

MARCH NEWSLETTER



STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

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

BOOK CHARACTER & POETRY COMPETITION

	BOOK CHARACTER COMPETITION				POETRY COMPETITION			
	Individual		Pairs		Individual		Pairs	
	Winner	Runner-Up	Winner	Runner-Up	Winner	Runner-Up	Winner	Runner-Up
YEAR 3	Sofia de Maurier	Amelie Thompson	Genevieve Kay & Charlotte Towner	Penelope Reynolds & Olga Morinaj	Leo Gray	Phoebe Parkinson	Isaac & Luke Slater	Rose Smith & Saoirse Mowat
YEAR 4	Tamsin Fletcher	Gaurava Gunarathna	Joel Jones & Kit Stubberfield	Eloise Gradden & Olivia Fisher	Vivaan Joshi	Caitlin Carmichael	Jenni Reeves & Poppy Stevens	Isla Richards & Sophie Wicks
YEAR 5			Marnie Wilde & Alice Precey	—	Jasper White	Fleur Santatna	Swara Deshpande & Dhiya Parthiban	Annabelle Moore & Emily Bond
YEAR 6			Maddie Morgan & Leia Turner	Florence Hibbert & Emma Davis	Harrison Gray	George Hendle	Holly Dalzie & Sopha Reynolds	Shuddhi Nair & Sophie Carey

BOOK CHARACTER & POETRY COMPETITION

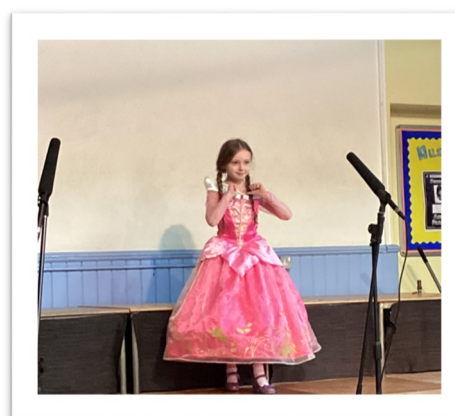
Despite it having been a Monday, there was a definite air of excitement on 6th March - it was Book Character and Poetry Competition day! Year 6 started the event off and they set a very high standard, making judging a particularly difficult task. They were followed by Year 4 later in the morning and Years 3 and 5 in the afternoon. The judging did not get any easier!

It was fantastic to see so many children performing with such confidence in front of a large audience. We were particularly impressed by the number of children who wrote their own poems to perform - we definitely have some budding authors at SPJS.

It was also lovely to hear each class perform their year group poem, each one in a different and individual way. Thank you to all children who participated demonstrating you being

confident individuals.

Well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to all the parents who helped with costumes and came to show their support. Thank you also to Mrs Rowe, one of our governors, who joined the judging panel.



BOOK FAIR

A huge thank you for supporting our Book Fair. We took a total of £2061.68 throughout the week.

This means that we have £1237.01 in commission to spend on books for the school, which is fantastic!



WILSON'S SCIENCE WORKSHOP

30 Year 5 children were given the opportunity to take part in a light workshop at Wilson's Grammar School. The aim of the workshop was to give them a taster of what a high school science lesson would be like.

The lesson was all about light and how all colours consist of 3 main ones: red, yellow and blue. The children had the opportunity to mix colours together using light boxes to see which colours they could create. They also looked at how a prism splits the white light into a rainbow.

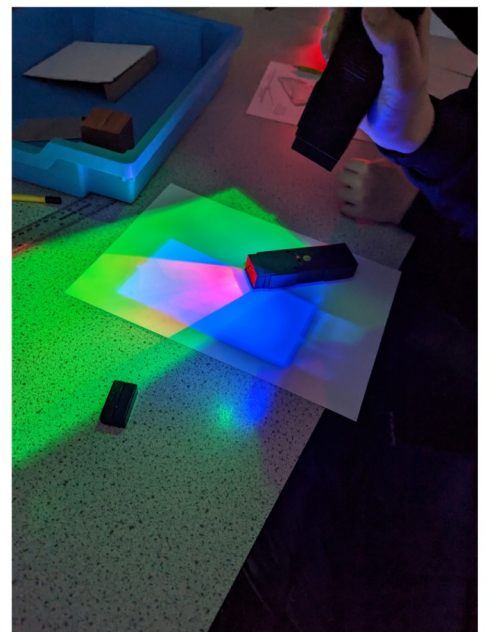
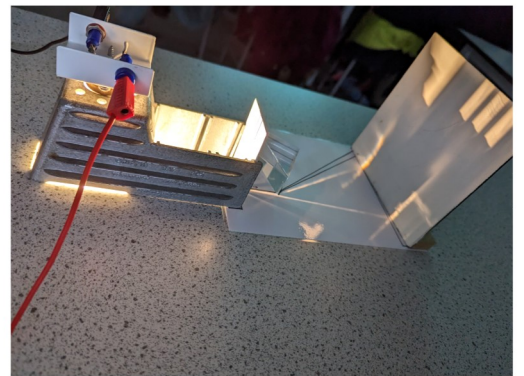
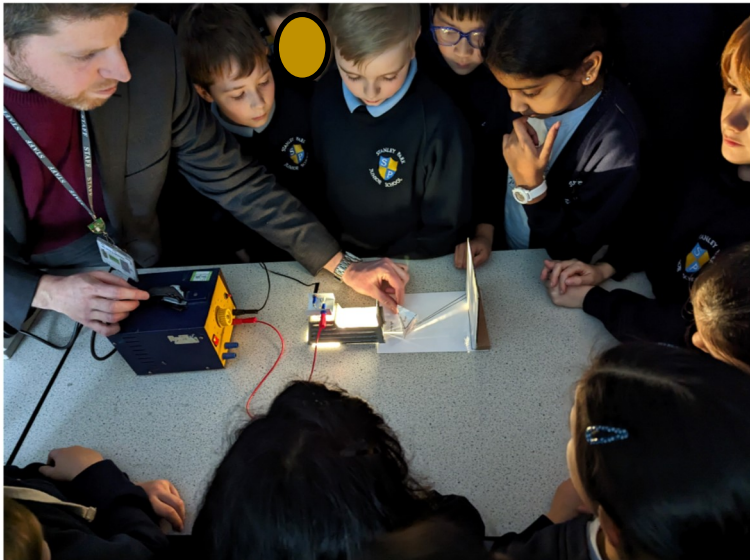
Some of the children said:

"I enjoyed it when we combined the lasers to make different colours"

"I enjoyed finding out things like the red coat is only letting the red light in"

"Learning about light and making a rainbow with the white screen"

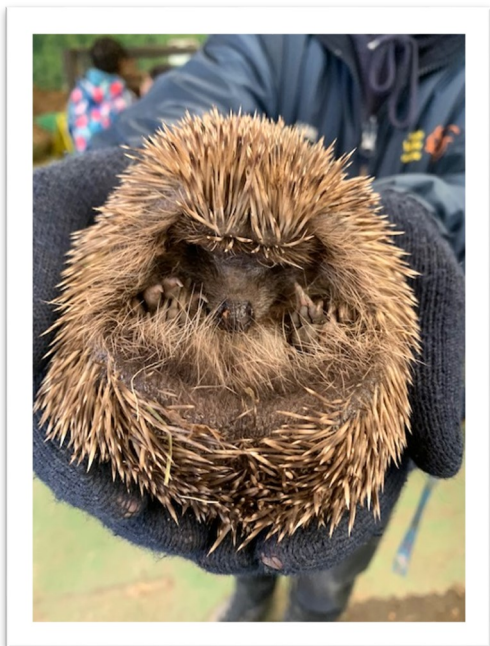
One of the most fascinating facts the children learned was that our mind imagines the colour magenta; it's not a real colour as it's not in the rainbow or on the colour spectrum. It was an excellent experience and all the children said they had a fantastic time.



Y4 TRIP TO BRITISH WILDLIFE CENTRE



On Tuesday 14th March, Year 4 visited the British Wildlife Centre. The trip was planned to enhance our science curriculum as we learn about Living Things and their Habitats. The children observed a range of animals - deer, foxes, Scottish wildcats, owls, polecats and many more. They were encouraged to consider why each species lives in its chosen habitat and to think about how each animal adapts to suit its environment. Mrs Hedgehog was a firm favourite!



The experience supported our Science Week learning as the children had already started thinking about the 'super powers' each animal

has and how we can learn from animals as scientists, designers, geographers and engineers etc. Y4 thoroughly enjoyed their time at the centre. They proved themselves to be successful learners as they shared facts and asked questions and made an effort to be responsible citizens as they thought more about how we can help different species to survive in the world.

It was certainly another opportunity to share our Sense of Pride!

YEAR 5 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO THE GROVE

At the beginning of the month, Year 5 ventured to The Grove to learn more about rivers. The trip was connected to our geography topic as well as living things and their habitats in science and D.T.

Despite freezing temperatures, the children successfully hunted and found some human and physical features of the River Wandle such as a weir, a meander and bridge. Our guide, Robin, was able to talk the children through some of the history of the river and the part played by the watermill during Victorian times.



After a Wildlife I Spy, the children braved the water in their wellies and thoroughly enjoyed dipping their nets and discovering

what they had found! There were plenty of shrimps and water snails - and even a fish!

Year 5 had a terrific time on the trip which consolidated what they had been learning about in the classroom and brought everything to life!



The children delivered each experiment with a detailed explanation and answered any questions the children had. The infants loved it and had an amazing time. The children should be very proud of themselves; they all did a fantastic job.



SCIENCE WORKSHOPS AT SPIS

For the past few weeks, science club have been working on how to solve a case of 'Mrs Lamy's Missing Pen' ready for a visit to the Infants' school.

The children came up with their own experiments that would link with the theme of solving a crime.

We had the suspect escaping via a hot air balloon, finger printing, footprints, invisible messages and mirror writing. The children in science club put the experiments together themselves and spent the time making sure they worked every time (so as to not disappoint the infant children) and worked on how they would explain the science behind them.



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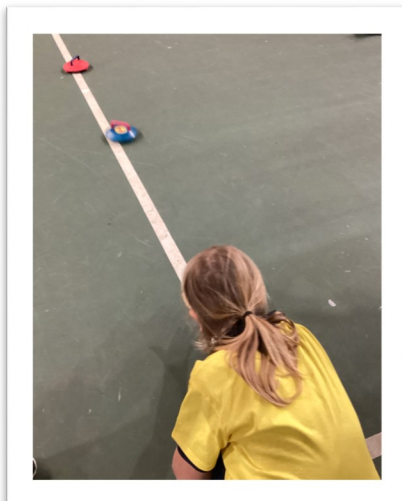
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PRIMARY PANATHLON - GOING FOR GOLD!



On Friday 3rd February, some children from Years 5 - 6 took part in a Primary Panathlon. This particular event was in a carousel format and included several different sports and activities such as kurling, basketball shooting, bowling and bean bag throw. All members of team SPJS showed determination and perseverance, encouraging each other and even attempting the challenges at each station to try and win the most points for their team. We are very pleased to say that SPJS scored the highest on the day and came **1st** in the competition! As well as winning gold medals, the boys won a trophy and certificate for the school which you may see being proudly displayed in our school trophy cabinet. It was a thoroughly well-deserved win and we are very proud of all members of our team - Bobby, George, Rayyan, Rouen, Daniel, George & Ethan.



YEAR 5 MULTI SKILLS

On Friday 3rd March, 10 Year 5 children took part in a multi skills festival. The event consisted of a carousel of 4 different activities - hockey, tennis, squash and tag rugby - and gave the opportunity to practice some key sporting skills such as dribbling, gaining possession of the ball and serving. All children showed their enthusiasm and dedication towards each sport, working together as a team and each striving to be the best sportsman they can be. Well done all!



NETBALL

The netball teams have had some fantastic matches over the past few weeks. After winning all their games last season, they have gone on to play in the A league, for the cup.

The girls had a tough game against Barrow Hedges, coming away with a 7-6 win in the closing minutes of the game. The B team were also triumphant with a fantastic 5-1 win!

We also had a match against St Elphege's (last year's overall winners). The team played well together and communicated well. Unfortunately it wasn't enough to win, with a finishing score of 9-3 to St Elphege's A team. The second match vs

the B team was very exciting from the start. Stanley Park were winning 3-2 as we entered the second half. St Elphege's managed to pull it back with a 5-5 draw.

YEAR 4 ARROWS FESTIVAL

On Thursday 9th March, nine children from Year 4 attended a sports event at Carshalton Boys Sports College, to learn some archery skills. They watched demonstrations on how to use the bow and arrow and had lots of practice aiming and shooting arrows at a variety of targets. There were many other activities involving aiming, throwing and target practice in a fun way. Despite most children never having tried these activities before, they showed fantastic skills and had an enjoyable time.



Y3/4 TAG RUGBY

On Friday 17th March, some children from Years 3 & 4 participated in a tag rugby festival at John Fisher. Despite the forecast of rain, team SPJS didn't let this stop them! First, the team learnt some of the key skills and rules of tag rugby, and then went into matches. We are really proud that they drew their first match and won the final two, and all children showed determination and enthusiasm throughout.



BOXING

Our brand new boxing club kicked off in January 2023, and has been thoroughly enjoyed by all members. This term, the boys have learnt some key skills including a jab, hook and an uppercut, and have even had a go in a makeshift boxing ring! We can't wait to see what new skills and knowledge they showcase in the summer term.



LONDON YOUTH GAMES

The Y5/6 girls' football team travelled to Redbridge earlier this month to take part in the London Youth Games. The journey was long getting there but despite this, the girls were all quick to get on the pitch. With three back to back games, their fitness levels shone through. We drew two matches and lost one to a very strong side. The girls should be extremely proud of their achievements. Thank you to Leo from Ultra Vision and Glen from Flair Sports for their coaching leading up to the event.



Y6 ARCHITECTURE WORKSHOPS

Year 6 were fortunate to have a two-part workshop with a representative from the Royal Institute of British Architects. They started with understanding what architecture is and its benefits to people. They then learned a little more about sustainable architecture before developing their own plans for the slightly run-down brick building in Stanley Park. Following this, they built their own model, either physical or digitally using TinkerCad modelling software. It was a great opportunity to learn about real-world skills from a visiting professional and great fun was had by all. If the building is re-purposed in the future, we may see some of the students' own designs in the finished product!

CONGRATULATIONS SOPHIA!

We were delighted to hear that Sophia was recently awarded the 'Most Valuable Player Award' for her under 11's elite netball team. Sophia has worked so hard this year as part of the school netball team and her surrey netball club. What an achievement. Keep up the fantastic work Sophia!





POI RAKAU - NEW ZEALAND



There is only 5% human population in New Zealand and the rest of the inhabitants, i.e. 95% are animals.

An individual game played in a circle
GOOD FOR: Coordination, timing, agility

Groups of 5-10
Players stand in a circle about 1m apart all facing the same way, ready to move clockwise or anti-clockwise.
Each player is holding a stick or pole in a vertical position with the base resting on the ground. (use hockey, fencing swords or flag poles).
On the count of 3 each, each person has to move forward and try to grab the next person's stick/pole before it falls to the ground. Change direction regularly.
This can be competitive or not.
For those who are 'out' they can start another circle of their own.

Jonah Tali Lomu

Jonah Tali Lomu was a New Zealand rugby union player. He became the youngest ever All Black when he played his first international in 1994 at the age of 19 years and 45 days. Playing on the wing Lomu finished his international career with 63 caps and 37 tries. He is regarded as the first true global superstar of rugby and consequently had a huge impact on the game.



WILDLIFE CLUB

In Wildlife Club we made pine cone bird feeders to help feed the birds and we put up the bird box, just in time for nest box week (over the half term).



AWARD FOR WILDLIFE CLUB!

The RSPB awarded Wildlife Club a Bronze award for completing activities as part of their Wild Challenge! All students received their own certificate at their last club session of the spring term.



THE BIG SCHOOLS BIRD WATCH

SPJS took part in the Big Schools Bird Watch and everyone really enjoyed spotting different birds in our outdoor areas! I even heard that a few students got some binoculars over the February half term and carried on with this as their new hobby.



OUTDOOR LEARNING NEWS

During outdoor learning we have been spotting signs of wildlife in the new pond and we're so pleased to update that so far we have seen 4 newts and 12 toads (6 pairs), 1 frog and 1 diving beetle.



Thank you so much to everyone who has kindly donated seeds, we have already started planting some tomato, sage, rosemary and radish seeds in the polytunnel. These will then be transplanted up at the allotment. Fingers crossed we get a good crop this year despite the extended cold spells!

We haven't got any birds nesting yet, since we put up the nest box around February half term. Thankfully the nesting season is all the way until August so there is still time.

RAISING FUNDS FOR BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

Henry L in 5S was inspired to make Pom- Poms and octopuses to sell in aid of The British Heart Foundation. This charity has been close to his and his family's heart. He has worked hard to sell these craft objects to family and friends. So far he has raised over £80. Well done Henry, you are being a responsible citizen and we are all very proud of you.

TOP OF THE FORM



Congratulations to these four pupils in Year 6 who were the top scoring children in the year group in general knowledge. They took part in the Rotary Club of Carshalton, Top of the Form Competition against St. Elphege's. It was a very tight competition with a range of challenging questions being asked. We were unlucky to be pipped at the post by 2 points. The children should be very proud of themselves.

CHESS COMPETITION SUCCESS!

Francis in 6S recently took part in the West Surrey Chess Championships, held earlier this month. He had to compete against approximately 100 people in five timed matches. Francis came home with a 3rd place Rosette. We are incredibly proud of him. Francis will be in the hut on Thursdays to give tips to any budding chess players.



Spelling Shed

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

CLASS	NAME	SCORE
3J	Leo G	12,566,138
3P	Joshua D	3,158,952
3S	Oisin B	1,982,466
4J	Rebecca	4,388,864
4P	Lenaia A	187,560
4S	Alexander S-M	1,448,700
5J	Ania D	11,117,328
5P	Ruweyda H	6,464,800
5S	Dawid P	5,618,574
Y6	Harrison G	7,391,619

TOP SPELLING GROUPS

	CLASS	SCORE
1	3J	28,282,198
2.	4P	24,010,092
3.	5J	19,522,700

BABY NEWS

Huge congratulations to Mr & Mrs Shabankareh-Smith on the birth of baby Jasper. Mummy and baby are both doing well and we are looking forward to meeting him soon.



TT ROCKSTARS & SPELLING SHED

Well done to all these children



who have worked really hard in March

CLASS	NAME
3S	Jason M
3P	Isla R
3J	Leah H
4S	Heidi A
4P	Christian I
4J	Vivaan J
5S	Oliver B
5P	Henry R
5J	Thomas W
6S	Phoebe H
6P	Darcey K
6J	Arthur L

RED NOSE DAY

Thank you for all your donations which were collected on Red Nose Day. We were please to be able to send a total of £197.75 to Comic Relief.



We wish you all a very restful break with your families and a happy Easter.

