



# FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

## STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL



**Successful Learners, Confident Individuals & Responsible Citizens,  
with a Sense of Pride in all we do.**

### VISIT TO NEW WIMBLEDON THEATRE

We were delighted to be able to take 47 children from Years 3-6 to New Wimbledon Theatre to watch The Varana International Ballet perform The Nutcracker on Monday 5th February. This was fully funded by the Governments Sports Grant which hopes to engage children in regular physical activity - kick-starting healthy active lifestyles. Before going, we read the story of The Nutcracker to help the children to be able to understand the ballet. Before the show began there was a buzz of anticipation and enjoyment amongst the audience. When the orchestra began playing some of Tchaikovsky's most beautiful tunes, the theatre fell silent - awaiting the curtain to rise. When it did, the children sat mesmerised by the beautiful display of artistic talent that filled the stage. We hope that the experience inspires some to pursue their dreams of dancing whilst for others it has enriched their experience of how dance is an expression of personality and mood.

We were delighted to receive an email to Mrs Lamy from another audience member saying, *"I have just attended the ballet at Wimbledon theatre and was sat in front of your incredible children. I just want to say they did you and the school proud with their behaviour and attitude. I hope they all enjoyed the performance."*

Well done to all the pupils who attended, they certainly demonstrated their Sense of Pride!



## YEAR 4 SIGN LANGUAGE

As part of our topic on sound this half term, Year 4 spent some time learning and communicating in sign language. We looked at the BSL alphabet and learned how to sign our names, as well as researching and sharing some key words or phrases. During our lessons, we spent some time communicating with each other using what we have learnt.

Here are some photos of us in action!



## YEAR 3 VISIT TO CHARLES CRYER THEATRE

On Tuesday 20th February, Year 3 had the opportunity to visit The Charles Cryer Theatre in Carshalton to listen to a performance by a quintet from the Philharmonia Orchestra.

The children were introduced to 5 musicians - 2 violinists, a violist, a cellist and a double bassist.

They listened to a range of pieces from different eras and cultures, including solo pieces, and were able to ask the musicians questions about their instruments, techniques and experiences.

The musicians also shared their personal stories about how their musical journeys began, as many of them had started learning their instruments as young children.

It was wonderful listening to the quintet and seeing how enthused and entertained

our children were. It was clearly a highlight for many of our children. We are grateful to Sutton Music Service for providing us with such a fabulous opportunity and thank our parent helpers for coming with us.



## HEALTHY HEROES WORKSHOPS

Year 5 and 6 can now proudly say that they are "Healthy Heroes!" Sarah from Sutton Sports Partnership came to school to speak with us on how to keep and stay healthy. We discussed the importance of sleep, what a good bedtime routine looks like and tips that can help us have a good quality sleep. We also spoke about keeping up with good hygiene, exercise and maintaining a healthy diet. This has linked with our work for Children's Mental Health Week - it's important that our bodies are kept healthy, as this helps with keeping our minds healthy too!





## NETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 'BeeNetball' tournament was a great success. The team had to rotate positions each match so each player had to play shooter, defence and centre. The team got off to an excellent start, drawing against the reigning champions of the league, then qualified for the quarter finals. They unfortunately lost this match, but gave it 100% right up until the very end.

The team ended in 4th position out of 14 schools. Well done!!



## BOYS' FOOTBALL

Team SPJS have continued to impress with our football fixtures. Our first match of the month resulted in a win against St Mary's 1 - 0, thanks to a skilful penalty scored by Callum.



Our winning streak continued and in another league match against Beddington Park, the boys finished with an incredible **14 - 1** win, with 6 goals scored by Jack, and further goals scored by Rayan, Louis, Zachary and Callum.

The boys are continuing to train hard for our remaining cup matches and we hope to have many further successes to end our football season.

## GIRLS' FOOTBALL

The girls' football team played against Tweeddale Primary school earlier in the month. The team battled hard to try and get around the large pitch and avoid some strong players from the opposing team. Marni played her first match and worked hard to defend well and pass the ball to the midfield to distribute. We were pleased that Ella managed to score a goal leaving the final score as 1-2 to Tweeddale. Thank you to all our supporters on the side-line who were shouting words of encouragement to the team.

## Y3-5 PANATHLON



A group of children from Y3-5 had the opportunity to take part in a Panathlon at Sutton Tennis Centre. They all participated in a range of events which involved great hand-eye co-ordination. As a team they showed perseverance and competitiveness. They were pleased to be presented with a bronze medal. Well done!



## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK & MULTICULTURAL DRESS UP DAY

From 5th February - 9th February, SPJS took part in Children's Mental Health Week. Throughout the week, the children were able to try out new hobbies in the playground during lunch times. This gave them the opportunity to work together in a positive way and helped to emphasise the importance of having hobbies for our mental health.



Year 6 were running a range of stations such as loom bands, friendships bracelets, french skipping and drawing.



In our PSHE lessons we looked at how we are able to use our voice at school and how we can use our voices to promote kindness. The week was successful as many children took part in different hobbies and to end the week SPJS took part in a multi-cultural day, when the children dressed up in traditional clothing or wore the colours of

their flags. During the day, children were able to talk to their classes about their own culture and traditions as well as answer questions from their peers.





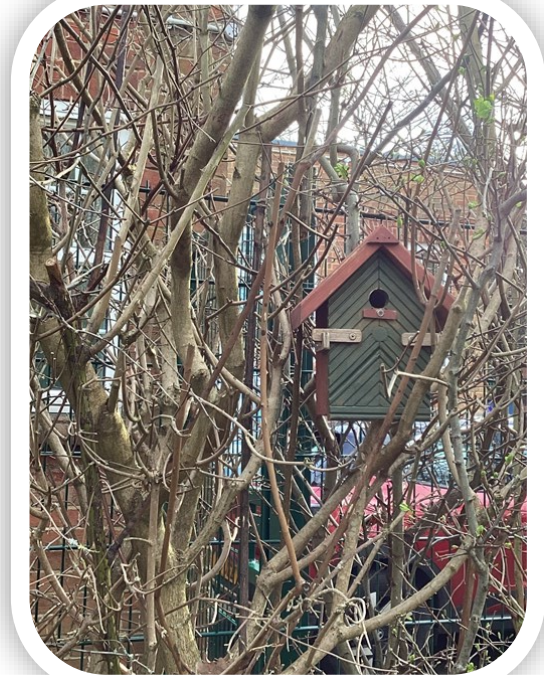
## OUTDOOR LEARNING

Thank you to all classes for taking part in the **Big Schools' Birdwatch 2024**. We saw a total of 723 birds and recorded 15 different types of birds: black cap, black-headed gull, blue tit, coal tit, crow, goldfinch, great tit, jackdaw, magpie, pied wagtail, robin, starling, redwing, ring-necked parakeet and wood pigeon. It's exciting that we saw some redwings, these were visiting from Iceland and Scandinavia!



**Gulls on the playing field**

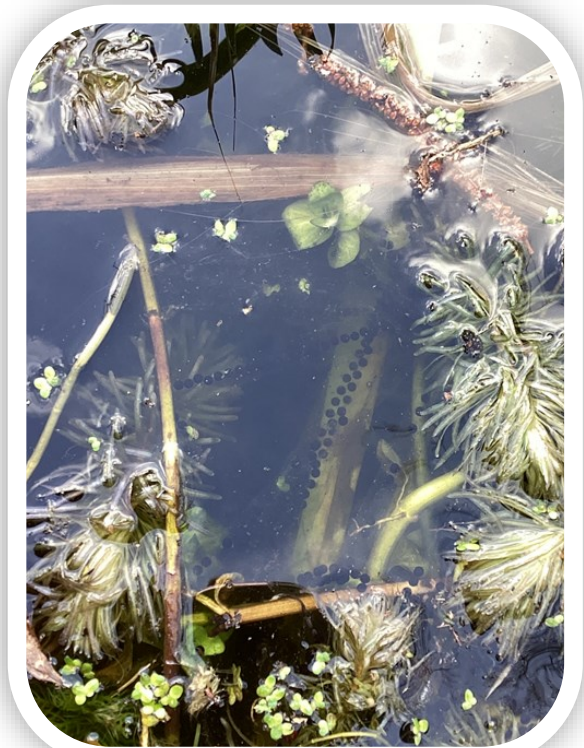
The bird box is all clean and up for the nesting season March - August. This is a picture of last year's cosy nest made up of moss, feathers and fur.



During half term the pond had some visitors and we have now have some toad spawn!



**Toilet roll binoculars**



## TT ROCKSTARS & SPELLING SHED



Well done to all these children who have worked really hard with their times tables in February.

| CLASS | NAME       |
|-------|------------|
| 3S    | Udhabhav B |
| 3P    | Lara L     |
| 3J    | Ernie M    |
| 4S    | Leo G      |
| 4P    | Noah T     |
| 4J    | Mia C      |



Well done to the children who have made the most effort in the last seven days:

| CLASS | NAME          | SCORE      |
|-------|---------------|------------|
| 3J    | Anzhou Y      | 1,324,264  |
| 3P    | Alek E        | 2,123,058  |
| 3S    | Udhabhav B    | 13,167,794 |
| 4J    | Teddy S       | 1,578,936  |
| 4P    | Mili P        | 1,072,906  |
| 4S    | Aanya Y       | 1,214,986  |
| 5J    | Alexander S-M | 8,241,234  |
| 5P    | Samiksh J     | 2,905,440  |
| 5S    | Ethan P       | 406,000    |
| 6J    | Jaephez A-B   | 300,962    |
| 6P    | Luke D        | 126,594    |
| 6S    | Freddie H     | 1,164,195  |

### TOP SPELLING GROUPS

|    | CLASS | SCORE      |
|----|-------|------------|
| 1  | 3S    | 17,457,638 |
| 2. | 5J    | 11,096,651 |
| 3. | 5P    | 8,909,651  |

Children in Year 5 and 6 have Doodle Maths or Doodle English to complete each night rather than TTRockstars. These are our Doodlers who have put in a great amount of effort in February. Well done!

| CLASS | NAME       |
|-------|------------|
| 5S    | Tamsin F   |
| 5P    | Theo G     |
| 5J    | Thurston H |
| 6S    | Chico L    |
| 6P    | Chiara C   |
| 6J    | Adhruth S  |

### STREAKS—WHO HAS GOT OVER A 50 DAY STREAK?

These children have all got over a 50-day streak. What a fantastic achievement! Next month we will be sharing the pupils who have been doing the most stars for the month of March. Keep working hard everyone!

| YEAR 5     |     |
|------------|-----|
| Rachel F   | 158 |
| Mia I      | 137 |
| Theo G     | 124 |
| Elijah B   | 110 |
| Tamsin F   | 61  |
| YEAR 6     |     |
| Thurkkha R | 159 |
| Raiyan S   | 152 |
| Owen B     | 124 |
| Adhruth S  | 110 |
| Dawid P    | 159 |
| Eben D     | 102 |
| Matthew S  | 156 |
| Jack P     | 64  |
| Lilly G    | 61  |

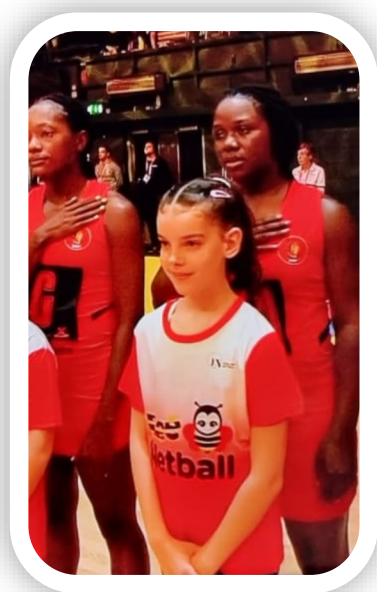


## TOP OF THE FORM

In our last match we had been drawn against last year's winners Holy Trinity Junior. From both teams' scores from the previous round, we knew that it was going to be a tight match. The question master fired a range of questions to both teams which tested their general knowledge. In round 9 there was only one point in it 51-50 so the audience sat nervously waiting for the final round of questions which would determine the winners. Fortunately SPJS were able to answer their last round confidently leaving us victorious with a close score of 59-56. We now go into the quarter final on Friday 15th March. We wish the team the best of luck!

## LUCKY MASCOT!

Isla H in 5P was lucky enough to be chosen from her netball team to be a mascot to Wembley Arena last month. One of the matches she was mascot for was England v Australia. What a great experience!



## DIARY DATES FOR THE REST OF SPRING TERM

### FEB

**February Value - Resilience**

### March

**Value of the Month - Empathy**

Fri 1 Mar

6S Class Assembly 2.40pm

w/c 4 Mar

Book Week

Wed 6 Mar

Optional Project due in

Mon 11 Mar

Science Week

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~~Second Black History Working Group~~ Postponed until after Easter

Tue 12 Mar

Science Day

Fri 15 Mar

New Project Guidance Sent Out

Fri 15 Mar

Red Nose Day (accessories can be worn)

Fri 15 Mar

4J Class Assembly 2.40pm

Mon 18 Mar

5S to Grove Park River Dipping 9-12.15 back for lunch

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5P to Grove Park River Dipping 12.15 - 3.15 packed lunch

Tue 19 Mar

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Tue 19 Mar

Y4 Trip British Wildlife Centre

Wed 20 Mar

Parents' Evening 3.40-6.40

Thurs 21 Mar

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Fri 22 Mar

5P Class Assembly

w/c 25 Mar

World Autism Awareness Week

Thur 28 Mar

Awards Assembly for children at 9.30am

Thur 28 Mar

Break up at 1.40 Y3/4; 1.45 Y5/6