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

HEADlines

Welcome to the November edition of Read All About It. This is always a fantastic half term as we navigate our way through Bonfire Night, cold and frosty starts and edge our way towards a fun-filled and exciting Christmas Season.

The children are working really hard in school and enjoy the topics and experiences planned for them. You can find out what they are learning about, and how they are developing their Art and Design technology skills later in this edition. This year we have introduced a new element to our English Curriculum called Drawing Club, which the children absolutely love, designed to inspire and spark their imagination, whilst develop their sentence structure, grammar and vocabulary. *Why not ask them what they have drawn this week!*

We are really looking forward to beginning the festive season with Rainbow's Nativity on 1st December. All of the children across the school have been rehearsing incredibly hard and we are being able to share all of their wonderful Christmas performance and services with parents and families.

As the weather has turned much colder, please ensure that all children wear their coat, *with their name in it*, to school, so they can continue to enjoy break and lunch times outside.

Thank you to everyone for their support so far this half term!



We have been really saddened this half term to say *Farewell* to two fantastic members of staff. Earlier this month **Mrs Voyce**, one of our fantastic Receptionists, left SPA after nearly 10 years to take up a new challenge working with the Speech and Language team.

Mrs Hubbard, affectionately known as **Nanny Pam**, has also decided it is time to hang up her apron to spend some much deserved time with her family. She joined SPA 1991 and has supported thousands of children at lunchtime and in SOS.

Both colleagues will be dearly missed and we would like to wish the all of the very best on their next adventures. We hope that they will pop back into school in the near future so we can hear all about them!

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Following learning all about World War I and reading the book, *The Last Post* by Keith Campion, Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed watching the Hobgoblin Theatre Company perform *The Last Post*, a play about letters between a boy, William Downing and his father, Joseph, during the first year of World War One.



We were joined by other Year 5 children from St Bartholomew's and Hartlebury Primary Schools which gave the children an opportunity to see friends from across the Trust.



On Friday 24th November, our three SAET Council Reps attended a very important meeting at St Bartholomew's along with all of the other reps from each school. Thankfully it was a sunny morning, as the meeting was being held in Forest School, so that the councillors could take part in a range of different team-building activities while sharing their ideas for events and activities with Mr James. We are really looking forward to seeing what they have got planned after Christmas.

Curriculum Corner



Reception

This half term we have been looking at different celebrations. We've learnt about bonfire night and the story of the Gunpowder Plot. Then we moved on to look at Diwali and Remembrance. We made different pieces of art to reflect these celebrations. Next, we moved on to Christmas! We really enjoyed performing our Nativity 'The Sleepy Shepherd' to the school and parents.

Year 1

This half term we have been exploring traditional tales and nursery rhymes. In DT, we have been exploring how we can make a picture book move. We learnt how to create sliders and levers to move an object in different directions to retell the story of Humpty Dumpty.



Year 2

Our topic this half term has been 'People who have changed the world.' We've learnt all about the Gunpowder plot in detail including why we remember Guy Fawkes and the other plotters. We have thought about other historical figures including nurses Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and how their important work changed nursing forever. We will end our topic with a DT project exploring mechanisms and how the children can create a sleigh using wheels and axles!

Year 3



Who lived in Britain first? We've been finding out! This term, Year 3 have had the opportunity to take part in a variety of artistic activities. From carving soap sculptures and moulding clay pots as part of our immersive stone age workshop, to looking at the artist Caroline Ross. Her unique style of creating art through making paint and tools from natural resources has inspired the children to create their own stone age artwork.

Year 4

As part of our Viking topic we experienced Viking culture during our Viking day. We made pots, necklaces and bracelets in the style of Viking artefacts. We dressed up and experienced the life of a Viking over a thousand years ago. The children have enjoyed reading and studying old Viking sagas, we have used this as inspiration to plan and create our own saga's based on traditional Viking gods.

In DT we will be making torches using electrical systems. We will develop our science knowledge of electrical systems to design and make a torch that lights up.

Year 5

At the beginning of this half term's topic, From Field to Fork, Year 5 tasted bread from around the world. The children learnt about global wheat production and where we import our food from. Year 5 will be ending this topic by making their own bread in DT. The children will learn how to weigh and measure ingredients accurately and choose their own ingredients to flavour the bread.

Year 6

On the first day back, the children enjoyed taking part in our Ancient Egyptian Day. During this workshop, the children made a variety of 'artefacts' that would have been included in the Ancient Egyptian burial process. We are very much looking forward to displaying these artefacts at our Ancient Egyptian Museum, which will take place on the 7th-8th of December.



Kindness

Respect



Since half term, the children have enjoyed taking part in a number of sporting festivals and events. We are always delighted at how well the children represent our school and their determination to do their very best.

Year 2 Multiskills Festival

Year 2 took part in a Key Stage 1 Multi skills festival with other schools from the area. The children participated in different activities that included balancing, throwing and running, which they thoroughly enjoyed. The games and activities developed the children's confidence and teamwork, as well as being a lot of fun.



Year 5 and 6 Netball Tournament

Year 5 and 6 were lucky enough to take part in a Key Stage 2 netball event with other schools from the area. It was a great experience for all of the girls involved as they learnt new skills and competed against other schools. They all performed really well whilst also having lots of fun. They were a real credit to the school!



Key Stage 2 Cross Country

On Friday 10th November, the Wyre Forest School Sports Partnership held their annual KS2 Cross Country Championships at War Memorial Park in Stourport. We had 28 children selected from our school from Year 5 and 6.

History Off The Page

Victorious Vikings Year 4 were transported back to the year 878 when they enjoyed exploring Viking life and culture, making jewellery and developing their historical skills as archeologists to uncover what life was really like.



Life in Ancient Egypt Year 6 went back even further in time to unearth the Pyramids, Papyrus and Pharaohs. The explore Epytial life, made a mummified model, a plaque etched with Egyptian designs, papyrus painting, ceremonial fans, and shabti jar.

Honesty

Teamwork



FAMILY & ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL
Romania • Moldova • Ukraine • Bulgaria

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to donate items towards our Shoebox Appeal for **Link to Hope**. All of our shoeboxes have been collected and are making their way to families and the elderly in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria to make their lives a little bit better.



Throughout December, we will be collecting donations for the **Wyre Forest Foodbank**. Last year we were able to collect over a trolley-load laden with tins, packets and bottles to help those in need in our local community. Please look out for the trolley on the gate each morning and afternoon from Monday 4th December. On the last day of term, Mr Webb and the Christmas elves will then deliver our donations.



Our second half term's clubs have been really well-attended. The children have had a great opportunity to enjoy activities from **crafts** and **cooking** to **drama** and **drawing**; to **rugby** and **football**.

You will soon be receiving a letter about the clubs on offer in the Spring term so watch out to get signed up early!

If you have a great idea for a club, let a School Council Rep know, or tell your teacher.

Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

During this very unsettled time family's circumstances can change, please check to see if you are entitled to **Free School meals**. This not only gives you Free School Meals within school but you receive shopping vouchers during holidays. School also receives additional funding to support children's learning in school.

We encourage even those children that currently receive Universal Free School meals (Reception - Year 2) to apply. Please click [here](#) to access the link or pop in and speak to the office staff who will be happy to help.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Do you know about our attendance incentives at school?

- Monthly 100% certificates - if your child is present every day in the month they will receive a certificate and have their name up on our attendance board.
- Weekly Attendance Crown - each week the class with the highest attendance is awarded the attendance crown in the celebration assembly.
- Punctuality - Perfect Punctuality Puppies are awarded to the class with the least late marks each week in the celebration assembly. Please ensure your children enter school via the school gate before it closes at 8.50 to prevent them from getting a Late mark.



If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, or would like some help with mornig routines, why not popin and see Mrs Haydon, our attendance officer.

Upcoming Events

December

1st - Rainbow Nativity
2nd - Christmas Carols in Stourport Town
5th - KS1 Christingle Service
6th - Christmas Film Night
7-8th - Year 6 Pop-Up Egyptian Museum
8th - Santa Dash
12th-13th KS2 Christmas Performance
14th - Year 6 Christmas Service at St Michael's Church
18th-19th - Breakfast with Santa
20th - Christmas Lunch
21st - Last Day of Term - *finish after lunch at 1:00pm*



January 2024

8th - First Day of Spring Term
19th - Reception/KS1 Inclusive Sport Festival
23rd - Primary Panathlon

We will send out more details about events nearer the time. You can also see all of our events on the calendar on our website.

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