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

HEADlines

I can't believe this is the penultimate newsletter of the year already! It certainly has been a full-on half term so far. Year 1 and 2 have completed their Phonics assessments brilliantly, Year 4 have taken their Multiplication Tables Checks and we have had Year 6's Writing portfolios moderated by the Local Authority—who were so impressed, they took copies to use as exemplar material for next year. There have been trips out, lots of visitors into school and lots of creative projects to help bring our curriculum to life for the children. Hopefully, this edition of *Read All About It* will give you a taste of what has been happening.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Maybury on her successful appointment as Head of School - she has been part of our family since 2001 and this is an incredibly well-deserved achievement. Sadly, at the end of term we will be saying goodbye to Miss Ellerton, Mrs Serrell, Miss Mahon and Mr Shepherd. I would like to thank them for all of their hard work - they have been an incredible addition to our school and we wish them well in their future endeavours. Finally, we are saying good luck to Lana Duce from Mulberry who will be taking maternity leave from September!



On Friday 19th of May, Anahi and Serena were invited to a meeting of the SAET Pupil Council along with delegates from all of the other primary schools in the trust. This meeting was focussed on competitions that could take place in the next school year and got all of the Trust councillors to gather their ideas. Much to our delight, we were presented with juices, pastries and cupcakes to help us generate ideas. In conclusion of our meeting, we decided that next year there should be a range of inter-school competitions across the year: sport-based and other competitions (for example baking, gaming, art, or academic). The ideas will now be shared with the Head Teachers, who will use some of the ideas to put a plan in place with Mr McLean for next year. *Serena and Anahi—Year 6*



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This half term, Year 5 conducted a **geography fieldwork study** at St Michael and All Angels Church in Stourport to help us understand how land use can change over time and to learn about a significant piece of local history. Did you know that there have been 3 churches on that one site? We explored the layout of the new church inside the old church, visited the original church's foundations and looked at some of the graves. We also collected data on the different species of trees found at the site.



Since returning to school, we have explored different ways of interpreting and presenting the data we gathered, created different maps of the site and put together a display of our work.



On the 6th of June, Year 6 went to the fire station to participate in the **Young Citizens Challenge**. The children had the opportunity to participate in workshops run by the local emergency services, centred around how to stay safe whilst out-and-about in the local area. We were lucky to have had the opportunity to listen to the police, fire brigade and SARA (Severn Area Rescue Association) on a wide range of topics including road, online and water safety. Everyone was really impressed with the knowledge Year 6 already had but it was a useful, educational experience for everyone involved. Well done Year 6!

Curriculum Corner



Rainbow

This half term we have made rockets and jet packs to get us into space. We have also made our own space pictures using tissue paper and card. We have been learning how to draw different farm animals in our guided drawing sessions. To finish this term we will make a tortoise shell out of paper maché and decorate it using paint.

Year 1

In Art this term, Year 1 have been studying the work of Pablo Picasso. We started by looking at his portrait of *Dora Maar* and *The Woman in Beret and Checked Dress* because the paintings gave the children the opportunity to see the portraits created in an abstract way. Next the children will have the opportunity to create their own abstract self portrait based on their emotions.

Year 2

In Art this term, Year 2 are making clay self-portraits as part of our Topic - 'All about me.' We started by looking at a sculptor for inspiration to design and make a version of ourselves. We have begun learning new skills with sculpting tools and everyday items to create texture and add details.

Year 3

In DT this term, Year 3 have been tasting, making, designing and evaluating biscuits! We followed a basic recipe, before using different ingredients to 'personalise' our own biscuits. We then tasted and evaluated each others' biscuits before deciding which was our favourite!

Year 4

Year 4 have been looking at sculpture in art. We have been learning to draw the human figure in proportion and in different poses. We then made figures in wire and tin foil like the sculptor Giacometti.

Year 5

In DT, Year 5 will be creating a structure of St Michael and All Angels Church. We visited the church at the start of this half term to conduct geography fieldwork. Year 5 will be using their observations of the church to design and build a model using a selection of materials and joining techniques.

Year 6

In Art, Year 6 studied the work of Frieda Kahlo and used this as inspiration for their own portraiture. The children learnt the proper proportions to use when drawing faces and used this to help develop their work. Keep an eye out for their final pieces on the front cover of their reports this year!

Kindness

Respect

PE POST

We have had such a successful term in PE. Firstly, it was great seeing all of the adults that could attend **Sports Day**. The children really enjoyed the day and the ice lollies went down well with them all! We were even treated to Miss Bragg donning her sports kit and demonstrating all of the activities for Rainbow—what a superstar! We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Buckley for organising a fantastic morning!



Year Two and Four had a great time at the **rounders** events and managed to keep cool! A small group of children from Year Six had the chance to show off their **tennis** skills at the Stourport Dome. They cruised through the qualifying rounds and just missed out on reaching the final. We were very proud of their efforts! Additionally, a group of Year 4 children displayed their talents during a tennis festival.



Steel Drums Update

Following the success of last half term's Steel Drum Workshops, we have been incredibly lucky to be offered the Steel Band from Stourport High School—and of course—we have jumped at the chance. Hopefully, the stars will all align and we will be able to find it a good home. All we need to do now, is find somewhere to put it! Interestingly, those of you who went to Lickhill Middle School will remember the steel drums there, so there will be a definite feeling of them 'coming home'. Thank you so much to Stourport High School for this amazing opportunity!

Honesty

Teamwork

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Summer is the season of music festivals—The Isle of Wight, Download and Glastonbury to name a few—but none compare to the two we have had across the SAET Trust this half term. Rainbow children joined all of the other Reception children from across the Trust in a Pirate-themed morning, and Year 1 went to St Bartholomew's to join all of the other Year 1s in a Super Hero-themed event.

All of the children and staff enjoyed learning and performing each of the songs, exploring new music and even making their own instruments for the event.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have been delighted with the response to our Extra-Curricular programme this year. We have had **46 different activities** running across the year, which have been attended by **200 children**. An incredible **727 places** have been filled across the year.

Thank you so much to the staff who have all been part of the organising and running such a brilliant programme. We are already planning for next year and looking at ways to get even more children involved. If you have any great ideas for a club—let your teacher or Council Rep know!

School Uniform

If you ordered school uniform before 12th June, your order will be delivered to school before the end of term—we will send a text when orders have arrived.

The [website](#) will be open again on 30th June if you still want to order uniform, which will be delivered to school on 18th September.

At the Summer Fayre we will be having our **Uniform Recycling Stall**, full of perfectly good uniform that other children have grown out of. If you have any donations—please pass them on to Miss Newton.



To immerse Rainbow in this week's book, *Whatever Next*, we had a teddy bears' picnic on the field!



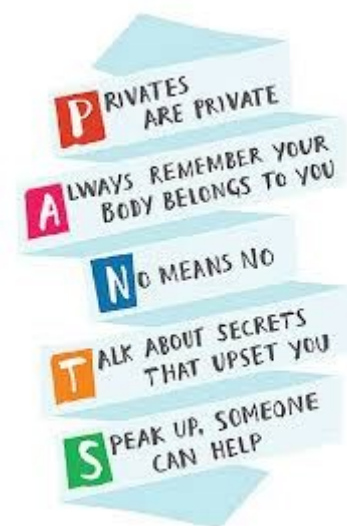
All the children had lots of fun setting out their picnic blankets, eating their yummy picnics and some lucky cuddly toys even got to have a nibble of picnic food too!



At the start of this half term, everyone in school took part in our Safety Week—a hugely important part of our curriculum.

The children in Nursery learnt how to stay **safe in the sun** which included putting on sun cream on the dolls and dressing themselves up correctly for the weather. They learnt how to **carry sticks safely** at forest school and they set up small world role play learning how to **cross roads safely**. The children thought about what makes them feel safe and read a book called *Fleabag* where he didn't feel safe at the start of the story but when he had a family, home and food etc he felt safe and happy at the end. Finally, we talked about **emotions and our own wellbeing**.

Across the rest of the school, the children learned about **safety around canals** and had an assembly from Canals and River Trust. They watched a **road safety** video and had lively class discussions. Everyone took part in the **NSPCC PANTS** workshop and learned that their *Pants are Private*. They enjoyed the Pantosaurus song.



They refreshed their **Internet Safety** and designed a mascot to promote staying safe online. They looked after their own **well being** and recapped their five people who they can talk to if they feel unsafe or unhappy.

#AskTheAwkward

Being online is an important part of how young people communicate. Young people are using online spaces for their social lives. They told CEOP that they would like their parents and carers to talk with them more about this. CEOP know

that these topics aren't always easy to talk about, so #AskTheAwkward has been created to help you to explore online communications with your older children, making these conversations part of everyday life.

Unsure where to start? CEOP's introduction to Asking The Awkward helps you to prepare for regular conversations with your child about online communications and related topics. It also offers advice on how to keep conversations positive and what to do if your child tells you something that worries you. Check out thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ask-the-awkward/ for more information, advice and video clips to help!

THE BIG SING

In Year 5 we have had the opportunity to travel to the Worcester University Arena and take part in the 'Big Sing'. The Big Sing is an inclusive celebration of music. The show is centred around the children themselves performing a range of different songs, all together, led and accompanied by professional musicians and bands.



The theme this year was 'Be the Change' and the children put in great effort to learn four songs that focused on ways that they could make an impact on the world. At the event the children were able to demonstrate their own dance moves and their singing ability. It was a fabulous event that the children thoroughly enjoyed.



Year 4 had a great day at **Hartlebury Castle** this half term. We got dressed up as scullery maids and boot boys in the 1890's. We scrubbed the clothes, cleaned the boots, rolled the butter and dusted the stairs. We also went to a Victorian school and it was very strict! We were not allowed to put our elbows on the desk or write with our left hand! It was fun.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The **National Summer Reading Challenge** encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal, and collect rewards for their reading.

It's FREE to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.

The challenge runs throughout the summer holidays and you can sign up either [online](#) or at Stourport and Kidderminster library.

Once signed up, you can:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!
- If you go to the library you will receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading or if you are joining online your child will be able to unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.



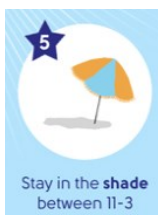
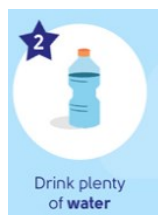
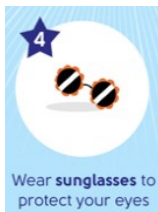
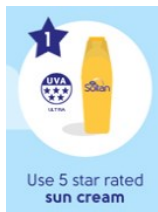
Remember to let us know if you take part, and how many books you read over the summer, so we can award certificates in September. You could even send us some photos of the strangest place you can find to share a good book!

Keeping Children Safe



Staying Safe in the Sun

With the warmer weather with us, follow these five Sun ready tips to stay safe in the Sun



Eco Club

This summer we have been busy planting wildflower seeds which we received from King Charles III coronation. We have used these to enhance our school grounds and attract bees. We have also made a bee hotel.

Sunflower Competition

Please remember to take photographs and measure your sunflowers for the competition in September. I wonder who will have the tallest sunflower?

Attendance Matters



Well done to the **106** children who achieved **100% Attendance** in May—your names are displayed on our roll of honour in school.

How many will we have in June?

The Top 3 classes for **Attendance for May** were

- ✓ 1st Beech 96.7%
- ✓ 2nd Oak 96.3%
- ✓ 3rd Willow 95.8%

The top three classes so far **this year** are

- ✓ 1st Beech 94.9%
- ✓ 2nd Oak 93.8%
- ✓ 3rd Rainbow 93.7% - *over-taking Ash class from last month!*

I wonder how many children will achieve 100% attendance for the whole year?



We are looking forward to our Summer Fayre on **14th July at 2pm**. There will be lots of stalls and games, to enjoy.

Year 4 are currently collecting any **unwanted children's books, toys and games** that are in good condition for their stall. If you are having a clear out—please send them into school.

Upcoming Events

June

- 30th Year 5/6 STEM Careers Event
- Year 3 Trip to Engenuity
- Annual Reports Sent Home (*Except Year 6*)

July

- 3rd-4th Transition Days—SPA, Stourport High and King Charles
- 3rd-4th Rising 5's Stay and Play Mornings
- 5th Transition Day—Bewdley School
- Year 6 Knife Crime Awareness Assembly
- 6th Rainbow Trip to Noverton Farm
- 12th Year 6 Production (Afternoon and Evening)

- 14th Summer Fayre 2pm-3pm
- 19th Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2:00
- Year 6 Celebration Event 6:30-8:30 pm
- 20th Last Day of Term—we finish after lunch at 12:30

September

- 4th Teacher Training Day
- 5th Teacher Training Day
- 6th First Day of Autumn Term for all children