

A Super Round-Off



Stanway Primary School Newsletter

What a lot of things have happened during the last term. Not only have we had all our statutory assessments such as the SATs in KS1 and KS2, the Phonics test in Year 1 and the Times Tables test in Year 4, but we have also taken part in a lot of fun events too.

Way back in June, the whole school enjoyed a sports week where the sun shone and the children ended the week with their Moveathon which raised a whopping £2500 towards our grounds.

We also had an amazing Outdoor Learning day where all the classes took part in art activities outside. There was chalk drawing, painting rock and drawings made of the school; some fantastic artwork was produced and the children enjoyed working with different classes not necessarily in their Key Stage.

Then, at beginning of July, the PTA organised a very successful Summer Fair which has made a staggering £5000 profit. So many families attended and seemed to have a brilliant time. What an amazing achievement!

In the run-up to the end of term, the School Council organised their own fund-raising effort in the form of a Talent Show for each different Key Stage. The acts were very impressive. I had no idea that the children take part in such a diverse range of activities outside the school. In KS1 we had Jack reciting a poem he had made, Sophia acting and singing a song from 'Matilda', Hamish doing Science, Bailee and Ella-Rose doing a gymnastic routine, Isabelle reading jokes and Ivy singing.

In lower KS2, Eiissa bowled us all over with an extremely clever magic trick which involved working out a number from teachers' ages (he's promised to keep them secret!). We also had a spectacular gymnastic performance from Minnie, singing from Ollie, Eddie, Oakley, Zachary and Olivia and a song and play they had written themselves by Erin, Lexa and Poppy.

In Upper Key Stage Two there were two more clever magic acts from Devon and Zenen, superb singing from Esme,

Parent Feedback

Thank you to the parents who responded to our survey. We had 118 responses compared to 136 last year. Parents felt we had improved in almost all comparable areas, and it was particularly pleasing to see that parents felt that curriculum information, involvement in clubs and activities, and wider personal development had improved significantly in the past year. Areas we will be focusing on next year will be to continue to offer you a range of opportunities to become involved in your children's education and continuing to develop our enrichment curriculum. After listening to your feedback from our recent Phonics Survey, we are going to be moving from e-books to real books from September. Miss Firth will be sending our further information in September.

Thank you for the support you have given to your children's learning and the school during the past year. We could not keep on doing what we do, without the partnership and fantastic efforts of our families.



Parisa and Reuben, accompanied by Annie and Amna dancing. The children and adults all thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment and the supportive atmosphere and we hope it will become an annual occurrence.

Last of all, there could be no better way to end the year than with the Year 6 performance. Their play, 'The Wizard of Oz' was a joy to watch with every child working as a member of team to stage a first-rate performance.



It has been a busy but enjoyable term and both children and staff are very ready for a break so that we can start a new school year, refreshed and enthusiastic in September.

Have an amazing summer holiday with your families.

**Warm wishes,
Rebecca Loader
Headteacher**

Uniform Reminder!

As mentioned in my recent letter, we will be enforcing full school uniform from September, in particular, black school shoes, tied back hair and no jewellery or nail varnish (with the acceptance of a small pair of stud earrings or a watch).

Our uniform expectations are a part of what makes children identify with and proud to be part of our school.

It also ensures that they are wearing, smart, practical and comfortable clothes for their learning. Please support us in this endeavour by ensuring your children are dressed correctly in September.

Snack!



From September, we will be expecting snacks to adhere to the following:

Mon-Thurs: snacks should be healthy i.e. fruit or vegetables, dried fruit, raisins, cheese (no crisps, cakes or biscuits)

Fri: Treat day Your child may bring in crisps, cakes or biscuits on this day.

No sweets or chocolate are allowed at any time.

Thursday, July 20th, 2023



SCHOOL GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER



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Year 6 Leavers

The school governors would like to wish our Year 6 children all the very best as they leave Stanway Primary and move to their new schools. Thank you for being such a credit to our school and for working so hard. Well done for everything you've achieved. Be happy and continue to do your very best.

We'd also like to thank all of the Year 6 parents and guardians. It has been a privilege to have you and your children as part of the Stanway Primary School community and we send you our very best wishes.

SATS TESTS

School Governors are involved in a number of activities the day to day life of a school. This includes SATs week where the Department of Education encourages us to act as an independent observer to oversee that the correct examination procedures are being followed.

To support this during SATs KS2 week, both the Co- Chairs of Governors each spent two mornings with another Governor spending one morning in school.

Not surprisingly, there was some nervous tension as the children got ready to take the tests with the teaching team encouraging the children to relax and 'do their best'.

From our observations the children appeared to be very focussed as they tackled the tests ensuring that they had sufficient time to complete as much as the papers as they could going back and double checking their answers.

Afterwards, the children appeared to be relieved that the tests had finished but were not unduly concerned by the experience. There has been some adverse press, which you may have heard about the Reading test. From the children that I spoke to after this paper they did not express any concerns and indeed the children were very complimentary about how well the teaching team had prepared them for the tests.

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Days

Three governors were able to support the school during their Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Afternoons, helping to score and place children in races. There were lots of different events to fit in and we were all impressed by the support the children showed to each other, and the fantastic interaction and engagement of our parents. There was a lovely positive atmosphere and the sun shone throughout!



Attendance Update

Leave of Absence in September

A reminder that any holidays taken within the first two weeks of the new school year will incur a fine. We have also had a number of families who have gone on holidays without informing the school. If we suspect that this is the case, we will refer to the Local Authority for a fine in any case. Please support your child's education by only applying for authorised absence if strictly necessary, using the form available on our website or from the school office.

Punctuality

A polite reminder that the school gate closes at 8.45am. We have a number of children, often the same each day, who turn up to school up to five minutes late each day. We are trying to prepare the children for the routines in later life as well as make them secondary-ready and for a job later on. Punctuality is a way of showing respect and esteem. Please make a good start to this in September, and remember that the gates to the playground are open at 8.30am so the earlier the better!

Well done to 3 Wilson on coming first for attendance again this term with 1 Donaldson in second place, and 6 Rowling third!

Class	Attendance %
1 Blake	92.3
1 Donaldson	96.5
2 Bond	95.2
2 Dahl	95.4
3 Morpurgo	93.9
3 Wilson	97.1
4 Jackson	95.3
4 Zephaniah	93.9
5 Rauf	95.2
5 Shakespeare	96.1
6 Rowling	96.4
6 Tolkien	95.6
R Hendra	92.8
R Rosen	92.3



The yearly attendance winners are in first place 6 Rowling with 96.22%; in second place 3 Wilson with 95.89% and in third place 6 Tolkien with 95.46%.

Stanway Pupil Voice



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Year 1 sketching as part of Outdoor Learning Day

Welcome to a regular part of the half-termly newsletter.....two pages full of information that the Year 5/6 Journalism club have selected and written for you to share...

Young Journalists: Toby, Amelie, Max, Ruby



Year 1 Science Investigation and Music



Year 2 Exploring Time

Stanway Primary Vs Stanway Fiveways

Stanway Primary vs Stanway Fiveways. The Stanway derby; the cup final. The boys: Toby, Hector, Oscar S, Oscar E, Elliott A, Joshua C, Connor, Rio and Gustav. The previous game against Fiveways ended up in a 3-1 victory for them.

The game was underway. The great acorns started strong with attack after attack. Shortly after the bombardment of shots, the Fiveways Goalkeeper played their striker through on goal. With great pace Connor managed to catch up and defend their attack. Toby collected the ball and drop-kicked it to Elliott, who was lurking in the final third. He got a shot away and after a great save from their keeper we'd won a corner.

Taking the corner from the right was Gustav. He delivered a wonderful cross into the back post where Connor tapped the ball into the back of the net with a shin-tap. The defence and mid-field dropped in to see out the rest of the half.

Half-time. The acorns knew that Fiveways would give their everything to get a goal back. Again and again the ball went up and down the pitch. Both defences held strong. Although, with minutes remaining, Fiveways won a free kick from the side and tried to shoot but Josh blocked it and the ball went out of play.

The last seconds of the game, Fiveways won a throw-in high up the pitch. We were notified that it was their last attack and the boys tried their hardest to get it away. The ball bobbed around Gustav's feet and he smashed it up. The final whistle blew. Both teams shook hands and the acorns were handed their well deserved trophy. Finally, the celebrations began. Josh won Man of the Match after a brilliant performance.

After the game, the boys' coach (Mrs. Booth) said, "That is probably the best game of football I've seen you boys play." They should be very proud of themselves. Well done to all of them.

By Toby



Through my years in Stanway Primary School, a lot of enjoyable things have happened in the seven years I have been here for. Those include school plays and school trips. The school trips we had were Abberton Reservoir, Duxford, Colchester Zoo, Highwoods Country Park. Half of us went on a trip to another school for the first half of the day.

There were also the plays or performances: Giant Turnip (performed in year 1 to parents), Iron Giant (performed in Year 3 to parents), Christmas plays and The Wizard of Oz (performed in Year 6 to KS2 and parents two times).

These were very enjoyable due to how they made the year more fun, especially The Wizard of Oz since it was a very fun way to end off the year and time at primary.

Those are only a few of the amazing things this school has to offer. It has so many amazing things and I'm very thankful I joined this school.

Amelie H



Year 3 Chocolatiers

Year 5 News Blog Ruby and Anta

History– We have been learning Anglo-Saxons and this is connected to our English work;

Music– We've been learning about K-Pop and how it started in 2010;

Art– Lately, we've been doing landscapes and how to paint them. Charles Fazzino is who we've been inspired by;

Maths– In Maths we've been learning about adding and subtracting decimals;

English– Lately, we have been learning about the kraken;

Computing– We have been learning how to design a bedroom.

My story in Stanway Primary starts at the beginning when I started Reception. We went to Abberton Reservoir where we walked around and I really enjoyed it. At the beginning of reception I made lots of friends who are still my friends in Year 6. That's seven years later, how amazing is that?

Now we're moving onto Year 1 where I learnt all the countries in Great Britain: England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales. Then we performed the story of a giant turnip. A tad bit obvious but let's move onto Year 2.

In Year 2 we went to Highwoods Country Park although I don't remember going. Everyone says we did. I still think I enjoyed it. Also in Year 2 we learnt about the great fire of London and we learnt about the plague which was very fun although tragic.

In Year 3 we read Percy Jackson, my favourite book. But in this year the reception building was turned into an astroturf which was very sad but it's ok now since there's a new bigger and better one which it has been replaced by.

In Year 4 we did more home learning since someone in our bubble got covid, at least that's all I remember.

Year 5 was a weird year where we had 5 teachers. My favourite was Mr Beesley and read High Rise Mystery Book about a murder and two kids who have to solve it, a good read I would recommend.

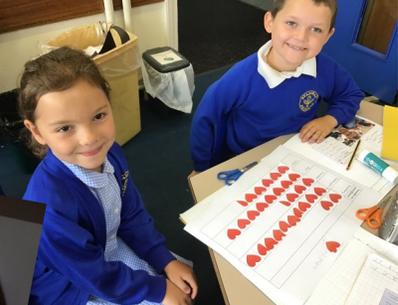
Year 6, the final year, we read Private Peaceful, and we performed The Wizard of Oz. That's my school experience and I can't wait for secondary school!
Max T



Year 2 Fruit Kebabs



Year 2 Exploring Capacity



Year 2 Pictograms



Year 4 Science



Year 4 Outdoor Learning Day



Year 6 Tunnel books and Shadowology



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Stanway Primary School PTA

PTA Newsletter

In this issue:

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PTA trustees

Chairperson	Michelle Meeson
Secretary	Saras Ruddick
Treasurer	Julia Randall
Vice Chair	Megan Goulden

We would like to thank all parents for their amazing support over the past academic year. We have had so many wonderful events for both the children and parents and hope to continue you this next

year. Please join us for the annual AGM meeting on Thursday 14th September as trustees need to be nominated for the year ahead.

Schedule of events

Cool Down Fridays

Every Friday after school, the PTA will be selling ice pops and large choc ices on the playground

Ice Pops - 20p
Rocket Lollies - 50p
Ice lollies - £1.00
Magnums / Buttons Cone - £1.50

COME AND FIND US FOR YOUR FRIDAY TREAT!

Cash & Card* accepted
*minimum spend of £1.00 for card

Friday
21st July

AGM

THANK YOU & WELCOME MEETING FOR NEW & EXISTING PTA MEMBERS.

5.15pm—6.15pm
AGM 5.45pm

How much have we raised since May

Fathers Day/someone special day – The children really enjoyed visiting the pop up shop and being able to pay and choose their own items.

RAISED £223



Summer Fayre



Profit £5513



Easy Fundraising

Register with [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/), which means you can help us for FREE. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/>



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Year 3 at Abberton Reservoir



SPORTS DAYS

Year 3/4 Kwik Cricket Team

