



Stanway Primary School Newsletter

A Hive of Activity

It has been a busy and productive half-term with some very successful themed events including a Careers Week, World Book Day, World Maths Day and Red Nose Day.

It is the first time we have held Careers Week, and it would not have been so successful without the engagement of so many parents, friends of the school and governors. We had police cars and even a truck cab on the playground and all kinds of careers being presented to the children from working in the nuclear industry, counselling, and cyber security to publishing and personal training.

All year groups were involved and it was a chance for the children to reflect on their own interests and how they might develop these further in the future.

Two of the highlights were undoubtedly the Dragons' Den event for Year 5 and 6 and the Class Cafes in Year 3. The Dragons (thanks to Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Moakes-Cooke, our Co-Chairs of the Governing Body; Mrs. Rice, a Parent Governor; and Mrs. Wheeler, our School Business Manager) were bowled over by the professionalism of the children's presentations and their behaviour which was exemplary. They had some brilliant ideas for products, many of which the Dragons said that they could actually see being put into production. We even had bidding wars developing over some products!

Meanwhile, over in Year 3, the classrooms had been reorganised to create the ambience of Cafes. Lots of baking and making had been going on during the days before and I was impressed by the friendly and polite service. I had barely put my foot across the threshold before I was greeted by waiting staff, had my bespoke sandwich made (cheese) and was shown to a table. The food was delicious and it was great to be able to invite some parents back to the classrooms after school to help with the leftovers. It was a lovely week, and one we hope to repeat in other years. A big thank you again for your support for this event!

This year, alongside World Book Day, Mrs. Booth, our Maths Lead, suggested that we mark World Maths Day. I was lucky enough to teach in 6 Rowling for an hour in the morning and we had a great

Playground Shelters

We are very pleased that these are nearing completion and the results look amazing. Thank you for your patience during this work, and also with the village hall car park being partially closed. **Please remember that we encourage parents to park at Homebase each morning or after school and walk the few minutes needed to get to the school— there are plenty of places available to park there which Homebase have kindly granted us permission to use, and this should ease congestion around the school.**

The Play's the thing!

What a lot of performances have taken place this term— from the class assemblies to the Year 4 performances of Dick Whittington which I thoroughly enjoyed— to the RockSteady concerts where our budding rock musicians shared their skills, and the workshops for Years 5 and 6 taking place on Thursday on 'the Scottish play'!!! It has been very rewarding to see the children's confidence grow— I felt particularly proud to see our Year Ones and Twos presenting their very first Class Assemblies to their parents.



time constructing dinosaur footprints using scales and ratio— they were ma-hoo-sive with groups spilling out of the classroom into the corridor in order to have enough space to draw their footprints. Then in the afternoon, all classes completed some mathematical maths looking at patterns and shape. I have seen some stunning work, and it just shows how maths is interwoven into other curriculum areas.

After a very busy half-term, I am sure you are all, like me, ready for a break. I only hope that it warms up a bit and it seems a bit more spring-like at last! I'm sure you will join me in giving a massive thank you to all our staff who have worked so hard with your children throughout the term.

Warm wishes,

Rebecca Loader

Headteacher



Staffing Update!

We are very pleased to welcome back Mrs. Manners after her Maternity Leave. Until the end of the Summer term, she will be working in classes throughout the school covering PPA time. Mrs. Cauvain moves from 4 Jackson to Rosen Class and we welcome Miss Vanner to 4 Jackson.

We are also delighted to announce the birth of Miss Wilson's first child, Ezra. Well done, Miss Wilson! We wish Mrs. Stevens the best of luck as she begins her maternity leave.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs. Morgan who has taught at the school for 12 years and is leaving to focus on her expanding Early Years Drama Company.



Friday, 31st March, 2023

Year 1 World Maths Day Activities



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Bikeability

During the last fortnight, Year 5 have been doing their Bikeability training. This is an invaluable free scheme that is offered to schools by the County Council. Children spend some time on the school site, honing their knowledge of the highway code. Then, when the trainers are satisfied it is safe to do so, they spend time on the local roads, practising riding alongside traffic, using junctions correctly and showing that they are proficient in all relevant aspects of the highway code. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children and Mr. Godwin and Mrs. Appleby who gamely hopped on their bikes and joined in.



Trips and Visitors

It has been very pleasing to continue to offer children a range of trips and visitors in each year group. This term, Year 4 have visited Colchester Castle and Year 1 enjoyed a day at Jimmy's farm! Many thanks to the PTA for subsidising the coach fares for both these trips to the tune of up to £500 apiece. This makes a big difference to what we need to charge for individual contributions, so keep supporting the PTA events!



Year 5 have also greatly enjoyed their weekly Forest School this half-term which we fund through our Pupil Premium Grant.



Year 1 at the farm!



Year 4 at the castle!



Families and Parents Contact Policy

In line with the recommendation of the Local Authority, the school have adopted this policy to be read alongside our Behaviour for Learning Expectations for children, staff and parents/carers. Please see our website for a copy of this policy which explains our expectations regarding behaviour in our school and on our school site.

Daily Attendance

‘Those who Lead the World Turn Up!’

Even only two or three days missed every half-term equates to 18 weeks of missed learning throughout the primary phase— almost half a year of schooling...we are now sending out termly attendance figures three times a year, so that parents are fully aware of their child’s attendance and how it relates to the whole school year. The table below will help you to understand these figures further:



Well done to 5 Rauf on coming first for attendance again this half-term with 2 Bond and 3 Wilson in joint second place, and 6 Rowling third!

Class	Attendance %
1 Blake	93.7
1 Donaldson	92.6
2 Bond	96.2
2 Dahl	93.7
3 Morpurgo	93.9
3 Wilson	96.2
4 Jackson	94.8
4 Zephaniah	94.4
5 Rauf	96.5
5 Shakespeare	94.9
6 Rowling	96
6 Tolkien	95.4
R Hendra	93.3
R Rosen	93.4

TERM 1

September — October 1/2 term				September — Christmas Break			
Percentage Attendance	Hours of education lost	Weeks missed at school	School days missed	Percentage Attendance	Hours of education lost	Weeks missed at school	School days missed
100%	0	0	0	100%	0	0	0
97%	5	0	1	97%	10	0	2
95%	10	0	2	95%	17.5	0	3.5
90%	17.5	0	3.5	90%	35	1wk 2dys	7
86%	25	1	5	86%	50	2wks	10
80%	35	1wk 2dys	7	80%	70	2wks 4dys	14
75%	45	1wk 4dys	9	75%	87.5	3wks 2.5dys	17.5
70%	52.5	2wks 1/2dy	10.5	70%	105	4wks 1dy	21
60%	70	2wks 4dys	14	60%	140	5wks 3dys	28
50%	87.5	3wks 2.5dys	17.5	50%	175	7wks	35

TERM 2

September — February 1/2 term				September — Easter Break			
Percentage Attendance	Hours of education lost	Weeks missed at school	School days missed	Percentage Attendance	Hours of education lost	Weeks missed at school	School days missed
100%	0	0	0	100%	0	0	0
97%	15	0	3	97%	20	0	4
95%	25	1wk 1dy	5	95%	30	1wk 1dy	6
90%	50	2wks	10	90%	65	2wks 3dys	13
86%	70	2wks 4dys	14	86%	90	3wks 3dys	18
80%	100	4wks	20	80%	125	5wks	25
75%	125	5wks	25	75%	160	6wks 2dys	32
70%	145	5wks 4dys	29	70%	190	7wks 3dys	38
60%	194.5	7wks 4.5dys	39.5	60%	257 1/2	10wks 1.5 dys	51.5
50%	247.5	9wks 4.5dys	49.5	50%	322 1/2	12wks 4.5 dys	64.5

TERM 3

September — May 1/2 Term				September — Summer Break			
Percentage Attendance	Hours of education lost	Weeks missed at school	School days missed	Percentage Attendance	Hours of education lost	Weeks missed at school	School days missed
100%	0	0	0	100%	0	0	0
97%	25	1wk	5	97%	30	1wk 1dy	6
95%	40	1wk 3dys	8	95%	50	2wks	10
90%	80	3wks 1dy	16	90%	95	3wks 4dys	19
86%	110	4wks 2 s	22	86%	135	5wks 2dys	27
80%	160	6wks 2dys	32	80%	195	7wks 4dys	39
75%	205	8wks 1dy	41	75%	242.5	9wks 3.5dys	48.5
70%	245	9wks 4dys	49	70%	290	11wks 3dys	58
60%	325	13wks	65	60%	390	15wks 3dys	78
50%	407.5	16wks 1.5dys	81.5	50%	485	19wks 3dys	97



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Year 6 Dragon Eye Art

Stanway Pupil Voice

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

Young Journalists: Toby, Avaneish, Connor, Oscar E and Josh

Football Matches by Toby

The boys' football team have played 3 matches over the last 3 weeks. The school are very proud of them as they've brought home 2 wins. A big thanks to Mrs Booth for coaching the boys in all of their matches. The children are: Connor, Sammy, Toby, Gus, Elliot A, Hector, Zach, Oscar S and Oscar E.

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Year 2 Story-writing

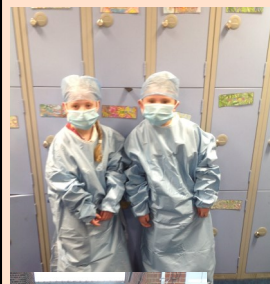
Careers Week

By Connor

This month there was a Careers Week at the school. Also, the children had a dragons den project where the dragons decided it they were going to invest in the product that the children came with.

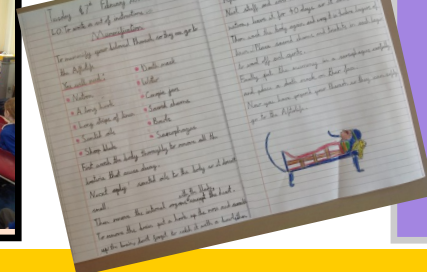
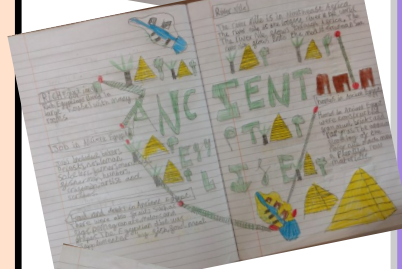
In year 3, the children made a café and the parents were invited in after school to get some snacks. In year 5, they focused on their dragons den project but they also had some people come in to see them. In year 6, they also focused on their dragons' den project but also had a nuclear worker, a banker, a digital marketing person, a social worker and a graphic designer. In year 2, they had some people come in and they got to go inside of a police car.

All the children had lots of fun and would love to have another careers week. Also, the adults enjoyed and spent a lot of time thinking about it. All in all, careers week was a big success



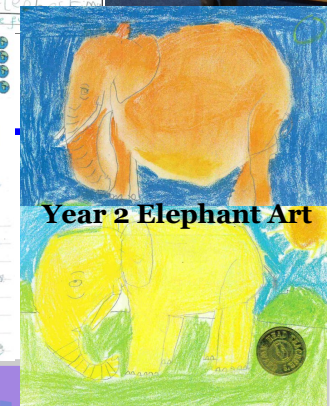
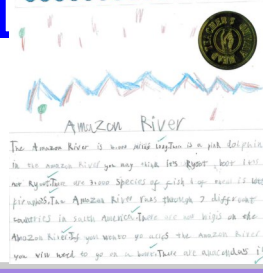
Red Nose Day

This year, for Red Nose Day, Stanway Primary School students came into school not just in their own clothing but in any clothes they had that were red. Some children found this quite hard, whereas for others the task was easy. The children all enjoyed it and all the learning was extra fun. This year, Red noses are a new design. Instead of a soft, sponge-like ball, it is a spherical ball made of plant-based materials and paper; and of course it's also red. Every child in the school gave money, and we managed to raise £303.21! Oscar S



Year 3 Egyptian Topic-work

All of the children from all years have been working so hard from the last term and these are the pieces of work from some of the children that their teachers have defined as outstanding.



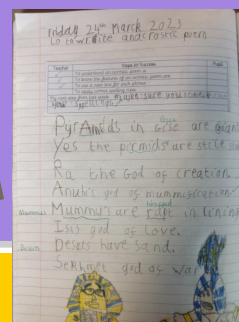
Year 2 Elephant Art

By Avaneish

World Book Day

Last World Book Day was a very imposing event and there were a few honourable mentions such as the 2 crayons from "The Day the Crayons Quit" and a purrrfect cat costume by Amelie in 6 Rowling. There were also superheroes dotted around in the EYFS such as Spider, Captain America and Batman.

The writing competition had winners including Ted F, River and Amelie H. We hope you enjoyed hearing about the pupils' amazing World Book Day.



Year 5 World Book Day Fun



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EYFS Mothers' Day
Afternoon cooking and
crafts and Far, Far Away
Banquet

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022/2023

SUMMER TERM 2023

APRIL

Monday 17th Children return to School
Monday 24th Year 5/6 Netball Match at Fiveways
Thursday 27th Year 5 Swimming starts for 10 weeks

MAY

Throughout the month – KS1 SATs

Monday 1st School Closed – May Bank Holiday
Thursday 4th May SEND Coffee Morning (9.00am - 9.45am)
Monday 8th School Closed – Coronation Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9th – KS2 SATs
Friday 12th
Tuesday 16th R Rosen Class Assembly (9:00am)
Thursday 18th R Hendra Class Assembly (9:00am)
Friday 26th Break for Half Term

JUNE

Monday 5th Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 6th Children return to School
Tuesday 6th to Friday 23rd Year 4 Times Tables Checks (3 weeks)
Tuesday 6th New Intake Parents Meeting (5.30pm)
Wednesday 7th R Rosen & 5 Shakespeare Road Safety Session
Wednesday 7th New Intake Parents Meeting (5.30pm)
W/C Monday 12th Phonics Screening Week
Wednesday 14th R Hendra & 5 Rauf Road Safety Session
W/C Monday 19th Sports Week
Tuesday 20th EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (Parents to be invited in the afternoon)
Wednesday 21st Consortium Sports (tbc)
Thursday 22nd KS2 Sports Day (Parents to be invited in the afternoon)
Wednesday 28th Year 6 Induction at The Stanway School
Friday 30th Outdoor Learning Day

JULY

Tuesday 4th New Intake Teddy Bear's Picnic - Hendra (3:30pm)
Wednesday 5th New Intake Teddy Bear's Picnic - Rosen (3:30pm)
Friday 7th Annual Reports Go Home
Monday 10th Move Up Monday (am)
Monday 10th New Intake Sessions (am/pm)
Monday 10th Open Evening (3.30pm – 5.00pm)
Tuesday 11th UKS2 Performance (6:00pm)
Wednesday 12th UKS2 Performance (1:30pm)
Thursday 13th UKS2 Performance (6:00pm)
Monday 17th Year 6 Residential Trip to Bawdsey Manor
Wednesday 19th
Friday 21st Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (am)
Friday 21st Break for Summer Holiday

SEND Coffee Morning - Thursday 4th May 9am - 9:45am

We would like to invite any parents who may be interested, in for a coffee and pastry with both Mrs Brown our SENCo and Mrs Watson, Deputy Head Teacher for Inclusion. During the session they will share their vision for SEND for the school and key information on the School Information Report and SEND Policy which may be of interest. They would also like to get some ideas from parents as to what future topics they would be interested in, as they will be making these coffee mornings a regular event. This is also a chance to network with other parents who may or may not have children with Special Educational Needs. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

