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

HEADlines

Wow - another half term finished. For only five weeks, there seems to have been lots happening: from World Book Day celebrations to Mother's Day Afternoon Tea; from Sporting festivals to trips and visitors. 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 the Easter holiday.

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us on Friday 8th of March for Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. It was so lovely to see so many people enjoy time with their children. We hope that Sunday 10th March was a special day for all.

This half term, we have been collecting Easter Eggs for the Wyre Forest Food Bank, and have amassed quite a collection - thank you so much to everyone for their generosity. They were delivered to the foodbank on Friday morning, and we hope that they will help to make a child's Easter a little more special.

After Easter, the children return on **Tuesday 9th April**. We will continue our drive to ensure children's uniform is correct - including their tie and black shoes. However, as the weather hopefully turns warmer, children may wish to wear blue or red gingham summer dresses, or black or grey school shorts (not casual/football shorts). Please ensure that all uniform has their name in it, so we can return it easily if it is lost.

I would like to thank everyone for all of their hard work and wish everyone a fantastic Easter.



At the end of term, we will be really saddened to be saying "Au Revoir" to Sam Allen - who has led our site team amazingly over the past 7 Years. She has turned her hand to every challenge thrown at her brilliantly, no matter how large or small - and is now fiendishly skilled with power tools! We would like to thank her for everything she has done for us, we will miss her dearly and hope she remains a good friend to the school, visiting us often. But above all else, we would like to wish her every success in the new challenges that lie before her.

On Friday, we will also be saying goodbye to our fabulous trainees - Miss Griffiths, Miss Bristow, Mrs Hurst-Knight and Mr Taylor, who are off to their next schools to continue their training. They have been a real asset to the teaching team this term - thank you!

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Nursery have been enjoying lots of **baking** with Jade and Louise this half term. They have made cakes, **biscuits**, **jelly**, **gingerbread men** and **pancakes**. Cooking in the Early Years is a great experience which offers a wealth of learning and development opportunities. Cooking activities promote all seven areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum and because children enjoy the experience so much, they are not even aware they are learning about numbers or other skills. It also promotes independence and gives all children a sense of achievement.



On Wednesday, Rainbow had a great time at **Little Big Town**. We were pretending to be hairdressers, vets, firefighters and police. We were even able to dress up in some of the outfits. Unfortunately some of the children were very naughty and ended up in jail! We also role played a farm and grew our own vegetables. We were even able to drive around the room on a tractor!



Curriculum Corner

Reception

Next half term Rainbow will be exploring how things grow. We will be planting seeds and discovering what we need to make them grow. Rainbow will also be exploring the life cycle of a duck with some real duck eggs!

Year 1



After Easter Year 1 will be exploring the world of Tails, Teeth and Talons. In Science, we will be learning about how we can classify animals by their features and what they eat. In DT, we will be making a free standing chair fit for a tiger who will visit us for tea. Charlotte from the charity Dogs Trust will be visiting us to help us understand how to look after a dog.

Year 2

Next half term Year 2 will be exploring Amazing Africa. In music, we will be using computer software to create our own piece of music based on an animal. In Geography, we will looking at the country of Kenya and the similarities/differences between there and the UK. We also will be reading 'We're Going on a Lion Hunt' and retelling it in our own way.

Year 3

Flowing into the next half term, we will be studying...FLOW. Year 3 will be exploring the water sources of the local area, embracing our opportunity to create Geography fieldwork that examines Stourport-on-Severn's unique land use. From water to magma flow, we dive into the gaps of tectonic plates discovering what happens when a volcano erupts!



Year 4

Next half term Year 4 will be exploring the local environment as part of our Geography and Science topic - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Our English book is The Iron Man and in DT we are investigating structures. We are hoping that the weather is kind to us and we are able to get out and about for lots of field work.

Year 5



After Easter, Year 5s topic will be 'Invaders and Settlers: Anglo Saxons'. We will be exploring King Alfred and researching whether he is worthy of being called 'The Great'. Coupled with this we will going to Bishop's Wood to learn all about life in Anglo Saxon Britain. The children will also have the opportunity to take part in 'Bikeability' which is a chance for them to develop real life skills and learn about road safety.

Year 6

We have had an interesting half term, learning all about 'The Golden Age of Islam.' We have developed our History and Geography skills by learning about the importance of both Baghdad and the Silk Road. We have enjoyed reading the novel, The Golden Horseman of Baghdad, by Saviour Pirotta and writing our own adventure stories based on Sinbad the Sailor. We will continue our learning about this subject alongside important revision lessons for the upcoming SATs tests starting on May 13th. In Science, we took part in an exciting STEM activity during Science week.



Kindness

Respect

WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day. Children dressed their Teddies as their favourite book characters and we all paraded around the hall admiring each other's work. There were over 50 entries to our competition for 'Book in a Box.' The entries were absolutely fantastic and included entries for: Harry Potter, Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, The Addams Family, Horrid Henry, Super Tato, Matilda, various Fairy Tales and many, many more.

Mrs Maybury had the difficult task of selecting five winners, who each won an Easter egg and a book. Well done to everyone who entered and a huge congratulations to the winners.

During our World Book Week, we were all thrilled to take part in a number of workshops with visiting authors, as part of our World Book Day Celebrations. The children loved working alongside their peers from across our other SAET schools, being inspired and motivated by SPOZ, Terry Caffrey and Daniel Henshaw.



"Reception had so much fun at their author visit with **SPOZ!** He showed them how to sing rhymes and make them fun. We had to think of words that remind us of chocolate and then Spoz made them into rap using his music. We were able to dance and join in the song. It was so much FUN!"

"Year 1 and 2 were able to participate in a brilliant workshop with our author **Terry Caffrey** to celebrate World Book Day. He performed lots of exciting poems and gave the children a chance to join in. We had the opportunity to listen to different types of poetry with actions to join in with."

"Year 3 and 4 had the pleasure of meeting author **Daniel Henshaw** this week as part of the school's celebrations towards World Book Day! Along with every year 3 and 4 class in the trust, children took part in a mystery writing workshop and crafted a plot to their own mystery story. Who stole the diamond slipper? Who saw the great chocolate heist?! It was a morning of imaginative storymaking, a World Book Day event to remember."

"Years 5 and 6 also had a wonderful day with the author **Daniel Henshaw** to celebrate World Book Day! The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to his brilliant mystery stories, such as The Great Snail Robbery and Jeremy's Shorts. The children had lots of fun writing their own mystery story, along with other year 5 and 6 classes across the trust. The children loved letting their imaginations run free and creating fantastic mysteries."



In the last few weeks, we have been involved in a number of great sporting festivals.

20 children from Year 5 had the opportunity to take part in an **Indoor Athletics** competition. They all competed in a variety of track and field events. They represented the school brilliantly and performed admirably in every event. It was great to see them demonstrate teamwork and kindness throughout the event.

We are also really proud of our team of Year 5 girls who had the opportunity to take part in the **Girl's Football Festival** at King Charles I School in Kidderminster. It was part of a nationwide event that was aimed at encouraging girls participation in sport. All of the girls showed a brilliant attitude and embraced learning new skills; demonstrating great skill and more importantly, kindness and teamwork throughout the festival.

Ten children from Year 6 did a fantastic job of representing the school at the recent **KS2 Dodgeball Festival**, hosted at Stourport High School. The team showed great teamwork, communication and determination, as well as showing fantastic sportsmanship towards all the other teams. Well done to all the children involved!



Honesty

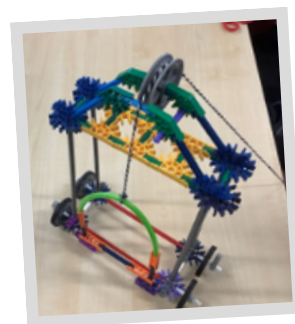
Teamwork



We were very excited to celebrate **Science Week** between the 11th and 15th of March at SPA. Children in EYFS and KS1 did some fantastic experiments and investigations, including the amazing work pictured from Year 1!



KS2 were very fortunate to have been involved in the **Worcestershire STEM Challenge** again. This year, the children were tasked with making some kind of crane or machine for building bridges! Everyone did a fantastic job, with each year group having a winning group decided on the day. The overall winner, who will go forward to represent the Academy at the county finals, will be announced very soon!



ART SHIRTS

Our Art lessons are such fun, but we can sometimes get a bit messy! Do you have any clean adult shirts to donate for art shirts? Please bring any donations to Miss Ward. Thank you!



Year 3 have had a fantastic time making clay tiles in the style of the **Ancient Greeks**. The children learnt how to score, make slip, stick the clay and smooth the clay. They also learnt how to engrave and make relief with clay. As well as learning clay skills, Year 3 learnt which paint brushes are better for detailed painting and learned how to draw traditional Greek patterns using different media.



Easter Holiday Activities

Ready, Steady Worcestershire are running the Holiday and Food Activities programme (HAF) at Easter. HAF is a Department for Education funded programme aimed at enabling children and young people in receipt of benefits and related free school meals to attend school holiday activities and experiences. Visit the link to register <https://shorturl.at/tDFMZ>

Child Safety in the Garden

There are a number of potential hazards in the garden that parents should be aware of in order to make them safer places for children to play in during the Easter holidays. hcapt.org.uk/garden-safety/

Attendance Matters



So far this year, our attendance is 93% - which is getting better. Each week the class with the best attendance wins the **Attendance Crown**. Last week it was won by Rowan.

The **Perfectly Punctual Puppies** are very popular. They are awarded to the class with the lowest number of lates. Last week Sycamore class were the winners.

Your child will be counted as on time if they come in through the playground gates. The gates close at 8:50 am, please help them to be here on time. If there are any difficulties we can help with please let us know.

Upcoming Events

April

8th - Teacher Training Day School closed to pupils
9th - First Day of Summer Term for pupils
11th - Year 3/4 Hockey Skills Festival
12th - Spring School Games Championships
19th Rainbow Multi Skills Festival
19th - WEST Mental Health Parent Workshop
24th - Eco Sports Festival
24th - Year 6 Tag Rugby Festival

May

3rd - KS1 Cricket Festival
6th - Bank Holiday - School Closed
9th - Year 3/4 Tri Golf Festival
13-17th - Year 6 SATs Week.
13-17th Year 5 Bike Ability
14th - Year 5 Trip to Bishops Wood
20th - Class Photo Day
21st - Year 4 Cricket Festival
22nd - SAET One Big Solution Event
24th - KS2 Boccia Festival

27th-31st May - Half Term - School Closed

June

3rd - First Day of Summer 2

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/

