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

HEADlines

For such a short half term, we certainly seem to have fitted a lot in. The children have taken part in themed days, had visitors in to see them, participated in competitions and events and have been exploring lots of different elements of the curriculum. Hopefully inside this edition, you will get a little snapshot of all of the exciting things that have been happening and what is to come after half term.

We are continuing with our focus on children having the correct, smart uniform on in school as we believe everyone wearing the same promotes a sense of belonging and inclusivity - all being part of the same team - and encourages a positive learning environment. Thank you for your continued support with this, ensuring that your child comes in their full school uniform including their tie and black shoes. Children should not be wearing jewellery other than a watch and one pair of small stud earrings.

After half term, we are really excited that children from Rainbow to Year 6 will once again have the opportunity to work with three visiting authors as part of our Trust-wide World Book Day celebrations. We will send out more details about this nearer the time - but if anyone has a birthday coming up, titles by these authors are a good shout!

I would like to thank everyone for all of their hard work and look forward to seeing everyone back in school, safe and well, on Monday 19th February.

Welcome

This term, we are delighted to welcome Lizzie Walsh who joins the Nursery team in Mulberry. At the end of the Autumn Term, Laurie Bruford was successfully appointed as our second teacher in Rainbow class - and deserves a special welcome in her new role. This has enabled Mr Buckley to join Miss Williams in Year 1.

We are also excited to have four more trainee teachers joining us: Miss Griffiths in Year 1; Miss Bristow and Mrs Hurst-Knight in Year 2 and Mr Taylor in Year 4. They have all started their time at SPA magnificently and we are looking forward to learning as much from them, as they do from us.



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At the end of January, we were delighted to host the SAET Council for their Spring term meeting with Mr James. They received their official SAET Pupil Council ID badges and lanyards.

Our Reps from SPA enjoyed taking them on a tour of the school and showing off our great school and enjoying a *business breakfast* in our meeting room.

During the meeting, they spent time planning the *One Special Idea* day which will involve pupils from Years 3 and 4 from across the Trust in May.



On 2nd February we joined with schools across the country to enjoy number fun and had a mammoth battles on Times Table Rockstars as we celebrated NSPCC Number Day together.

Thank you to everyone who donated - we raised £48.14 for the NSPCC.

Curriculum Corner

Reception

This half term Rainbow will be learning about different types of superheroes. Some are superheroes such as supertao and superbat. Then others are the superheroes that help us every day such as doctors, nurses and vets. We will be planting seeds in our garden to watch them grow into flowers over the next few months. To finish our half term, we will be visiting Big Little Town, where we will get to role play and dress up as all the different jobs we have learnt about.

Year 1

Next half term, Year 1's topic is 'Food, Glorious, Food'. In History, we will be exploring how the process of harvesting wheat has changed over time. In Geography, we will be exploring how the weather can affect crop production. In DT, we will be preparing our own fruit salad and as part of our literacy, we will be writing a set of instructions about how to make a fruit salad.

Year 2



Year 2 will be discovering 'Up above and down below' next half. We will be finding out all about 2 famous explorers - Neil Armstrong and Jacques Cousteau. In Art, we will be creating our own night sky inspired by the world renown artist Vincent Van Gogh. We will enjoy reading two amazing books about 2 cousins, 'Bob Man on the Moon' and 'Dougal's Deep Sea Diary' written by author Simon Bartram. In Geography, we will be thinking about the difference between a sea and an ocean.

Year 3

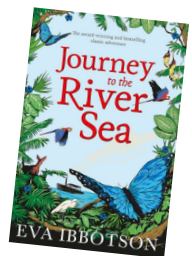
This term, year 3 will be transported back to the times of Ancient Greece where we will dive into the history of some famous Greek myths. The mythology will come alive when we create our own myths and clay tiles inspired by Greek designs.

Year 4

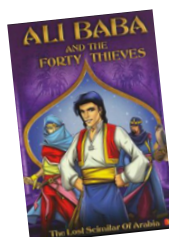
Next half term Year 4 will be learning about The Ancient Romans with a History led topic. Helping us to answer the question: Do All Roads Lead to Rome? We will be studying Roman artefacts, including pots and mosaics and creating our own mosaic designs. We will also be using the work of artist Grayson Perry to inspire our work. In Science we are working scientifically to learn about sound. Our reading texts will be based around Roman myths, Roman History and poems.

Year 5

Next half term Year 5 will be going on a South American Road Trip. To complete our topic on Amazing African Americans from this current term we will be visiting Witley Court in the first week back to conduct our Geography fieldwork. We will be exploring their links with the slave trade and how the building has changed over time. To prepare us for our South American Road Trip we will be designing and making our very own passport holders in our Design and Technology project. Our class book will be 'Journey to the River Sea'



Year 6



Next half term, Year 6 will 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

The Great Benin Pottery Throw Down

This half term our Year 5's have been learning about Amazing African Americans. To start our topic, we journeyed to West Africa to learn all about the Kingdom of Benin – which is now called Nigeria. We learnt about what masks were used for in Benin and how they were made and decorated.

Before beginning to create their own masks, the children honed their pottery-skills, practising rolling, shaping and joining slabs. When they were ready, the children embarked on making and painting their own masks in the style of Anthony Mwangi.



Beech class have been very busy learning how to play the **cornet** since September with their specialist music teacher Mr Sproston. On Thursday 8th February they performed a **concert** to their parents/guardians and their peers.

They really enjoyed showing off all that they have learnt through playing their favourite pieces! If your child is interested in learning to play a brass instrument then please let your child's teacher

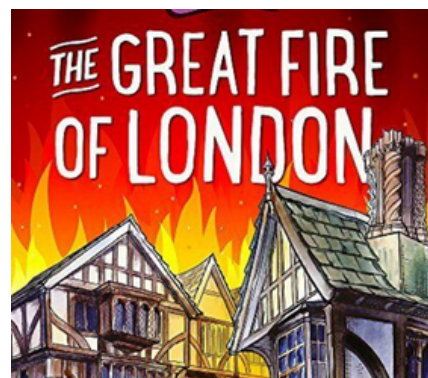


On 19th January, Pupils from Years 2, 3 and 4 participated at an **Inclusion of Sports Festival** at Baxter College. They completed a variety of activities which involved target sports, football, balancing, pushing and pulling, all designed to develop their movement skills. All of the children returned with smiles on their faces and represented Stourport Primary Academy with pride.

On Friday this week, our Year 1 pupils are taking part in a **Football Festival**, with schools from across the Wyre Forest - *I can't wait to find out how they get on. Go SPA!*

Honesty

Teamwork



Year 2 have been enjoying their topic '**Fire! Fire! London.**' The children have been excited to learn all about the Great Fire of London.

They participated in a History workshop where they created items including a weaving, a candle holder from clay, a fire plaque, a scent bag and piece of writing using a quill. In Geography we have been discovering London's landmarks and how they have changed since 1666.

On Wednesday this week, the children have presented a fantastic assembly, sharing all the knowledge they have learnt this half term with their parents. *Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for this.*



On Monday 5th February, we were delighted to be joined by PCSO Simon Gallagher, who launched our **Internet Safety Week** with a fantastic assembly around keeping safe online. Children from Reception to Year 6 have been completing activities and quizzes around their online presence and considering how we can inspire change for future generations.

Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

During this very unsettled time families' 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.



Supporting Families Booklet

Please have a look at our new supporting families booklet. You can find it on our [website](#).

We can support with:

- Health and Mental Health
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Finances and Cost of Living
- Community Safety
- Bereavement
- Parenting
- Domestic Abuse
- Housing
- SEND
- Online Safety
- Bullying (including Cyberbullying)

Children Accident prevention

An information sheet on 'Safe around Roads' can be found on our safeguarding board at the front of the school.

Attendance Matters



Well done to the **145** children who achieved **100% Attendance in January**—your names are displayed on our roll of honour in school. How many will we have in February?

The **Top 3 classes for Attendance for January** were:

1st Ash 98.8%

2nd Rowan 97.1%

3rd Elm 95.5%

Our overall leader with **The Best Attendance This Year** so far is Ash class with 96% attendance.

Upcoming Events

February

12th-16th - Half Term

19th - First Day of Spring 2

21st - Year 5 Trip to Witley Court

23rd - Key Stage 2 Dodgeball Festival

28th - Rainbow World Book Day Author Visit

March

4th-8th World Book Day Celebrations

5th - Year 3 and 4 World Book Day Author Visits

6th - Year 5 and 6 World Book Day Author Visits

6th - KS2 Girls Football Festival

7th - World Book Day

7th - Year 1 and 2 World Book Day Author Visits

8th - SAET Pupil Council Meeting

8th - Under 11 Indoor Athletics Festival

11th-15th - British Science Week

15th - Red Nose Day

18th-22nd - National Shakespeare Week

18th - Easter Service

19th - Rainbow Trip to Little Big Town

22nd - Dance Festival

22nd - Last Day of Spring Term

25th March - 5th April - Easter Holiday

April

8th - Teacher Training Day *School closed to pupils*

9th - First Day of Summer Term for pupils

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.

stourportprimary.worcs.sch.uk/news-and-events/calendar/

