95.1%
- ✓ 2nd Oak/Rowan 94.3%
- ✓ 3rd Rainbow 93.9%



Competition Time

Who can grow the tallest sunflower?

Who can grow the heaviest pumpkin?

Mrs Collins is sending seeds home to everyone this week so that children can get planting over the Easter Holiday....good luck!

Upcoming Events

April

- 17th TED Day—School Closed
- 18th First Day of Summer Term
- Winter School Games
- 21st KS2 Orienteering Festival
- 26th Year 6 Tag Rugby Tournament
- 27th Rainbow NHS Eye Tests
- KS1 Cricket Skills Festival

May

- 1st Bank Holiday—School Closed
- 2nd Year 2 SATs Begin (*throughout May*)
- 5th SAET Children's Council
- 8th Bank Holiday—School Closed
- 9th - 12th Year 6 SATS week
- Year 5 Bike Ability Week
- 17th Rainbow/Year 1 Shooting Stars Football Festival

- 18th Year 5 Trip to Bishops Wood

- 23rd Year 4 Cricket Festival

- 24th Year 6 Cricket Festival

- 26th KS2 Boccia Festival

Dogs Trust Assembly

- 29th - 2nd June Half Term—School Closed

June

- 5th - 9th School Safety Week

- 5th - 16th Year 4 Multiplication Tables Challenges

- 5th Water Safety Assembly

- 7th Year 6 Trip to the Houses of Parliament

- 9th SAET Children's Council

KS2 Tennis Festival

- 12th - 16th Year 1 and 2 Phonics Screening Checks