

STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS AT SPJS



This year each class has looked at Christmas through the eyes of different subjects. For example in 3S they looked at DT and learnt about how crackers were made. In year 4 they looked at creating Christmas/winter themed words with our bodies and used iPads to superimpose it onto a wintery background. In 5J they looked at the science behind snowflakes and in 6S they made Christmas cards using drawing packages. Here are a few pictures of the displays in school. Feel free to come and take a look after school any day next week.



ALADDIN



On Thursday afternoon, the children in years 3 & 4 were entertained by Chaplins theatre company, who came to SPJS to perform the pantomime Aladdin. The 4 actors played all the parts very well and the children laughed lots at their funny jokes and the slap-stick comedy. There were many opportunities for them to join in with call and response as well as pop music to sing along to, as the performers danced. One song the children particularly enjoyed was the Ghost Buster's soundtrack.

CHOIR EVENTS

On Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th December, members of our choir made our annual visit to Ryelands Care Home and Bramble Lodge. We performed all of the Christmas songs we have been learning this term. The children sang beautifully and were fantastic at talking to all of the residents afterwards. They should be very proud of how much joy they brought to everyone there!

NATIVITY PERFORMANCE: CREEPY, CRAWLEY CHRISTMAS.

The children have been enjoying rehearsing for their nativity. It's all starting to come together. We are looking forward to performing to the rest of the school and to the parents next week.





OUTDOOR LEARNING

November and December have been busy months for the children in Outdoor learning. Year 3 have been collecting leaves, identifying them and make rubbings of them. Year 4 have been making mini houses with sticks. Year 5 have been collecting seeds from the plants in the school grounds and sowing them. Year 6 have been learning about micro-organisms in



science lessons and have searched the green zone to find example All the children have made decorations out of sticks and wool. This has involved a great deal of concentration and many knots, resulting in some beautiful creations.

YEAR 3 VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF LONDON

On Friday 1st December, Year 3 had an early start as they ventured off via coach to the Museum of London. Once they arrived, they had a fantastic time exploring the London Before London gallery which is packed full of artefacts and information about the Stone Age. It was a great way to sum up all of their learning from the last term. They also had some time to explore the other parts of the museum, including the Romans, ready for when they learn about that topic in Year 4! Thank you to all parents who helped out with the trip.

YEAR 6 TFL VISIT

Continuing their learning in PSHCE, year 6 welcomed William from Transport for London to school on Friday 1st December to get us up to speed on all things travel. With the prospect of independent travel looming for many, every member of year 6 was captivated by the endless possibilities a 'Zip Card' brings. In the session, the children learned about how to use transport safely; how to plan a journey using timetables and the TFL website; who they can turn to in an emergency and how to go about securing their very own 'Zip Card' to use from the age of 11.

YEAR 5 VISIT TO THE GREENWICH NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

On Monday 4th December, Year 5 enjoyed a trip to the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich. They learn about lots of things including Viking raiders, traders and invaders.

After a relatively long journey, Year 5 arrived and split into their class group to enjoy some different activities on rotation. There was an interactive area where the children got to draw, fire a cannon, operate a ship's crane and steer on a ship simulator. Secondly, the children were able to walk the globe, quite literally! They walked over a giant globe with iPads which interacted with the different countries on display. Finally, the children enjoyed a workshop about the Vikings where they learnt about longships and had a go at trading, as Vikings, with an Arab trader from distant lands.

The children enjoyed a day rich in learning and behaved with a great sense of pride. A fantastic day out!

PTA DISCO

Thank you to the PTA for arranging the Christmas disco for the children - they all had a wonderful time.

SCHOOL DINNERS

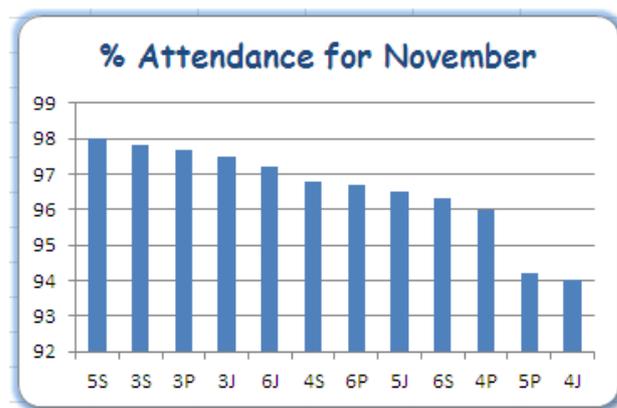
New menus for the Spring Term are available to view on our website. The cost of school dinners for the whole of the Spring Term 2018 is £136.80 (First half is £67.20; second half is £69.60). **Please make sure you keep your account in credit.**

CLUBS

We were overwhelmed by the number of requests for after school clubs. Thank you for submitting all your forms on time. Emails have now been sent out informing you of the clubs your child has been allocated for next term. Please make your payment of £10.00 on ParentPay as soon as possible. (but no later than 3rd January 2018). If you no longer require the place you have been offered, then please inform the school office.

Registers are taken at all of our after school clubs, so it is important that you let us know if your child will not be attending for any reason.

ATTENDANCE



MESSAGES

We would be very grateful if you could pass on any messages to your children before the start of the school day. (e:g reminding them that they have an after-school club or that someone different will be collecting them). If there are any urgent messages which they need during the day, then if possible could you please let us know before midday. Thank you for your co-operation.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL THE STAFF AT STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL.



We are back for the
Spring Term on
Wednesday 3rd January 2018



SPORTS NEWS

INDOOR ATHLETICS COMPETITION

On Thursday 30th November, a few children from years 5 and 6 went to Wallington High School for Girls and participated in the 3rd Indoor Athletics Heat. We walked up to the school and went into the sports Hall.

First were the field events. These included the triple jump, speed bounce, chest push and many more. We were split into 2 teams and went to our first events. Although we didn't know our scores, we hoped for the best!

Once everyone had finished their field events, we got back into our team areas and got ready for the track events. Everybody tried their hardest and we got outstanding results.

As SPJS waited anxiously, the scores were added up! Overall, SPJS- 2 got 4th place and SPJS- 1 got 2nd place. We were all pleased with our results and went back to school with a smile on our faces.

Congratulations to team 1 who, due to finishing in the top two, have qualified for the finals in January.

By Lily A, Sam L and Jane P

FUTSAL



On Friday 1st December, a group of year 5 children went to a futsal competition at The Phoenix Centre. Futsal

means 'mini-football' and is a different type of football. The sport is played on a hard court, smaller than a football pitch and mainly indoors. It can be considered a version of 5-a-side football.

Ella was in goal and the rest of us were

changing between the defence and midfield. We played against many different schools, The Avenue and Cheam Park Farm, to name a few.

During this experience, children were able to play a different sport. Although Stanley Park Juniors did not reach the finals, the day was very enjoyable and overall we won 2 matches. Well done to all involved.



NETBALL

On Wednesday 6th December, our netball team played in the first round of the Borough Cup. It was a home game so we had plenty of support from parents and teachers alike - thank you! There was great excitement in the air as we waited for our opponents, The Avenue, to arrive especially as it had already started to get dark.

Once the game was underway, the girls settled down and were able to keep the ball within our attacking half the majority of the time. Despite this, the ball just did not want to go through the ring! Perseverance paid off, however, and the final score was 3 - 0 to SPJS. We are now all set for round 2!