

# STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## PYRAMID MAKING

As part of their Ancient Egypt topic, Year 3 were visited by Architecture Workshops, a company who specialise in providing a creative and practical experience all about pyramids. During the workshop, the children recreated the process of making a pyramid using just wooden sticks and elastic bands. They began by making several square-based pyramids in small groups before stacking these pyramids on top of each other to create one giant pyramid, which took up much of our school hall! The children then carefully made their way inside the pyramid through the entrance for a class photo.

Excellent team work and determination was displayed throughout the workshop, without which the final pyramid would not have been achieved. Well done, Year 3!



## TUDOR DAY

This week, Year 5 took part in another inspiring enrichment day where they had the opportunity to dress up and were sent back in time to the Tudor period. They all took part in a range of activities including; cracking codes, looking at fascinating artefacts, playing Tudor games and finding answers to a thought provoking quiz. In the afternoon they enjoyed learning about Tudor medicines, how to insult each other using Tudor phrases and took part in a competitive jousting competition. We all had a fantastic day and it has definitely got our new topic off to a great start.

## READING WORKSHOPS & SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Thank you to those parents who were able to come along to our workshops, We hope you found some useful tips to help inspire and enthuse your children to develop a love for reading.

The children loved visiting our Book Fair - thank you for your support. The more books we sell the more commission we earn which we are then able to use to buy more books.

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Children in Y6 have been allocated their secondary schools. Please ensure that you let us know if you get offered another school before July as we need to ensure that all transition arrangements are in place for your child.

## SCIENCE WEEK



The children have enjoyed a fun-filled and exciting Science Week. Boundless Dance have visited and every class has participated in a light-themed dance experience. It is always inspiring to see the children being so creative and independent! They have also enjoyed a whole school assembly based on Superheroes and Science in Action and an Exploration and Discovery show. Each class in Year 3 and 4 has engaged in a Green Earth workshop where they were able to see renewable energy in action by making their own solar powered oven! Year 5 and 6 pupils were shown that through inquiry, discussion and practical activities, anyone can become an inventor. Using the pneumatic tyre on a bicycle as an example, the children explored how even the simplest inventions can change the world. Watch out for those budding scientists at home!

## WORLD BOOK DAY BOOK CHARACTER & POETRY COMPETITION

Don't forget that on World Book Day (Thursday 5th March) the children can come in to school wearing their PJs or onesies.

We are very much looking forward to our annual Book Character and Poetry Competitions this week. Thank you for helping your children with their performances. All parents of those children who are performing are invited to watch. (Please enter the hall via the side entrance in Glebe Path). The competitions will commence at 9.15am. (Y5/6 on 5th March and Y3/4 on 6th March).



## VOCAB-A-THON



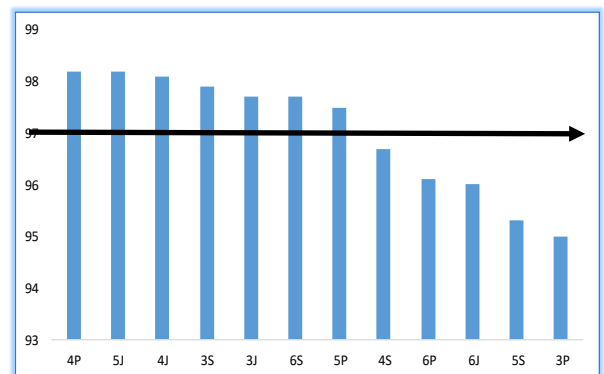
Thank you for sending in your sponsorship money for our vocab-a-thon. It is very much appreciated. We would be grateful for any more sponsorship money to be sent into school by the end of next week. We will let you know how much has been raised in our next newsletter and what our plans are for the very welcome additional funds.

## NATIONAL SING UP DAY: WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



On National Sing Up Day our children will be performing of "There's a Power in the Music" which they have been busy practising. The performance will take place in the Infants' school playground at 9.15 am. All parents & carers are invited to come along and watch. Thank you for your support.

## ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY



Our whole school attendance is currently 97.1% which is pleasing. Seven classes are currently above 97% . Well done!

Thank you to all our families who manage to get their children into school for 8.45am – it really helps them settle for the day and complete early morning activities.

## ENGLAND v DENMARK

We have been able to secure 50 child and 50 adult tickets for the International friendly on Tuesday 31st March. Please look at the attached letter giving you information about how to secure your tickets.



## SWIMMING SUCCESS!

Well done to Cameron P in 4P for winning a Gold Medal and a trophy at his swimming club for the 50m freestyle.



## PARENTS' EVENING - TUESDAY 17th MARCH

If you haven't already, please ensure that you fill in the slip for collection arrangements for Parents' Evening. Children who remain at school will enjoy listening to an audio book.

## DIARY DATES

### MARCH

Wed 4 Mar	Value of the Month - Humility
Wed 4 Mar	Optional Project due in
Wed 4 Mar	Y5 Easter Experience at Carshalton Methodist Church
Thurs 5 Mar	5J Ecology Centre Visit 12.45-14.45
Thurs 5 Mar	World Book Day - Sharing a love of books. PJs/Onesies.
Thurs 5 Mar	Y5/6 Book Character Competition 9.15am. Parents of performers are invited.
Fri 6 Mar	Y3/4 Book Character Competition 9.15am. Parents of performers are invited.
Wed 11 Mar	Y5/6 Cycling Event Northey Avenue 12-3pm
Thurs 12 Mar	5S Ecology Centre Visit 12.45-14.45
Fri 13 Mar	New Project Guidance Sent Out
Fri 13 Mar	5J Class Assembly
Mon 16 Mar	Y6 SATS practice
Tue 17 Mar	Parents' Evening 1.40 - 8.00 pm. Children collected 1.30pm
Thur 19 Mar	5P Ecology Visit 12.45-14.45
Mon 23 Mar	Half of Y6 HMS Belfast
Mon 23 Mar	Full Governors Meeting
Mon 23 Mar	Last Y5 Swimming
Tues 24 Mar	Y4 Tate Museum Visit all day
Wed 25 Mar	Half of Y6 HMS Belfast
Wed 25 Mar	Y5/6 Spring Concert
Fri 27 Mar	3P Class Assembly
w/b 30 Mar	World Autism Awareness Week: Assembly Focus

### APRIL

Wed 1 April	Value of the Month - Peace
Fri 3 April	Y3/ 4 Spring Concert
	Term Ends for Pupils at 1.45pm

### EASTER HOLIDAY

Mon 20 April	Term starts for pupils
Wed 22 April	Family Evening Event - Science