

STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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YEAR 6 ACTIVITY WEEK



Activity Week kicked off in style on Monday 11th June when the children headed to High Ashurst Outdoor Learning Centre for some team-building exercises. Tuesday was based in school and especially exciting as the children came face to face with some unusual creatures, including a tarantula, scorpion, snake and some incredible sugar gliders. After this session, they played laser-tag and finished their day with some street dancing. A visit to the amazing Harry Potter studios took place on the Wednesday where the children were able to experience the Hogwart's Express and see some authentic props from the films. The children enjoyed making and

eating some pizza on Thursday morning before heading to the West End to view the wonderful 'Aladdin' at Prince Edward's Theatre in Soho. They took things at a more leisurely pace on Friday when they took the bus to the Sutton Activity Village for some football and tennis training. Following a relaxed lunch in the sunshine, the children returned to school for some quiet time on the iPads. Much fun was had by all and the children can certainly look back on an exciting and memorable week!



YEAR 6 TRIP TO ISLE OF WIGHT

Last Monday, the day arrived for the eagerly anticipated Y6 residential trip to the Isle of Wight. On the journey to the ferry, we were treated to an English Safari as we travelled through the New Forest and were held up by cows having a gossip in the middle of the road, donkeys who seemed to be practising for sports day (a foal was very definitely racing Mrs Burrige!) and ponies who were enjoying the weather and in no hurry to move.

On arrival, the children found their rooms and made their beds - with varying degrees of success - and then it all began! Each day was filled with six activities and an evening entertainment. We were all so busy that, after the first night, nothing could be heard except snoring from all dormitories by 11pm!



As always, the children were amazing! They participated in everything, challenged their fears, achieved personal goals and supported one another. They displayed so many of the values we promote at SPJS and all the adults were extremely proud of them all.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

In outdoor learning this year we have had some extremes of temperatures - and June has been extremely hot! We have been making and eating salads made with the crops grown by year 6. We harvested 11 herbs and salad leaves, courgettes, radishes and carrots.



Years 3 and 4 have created some beautiful grass book marks, collecting grass flowers from the green zone.

Year 6 have had a go at hapa zome, a Japanese technique of creating pictures made by hitting petals and leaves with a hammer.



Y3 WORLD WAR II WORKSHOP



To bring year 3's World War II topic to life, they took part in a workshop where they experienced what it was like during that time. They began by finding out who they would live with when they were evacuated to Devon. Mixed reactions followed as some cheered at hearing they would be living with a wealthy, nice old couple while others groaned at the thought of working on a farm. After that, the children were off to work putting out fires using a stirrup pump, disposing of bombs by covering them in sand and carrying casualties to safety on a stretcher. When the air raid siren sounded, they quickly made their way to the Anderson shelter for cover. It was a fantastic experience of war-time life!



Y4 LOCAL WALKS

Earlier this month, the year 4 children went on a walk of the local area. They visited Carshalton Park where they looked at various geographical features including the Hogpit pond and the Skawen grotto. One of the groups was lucky enough to catch sight of a heron and an albino squirrel! They then walked down to the Grove, where they learnt about some of

the historical features in the park including the old weir and mill. They also saw the tallest London plane tree in London which stood at 37.5 m when it was last measured in 1964. They enjoyed a picnic lunch in the park and then relaxed sketching some of the features they had seen.



Y4 MATHS DAY

Year 4 spent a fun morning taking part in lots of maths activities in the playground to help consolidate what they had been learning about in class. They played games to help their understanding of coordinates and the properties of shapes. They then looked at reflection, and used lego and painting to demonstrate symmetry. A great day of learning.

Y4 OPEN MUSIC LESSONS

We are very lucky to be able to provide whole class music lessons on string instruments for year 4. Year 4 parents were recently invited to come in and see the progress the children have made this year. If there is anyone who would like to continue their learning next year with individual or group lessons, then please either complete an enquiry form which can be downloaded from our website: <http://www.spjs.org/Music> or pick one up from the School office.

CLUBS



We have been inundated with applications for places in our clubs. Booking for Future Gymnastics has opened today. Letters are available from our website or from the racks outside the school office. The club will run on Mondays for 10 weeks only. It will start on 17th September (not 10th Sept as stated on our club list) until 3rd December. It will not run on 29th October which is an INSET day. The cost for the term will be £60.00. Please note that the closing date for applications for clubs run by SPJS is today. **No more slips will be accepted as the allocation of places has begun.**



SCHOOL DINNERS

If your child would like to swap between school dinners and packed lunches next term, then please let us know by 13th July at the latest. The new menus for September are available for you to view on our website: <http://www.spjs.org/Lunch-times-and-Break-times>. Please note that your ParentPay account should be kept in credit at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELLBEING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS 3RD JULY AT 3.30 PM

Our school nurse will be coming into school on Tuesday 3rd July to speak to parents about emotional health and wellbeing. The workshop is open to all parents of children in the Junior and Infants' schools. It will take place in the main hall at 3.30pm. Please come along if you can. There will be a facility for us to look after your children while you attend.

UNIFORM

Since our uniform shop is so busy at the moment, orders are available to be collected any day after school. The last day for ordering your uniform to ensure it is ready before the end of the term is 13th July.

BE PREPARED!



It would be great if you could make sure that your children have all they need for the school day before they come in. We regularly have forgotten lunch boxes, PE kits, trainers and homework to distribute during the school day. Thank you for your understanding.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

After being awarded a STARS (Sustainable



Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) Bronze Award at the end of last year, we are so

pleased to see even more of you making active travel choices. This year alone we have seen a 10% increase in the number of children travelling to school by foot. In turn, we have also seen a 5% decrease in the number of children travelling to school by car. By making such active choices our children are arriving at school refreshed, energised and ready to learn! We hope to continue to see positive changes in the coming school year.



SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY: ADVICE SESSION

Cognus (www.cognus.org.uk) will be holding a phone in session for parents to call in and ask for information / advice from a speech and language therapist. If you would like to discuss anything with them, please call 0208 770 6622 between 1pm and 3 pm on 3rd July 2018.

SPORTS NEWS

Sports Day

We started our annual sports day earlier than planned to avoid the predicted heat. The children had been practising for their races with great enthusiasm and gave it their all on the day. There were a great variety of races for the children to take part in, including sprints, relays, hurdles and skipping. They all had a fantastic time and the support for the red, green and blue teams was very vocal! There was also a lot of excitement for the greatly anticipated and very competitive teachers' race and parents races.

The results were as follows:

Year 3 Winners—Green Team

Year 4 Winners—Green Team

Year 5 Winners - Red Team

Year 6 Winners—Green Team

Green Team came very close, however, Red Team were the overall winners by 4 points.

Thank you to all those who took part in the fun & well done to the Red Team, and to all of the adults who took part for their enthusiasm!

Borough Sports Competition

This year SPJS took a team of athletes to the David Weir Leisure Centre to compete against local schools in the well respected district sports event. Children took part in either sprint events or relays. In the relays, they had to work extremely well as part of a team to enable the baton to be passed safely to one another whilst

zooming around the track. All children behaved incredibly well and they demonstrated a sense of pride in their behaviour. They showed some great sportsmanship to other teams - well done SPJS!

Our year 5 girls' relay team won last year's event in Year 4 and were keen to do it again this year. We knew there was going to be tough competition! However they just stayed focused and had their eye on the trophy. They took off like a rocket and continued the high speed on each leg of the relay. The team continued battling to the finishing line where they certainly won the trophy by quite a way. An outstanding performance by the girls who participated: Ava, Jaliziah, Eva & Ella.

We waited for the results of all the events. We were proud to come away with the large school 3rd place trophy. Well done to the whole team. Every point earned led to the whole team being successful. Thank you to parents who transported the children to and from the event and to Miss Powell for organising it.

Sutton Primary Schools Swimming Gala

Another fantastic gala for SPJS with the girls finishing second and the boys, not only retaining the Borough shield but also claiming the two relay trophies.

There were individual wins for Andrew and Marina in the Y6 & Y4 Freestyle, and silver medals for Sophie and Leah in the Y 5 & 6 Freestyle, Max & Alexandra in

Y6 Breaststroke, Daisy, Srihith ,and Laila in the Y5 & 6 Backstroke. Marina added a further gold medal in the final race, the Open Butterfly, with an impressive swim.

All our swimmers competed superbly and all points won contributed to our successful evening.

A huge thank you to all the families that came along to cheer from the balcony - we couldn't have done it without you!

YEAR 5 /6 TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Late in May, a group of year 6 children, accompanied by Mr Tazzyman, enjoyed a tennis tournament at the Sutton tennis centre. All the children showed an excellent sense of pride! Some fantastic matches ensued and there were some great performances - Daniel J won every single match! In the end, the B team finished first and the A team came 3rd. A great effort all round!

DIARY DATES FOR THE REST OF TERM

w/c 25 th June	Sports and fitness week
Tues 26/27 th	Wallington Boys Transition Days 1 and 2
Wed 27 June	Project's Due In
Thur 28 June	Sports Day 9.30 - 12
Thur 28 June	Y5 Bough Beech talk.
Fri 29 June	Mufti Day Sports Gear: Strawberries for the Summer Fair (amended)
Sat 30 June	SPJS/SPIS Summer Fair 11.00am to 2.00pm
Mon 2 July	Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm
Mon 2 July	Y4 selected pupils - concert at St Andrew's Church Northey Avenue pm/evening
Mon 2 July	Y5 Bough Beech Visit
Tues 3 July	Y5 Bough Beech Visit
Tues 3 July	Emotional Health & Wellbeing talk for parents in Main Hall at 3.30pm
Wed 4 July	Y6 Secondary School Induction Days for Sutton
Fri 6 July	Y5 Mini Olympics at SPHS
Tues 10 July	Y3 WW2 VE Day Celebration
Thur 12 July	New Y3 Parents' Evening
Fri 13 July	Reports Sent out to Parents
Fri 13 July	New Y3 Getting to Know you Evening time 3.30 - 5.00 pm
Mon 16 th July	Y4 Trip to British Wildlife Centre
Mon 16 July	Opportunity for parents to see Teachers re Reports (by request)
Tue 17 July	Y6 Performance to Parents 6.45pm
Wed 18 July	Y6 Performance to Parents 6.45pm
Thur 19 July	Y6 Leavers Disco pm
Mon 23 July	INSET DAY School Closed

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

From time to time vacancies come up on our board for new parent governors.

I have been a parent governor for nearly 5 years. In that time I have chaired committees, been involved in two OFSTED inspections, become Safeguarding Governor and been on the panel that recruited our current headteacher.

But when I look back at applying to become a parent governor I realise I didn't have any idea of what the role of a parent governor was.

With that in mind, here is a quick look at the role of a parent governor.

The minimum expectation would be that a parent governor would attend four meetings a year. These meetings would typically include a headteacher report, reports from the five separate committees: finance, personnel, premises, curriculum and standards. There would be additional items on the agenda, including a safeguarding report. These meetings can be rather long and for that reason the majority of questions are asked in the specific committee meetings.

Parent governors would therefore be invited to join these committees. Each committee meets once a term (either during the day or in the evening).

In addition to this, governors are requested to provide a link subject report, linking up with the head of a particular subject, meeting to get an in

depth understanding of that subject across all year groups.

Governors might also be asked to come into school on occasion to take part in learning walks. A recent learning walk was to come into school and ask the children what they knew about e - safety. These are valuable as they enable us to monitor with more vigour.

We might also be asked to attend the odd event or assembly and definitely parent governors would be asked to attend training which is provided by Sutton and Merton governor services and tends to take place in the evening, although some training can be taken online.

When looking for new parent governors we try to fill gaps in our expertise, so if for example someone was leaving who had a background in finance we might suggest that as a desirable skill, however I feel that the best parent governors are by far parents with the time and willingness to commit to the role and a genuine care about the school, past, present and future; a desire to see the school flourish even when your own children have moved on. This kind of commitment is extremely valuable to us.

I hope next time a parent governor vacancy comes up you feel you would like to apply and you have a better understanding of the work we do.

Julie Smith

(co vice chair of governors SPJS)