

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

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

EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

A group of Y6 children who had heard about the devastating earthquake which recently hit Turkey and Syria decided that they wanted to do something to help. They had already asked Mrs Lamy if they could arrange a cake sale to raise money for the school. However, after hearing about the earthquake, they decided that they would like the money raised to go towards helping the victims in Turkey and Syria. They raised an amazing £201.49 from the cake sale.

There was also a collection on the gate and thanks to your generosity, we were able to send a total of £868.09 to the appeal, which is fantastic, Thank you!

Y4 JUNIOR APPRENTICES

Year 4 have been busy this month designing their own fair trade chocolate bars, using only the finest cocoa beans from Ecuador! Each group came up with a brand name, wrapper design and a flavour for their new chocolate bar and pitched it to their classes and year groups, including details of how their chocolate gets from bean to bar. At the end, the year group voted for the chocolate bar that they would most like to 'invest' in! Well done to Vincent and Vivaan who triumphed with their winning brand - "Mr Hedgehog's Jumbo Surprise!"



Y6 STEM DAY

On Tuesday 28th February, Year 6 took part in a Science Technology Economics and Mathematics (STEM) Day. They were tasked with taking on the role of RAF engineers, who needed to design and build three prototype gliders. During the glider challenge, the engineers took a journey through the process on designing, creating, testing and improving their prototypes.

Our day started with some theory based on what a glider is and naming the different parts of the model. We also looked at different styles of tail and wings that gliders can have and learnt about the different forces that act on the glider.

Once we understood the different options we had, we started to design and create our gliders. Once created, we tested them and calculated their speed by measuring the distance and time. Our last task was to evaluate our gliders by thinking about which wing and tail style was most successful and why.



BOOK WEEK 2023

Now it must be said we would never usually condone locking children in rooms, unless of course there is a book themed escape room to be completed! Every class has been up against the clock this week to crack clues to free their class from the hall. Congratulations to **3S** (36minutes), **4J** (34minutes) and **5J** (40 minutes) who had some teams that managed to escape.



Don't worry we did let the other classes out and there were some valiant efforts with only one or two incorrect digits being put into the key pad. All children received their £1 book token for their efforts and the winning teams got something a little more delicious. The teamwork was extraordinary and the children had lots to say about it:

"It was really fun but quite stressful to be up against the timer!"

"I was so excited to crack the clues, especially counting up Paddington's oranges."

"It was great to have lots of teams to give us the best chance of escaping!"

Mrs Shabankareh-Smith does promise she is actually going on maternity leave and not off to a new career designing escape rooms!

As well as the buzz from the hall, the classrooms have been alive with the sound of poetry and drama as we all prepare for the *Book Character and Poetry Competition* next

week. We hope to see lots of you there as the participants have worked so hard and there will be special group performances to look forward to as well.

The only time silence fell across the corridors was Monday, when 'drop everything and read' was a welcome pause in all the fun! It has been reported by some pupils that teachers were so engrossed in their books they had to be gently persuaded to resume the lessons.

With the *Great British Book Off* and *Cosy Book Buddies* enjoyed by all— we have truly celebrated reading in all its forms this week and hope the children have made some lasting memories.

Thank you for all of you that have visited our book fair, the funds we receive from Scholastic will go straight back into the school. We have refreshed our year group recommended reading lists for 2023/2024 and hope to use the funds to ensure these are all available in our school library.

In the (almost) words of Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman 'Keep readingggggg!'



This month's new game for you to try is from Australia.



KOLAP - AUSTRALIA



Australia is the biggest island and the smallest continent in the world. Australia is the driest inhabited continent on earth, the driest is Antarctica

AIMING GAME
GOOD FOR: throwing, accuracy, taking turns
VARIATIONS: Unlimited

Two mats (softball bases, carpet squares, rubber mats or small towels) placed 5-7 metres apart
Beanbags, coins, large buttons or flat bocce balls to represent the kolap beans
Game play and basic rules
Two players sit (or stand) behind each mat. The players who are partners are diagonally opposite each other.
Each player has four kolaps, which he or she attempts to throw to land on the mat opposite.
One player has a turn. The kolaps are collected and then the player on the opposite team at the other mat has a turn. Continue in this manner.

Evonne Goolagong
Evonne Goolagong was a former world No 1 tennis player in the 1970's and early 80's. She won the women's singles title twice at Wimbledon. In 1980 she became the first mother to win at Wimbledon in 66 years and this feat has not been repeated since. She leads the Goolagong National Development Camp for Indigenous Boys and Girls, which encourages Indigenous youth to stay in school.



NETBALL AT ST PHILS

On Monday 27th February, the netball team had the chance to play against several schools in the Sutton Borough, competing for a place at the London Youth Games.



They got off to an excellent start, winning their first match 5-0. Throughout the tournament, all the children worked well as a team and showed excellent sportsmanship.

Overall, Stanley Park placed third in their group, winning 2 games, drawing 2 and losing 1.

It was a very cold day, but they played their best games and made the school proud!

GO HENDLES!

George H in Y6 had the honour of performing as a chorister at the funeral of legendary rock guitarist Jeff Beck, which took place earlier this month at St Mary's Church in Beddington. We are thrilled that George is pursuing his passion for music.

We were also very impressed to learn that George's sister Eva (an ex-SPJS pupil) is part of the Under 15s Girls' England football squad and that she scored a goal in her debut match. Well done!

STAFF NEWS

We wish Mrs Shabankareh-Smith all the very best of luck as she leaves us very soon to go on maternity leave.

We are also very sad to say good-bye to Mrs Cable, who has been a valuable member of the admin team for nearly 6 years. She will be sorely missed.

If there are any parents out there interested in a job in a very busy office, then take a look at our advert on e-teach!

Y5 CHEERLEADING WORKSHOP



A group of lucky Year 5 children had the opportunity to take part in a Cheerleading Workshop at Glenthorne High School. The afternoon started with a demonstration including a range of tumbles and flips, which the children were encouraged to build into their own routines.

After a health and safety explanation on how to support others during lifts, they then took part in a variety of short skill-based activities focusing on: the lifts; gaining momentum; starting positions; a range of jumps and tumbles. They also had the added challenge of a human pyramid, for which the group had to discuss a formation that would suit them.

These skills were required to put together a carefully thought-out routine, which the children performed to other schools.

Y3 & Y4 GIRLS' FOOTBALL

We were delighted that over 45 children came to the Y3/4 girls football trials just after Christmas. We were able to select 7 children to take to Sutton High to play a tournament against 11 other schools.

The children had never played formally in a match together, however they were quick to support one another. Our first game was

against Sutton High where the girls took an early lead and continued to fire goals into the back of the net. Amelie (GK) was unlucky to have a ball bounce off the cross bar into goal line. Tamsin and Neera (Y4) led the team in demonstrating perseverance and strength of fitness as they had their next four matches back to back. Eilidh and Saoirse faced a fair few tough tackles from the opposition trying to stop their runs with the ball.

Isla and Betsy had a consistent positive attitude in games and showed determination to succeed. Overall SPJS won their half of the competition and were then through to the semi finals against All Saints Benhilton. All Saints pupils' skills were excellent leading to them firing a few goals into the back of the net. The SPJS team did not give up and used grit and determination to work hard. Unfortunately they lost the semi-final match and ended up coming 4th in the tournament overall - a great achievement. It was a fantastic afternoon which demonstrated the girls' 'Sense of Pride' and team spirit. They ended the day with smiles and satisfaction that they had all tried their best. Well done! We were very proud of you.



Y5 EASTER EXPERIENCE

On Wednesday 1st March, all of the year 5 classes visited Carshalton Methodist Church in order to experience an interactive version of the The Easter Story.



The main characters were acted by parishioners and the pupils were fully involved in the immersive event. The children waved palm leaves, visited the temple, shared the Passover meal, watched Gethsemane, witnessed the arrest, trial and crucifixion and were present at the Resurrection! Some pupils were chosen to dress up and act as soldiers, townspeople and disciples, whilst Miss Fox and Miss Kelly also had cameo roles—the latter making an especially vigorous Barabbas!

At the end of the performance, the children had a chance to ask the principles questions and all received a badge as a souvenir of the trip.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable outing which provided the Year 5 pupils with a real insight and involvement in this important Christian festival and a trip that will enrich their learning in R.E.

Y6 TRIP TO THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

On the first week of the new half term, Year 6 went to visit the Imperial War Museum as a great way of starting their topic of World War Two. With the welcome help of a number of parents, the students enjoyed seeing a variety of weapons, tools, uniforms and other aspects of warfare. There was the chance to feel how heavy an old rifle was, a trench to walk through, a home front experience complete with air-raid shelters and tanks and aeroplanes from the both world wars, giving an idea of the progression of technology. The trip also allowed students to put into practice some of the travel safety advice learnt on the previous trip to Sutton Life Centre as well as learn to cope with the occasional late train!

TT ROCKSTARS & SPELLING SHED



Well done to all these children who have worked really hard in February.

CLASS	NAME
3S	Oisin B
3P	Vir B
3J	Rose B
4S	Ben H
4P	Olivia F
4J	Hettie M
5S	Dawid P
5P	Anjana V
5J	Isaac S
6S	Mason F
6P	Sophie C
6J	Josh S

GREEN ZONE

We would like to thank Lily and Matthew in 5J, ex-students Jack, Cecily and Bonnie, Mr Bangs, Mrs Bhandari, Mr Castle, Mr Goulding, Mrs Green, Mrs Lam, Mrs Stubberfield for all their brilliant and wonderful help over the last few weekends helping to transform our pond. We couldn't have done it without you!



TOP SPELLING GROUPS

	CLASS	SCORE
1	5J	39,134,560
2.	5P	38,021,250
3.	3S	23,052,535

Spelling Shed

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

CLASS	NAME	SCORE
3J	Leo G	9,621,084
3P	Vir B	3,591,324
3S	Mia L	5,571,464
4J	Keira C	1,862,232
4P	Harry X	5,050,848
4S	Ben H	2,772,976
5J	Dhiya P	10,536,776
5P	Ruweyda H	10,061,328
5S	Ethan M	6,186,000
Y6	Harrison G	21,705,000

DIARY DATES; SPRING TERM 2023

March

Value of the Month - Consideration

Tue 7 & Thur 9 Mar	Parents' Evening 3.40-6.40
Fri 10 Mar	New Project Guidance Sent Out
Mon 13 Mar	Science Week
Tue 14 Mar	British Wildlife Centre - Y4
Fri 17 Mar	Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)
Fri 17 Mar	3J Class Assembly 2.40pm
Tues 21 Mar	Science Fair Evening for parents 3.30-4.30pm
w/c 27 Mar	World Autism Awareness Week
Fri 31 March	Term Ends Y3/4 1.40pm; Y5/6 1.45pm

EASTER HOLIDAY

Mon 17th April	Term starts for pupils Value of the Month: Perseverance
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