

# JANUARY NEWSLETTER



## STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

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

### OPAL PLAYGROUND NEWS



We are delighted to see all the fun that the children are having at lunchtimes with the 'loose parts'. Their creativity and ingenuity have really been on display! We are grateful to the school councillors

for checking and sand-papering the planks before they went into the playground. We would still be pleased to receive any donations of suitable, sturdy crates and planks. Although it seems a long time ago, the children also derived a lot of enjoyment from the crisp autumn leaves!



### CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas also seems a long time ago now! As you may already know, at our annual Christmas Celebration we traditionally make a collection for a charity. This year our School Council canvassed their classes and the charity chosen for our collection was Cancer Research UK. We were thrilled to have been able to send

them a cheque for £500.00. Thank you for your generosity.

We are also very pleased to report that the PTA Surprise Presents event has raised £1166.48 for our school. We are very appreciative of the PTA and all our parent helpers.



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### MIA & EMMA: ENTERTAINING SHOPPERS!



It was lovely to hear that over Christmas, Mia (3S) and Emma (3J) played the piano in Braehead shopping centre in Glasgow to raise money for a children's charity.

The event was arranged by a 10 year old friend who lives in Glasgow and also plays the piano. They managed to raise a whopping £433.19! Well done, what a fantastic achievement.



### SUTTON FOOTBALL CALL-UP

Mrs Lamy was delighted to receive an email requesting for Kaycie S in 6J to represent Sutton in the Girls Football Team as Goal Keeper. In early January, Kaycie played a tough match against a very well-drilled Woking team. Congratulations Kaycie, what an achievement!

### LEIA

It was great to see Leia on stage at Hampton Hill Theatre performing as Hortensia in the British Theatre Academy performance of Matilda in early January. Her facial expressions and movement on stage portrayed her character extremely well. Well done!



### STAFF NEWS

We were sad to say Good-Bye to Miss McClelland last term. She joined as a member of the Admin Team 10 years ago, and has also been working as a Teaching Assistant on a one-one basis for the last 4 years. She has moved on to a TA position at a local school. We wish her all the very best of luck! You may already have met Mrs Frost in the school office. We welcomed her to SPJS at the beginning of this term as part of the Admin Team.

### VACANCY

Do you enjoy spending time with children and helping them to develop positive friendships through play? If so, please apply via this link:

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs/stanley-park-junior-school-jobs-38334/?oo=ag>



## Y4 AUTHOR VISIT



Last term, local author Stephen Davies set a KS2 writing competition to celebrate the arrival of his new book: *The Ancient Egyptian Sleepover*. We were thrilled that many of our Y4 pupils chose to take part, writing an Ancient Egyptian inspired story in under 500 words... and even more thrilled when we learnt that Jenni, 4J, had won! As a reward, Stephen visited our school on Tuesday 10th January to give the children an author workshop and to present Jenni with a signed copy of his book.

The children learnt how Stephen's visits to Egypt, then to The British Museum inspired him to write his novel. They also learnt about the importance of researching new topics and

challenging yourself to learn new things each day. We had a wonderful time and impressed him with our fabulous historical knowledge too.



## Y3 ANCIENT EGYPTIAN WORKSHOP

Year 3 travelled back 5,000 years to ancient Egypt, learning about hieroglyphics, pyramids, the Nile, everyday life and lots more with Dan Tastic Education!

The use of artefacts and practical activities helped bring the history to life. Some of their favourite things were smelling the oils, laying on the wooden pillow, handling the khopesh, playing the game of Senet and trying on the chain mail helmet. The children were really engaged acting out parts of *The Pharaoh and his scribes*. Being mummified was the highlight of the day, especially removing the organs.





## WILDLIFE CLUB

In wildlife club, the children have been recreating different animal habitats.



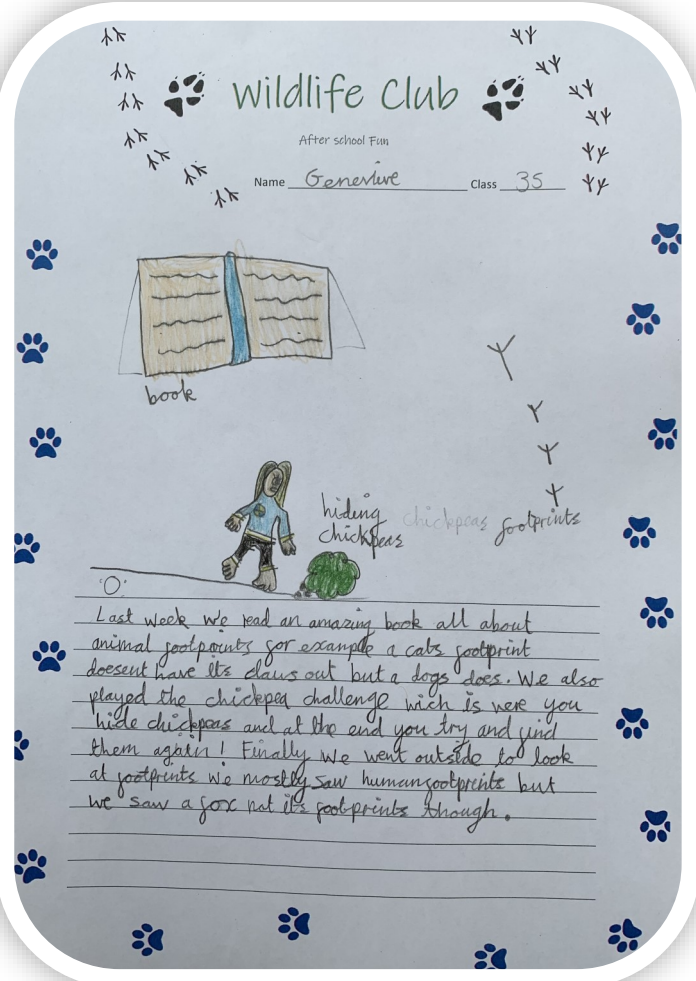
Gecko Tower



Deer Habitat



Fox Den



By Genevieve 35



Squirrel Drey



## COFFEE MORNING

Thank you for joining us at our coffee morning last week. It was great to see a few parents from both SPIS and SPJS.

### The following positives were shared:

- Good communication: weekly emails, newsletters etc.
- Staff are responsive and reply to phone calls and written messages.
- Engaging ways to teach the curriculum
- Amazing Teachers

### The areas that could be even better:

- Reviewing the traffic light system
- More mobile ways of teaching to engage children who struggle to sit at a desk.
- Both schools to have the same term dates.

We are in the process of reviewing our behaviour policy and will be sending a questionnaire to parents. School Council have already started doing this with their classes.

At SPJS we already try to use a range of methods to allow movement breaks throughout the day.

We have also just had an orienteering course installed in the school grounds and some classes have already used this in a cross-curricular way. We include as many outdoor learning opportunities as possible. Children with specific needs may use wobble cushions/standing desks to support their needs.

## FOOTBALL:

### SPJS vs Hackbridge

On Friday 27th January, team SPJS kicked off the new season with a fantastic 5 - 0 win against Hackbridge. Determination and skill was shown by all players throughout

the match, where they pulled together as a team and showed fantastic sportsmanship and resilience.

A special mention to Rayan, Josh, Ollie, Raiyan & Jenson for scoring our winning goals!



## Y3 & Y4 NEW AGE KURLING EVENT

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 4 children from Y3 and Y4 attended, a New Age Kurling (NAK) event held at Avenue Primary School. They were joined by eight other local primary schools and the competition was extremely close. Despite never having played before, SPJS performed fantastically well with an outstanding effort from Freddie P who regularly placed the stone on or around the top 50 score.



## Spelling Shed

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

CLASS	NAME	SCORE
3J	Emma L	2,777,056
3P	Joshua D	4,534,720
3S	Harriet P	5,304,660
4J	Rebecca L	4,636,112
4P	Kit s	10,840,336
4S	Sadie B	2,321,072
5J	Ania D	16,111,974
5P	Shritha M	17,071,320
5S	Eben D	9,815,336
Y6	Sophie C	1,495,812

### TOP SPELLING GROUPS

	CLASS	SCORE
1	5J	99,917,628
2.	5S	79,949,338
3.	5P	37,537,158

## TT ROCKSTARS & SPELLING SHED

Well done to all these children



who have worked really hard in January.

CLASS	NAME
3S	Noah T
3P	Ivan F
3J	Leah H
4S	Rachel F
4P	Tamsin F
4J	Theo G
5S	Luke D
5P	Ruweyda H
5J	Laura C
6S	Freya D
6P	Rayyan H
6J	Connor A

### SPJS : SILVER ACCREDITATION

We are delighted to have received Silver Level Accreditation in recognition of achievement in active and safer travel initiatives. A huge thank you to Mrs Gray and Mrs Khan for submitting the application and ensuring that we encourage sustainable travel to and from school.



## Call for VOLUNTEERS



Can you spare a couple of hours out of your week? Do you want to learn new skills, whilst making a difference? Fancy making some new friends?



The Diamond Riding Centre for Disabled Riders Needs YOU!



We have many different volunteering opportunities, experience with horses is not required

Email us at [admin@diamondcentre.org.uk](mailto:admin@diamondcentre.org.uk) for more information, or visit our website <http://www.diamondcentre.org.uk/>



# SILVER

Silver level accreditation  
Valid until 30/08/2024



This is to certify that

**Stanley Park Junior School**

has been awarded a Silver award in recognition of achievement in active and safer travel initiatives.

1/09/2022  
Date

  
Will Norman  
Walking and Cycling Commissioner  
Transport for London

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## DIARY DATES: SPRING TERM 2023

### FEB

### February Value - Forgiveness

w/c 6 Feb

Children's Mental Health Week

Fri 10 Feb

4J Class Assembly 2.40pm

w/c 13 Feb

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Mon 20 Feb

Y6 Imperial War Museum Trip

Wed 22 Feb

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World Thinking Day - Can come dressed in Brownies/Scouts etc.

Mon 27 Feb

Book Week. Book Fair in School

Tues 28 Feb

Y6 STEM DAY

### March

### Value of the Month - Consideration

Wed 1 Mar

Grove Park - 5S Field Trip a.m.

Wed 1 Mar

Y5 Easter Experience p.m.

Wed 1 Mar

Optional Project due in

~~Thur 2 Mar~~

~~World Book Day: Book Character/ Poetry Competition: Parents of participants are invited to watch.~~

~~9.20-10.20 Y6 10.30-11.30 Y4 1.20-2.20 Y3 2.25-3.25 Y5~~

Fri 3 Mar

Grove Park - 5J & 5P Field Trip

Fri 3 Mar

6S Class Assembly 2.40pm

**Book Character/Poetry Competition: Parents of participants are invited to watch.**

**Mon 6 Mar**

**9.20-10.20 Y6; 11.00-12.00 Y4; 1.20-2.20 Y3; 2.25-3.25 Y5**

**(New date and new time for Y4)**

Tue 7 Mar

Parents' Evening 3.40-6.40

Thurs 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

~~Mon 20 Mar~~

~~Science Fair Evening for parents 6.00-7.30pm~~

**Tues 21 Mar**

**Science Fair Evening for parents 3.30-4.30pm**

**(New date & time)**

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**