



MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

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

BOOK WEEK

Visiting Authors

What a busy week! Just to get us all in the mood, we were visited by Banji Alexander on Tuesday 27th February. He met with all the children and talked about his ideas for writing and his future plans to appear on Britain's Got Talent again. We will be keeping an eye out for that!

The children also had the opportunity to meet another author and to understand a little more about the processes involved from the start of writing a book, along with all the editing required before producing the finished article. Years 3 and 4 met Janelle McCurdy and Years 5 and 6 met Rucha Dixit.

Starbooks Cafe



Perhaps the most popular part of the week was the visit to Starbooks Café. Many children said how much they enjoyed just being able to 'sample' a whole range of

books and to be reminded that all the books they were being drawn to are in our library just waiting to be borrowed. Whilst this particular café was not serving cappuccino, it was serving cakes!



Orienteering

It wasn't all sitting and eating though. The children were very active undertaking an orienteering activity based around book covers.

Paired Reading



The other activity thoroughly enjoyed by the children was the paired reading session where Year 5 children read and shared books with Year 3 children and Year 6 with Year 4. It was lovely to see them all working together in this way.



Book Character Dress-Up Day

The week was brought to a close by the Book Character Dress-up day which caused much excitement, and not just with the children! Everyone looked amazing and choosing winners proved to be a very difficult task.



Year 4 Winners
Ethan S, Joshua D, Imogen C



The Year 5 Team



6J Winner: Owen B



Admin Staff

DRESS-UP DAY WINNING COSTUMES

5S Tamsin F
5P Albert B
5J Sienna T
6S Lexi H
6P Sena C
6J Owen B

3S Bobby M
3P Caroline S
3J Darcie R
4S Ethan S
4P Imogen C
4J Joshua D

BOOK CHARACTER/POETRY COMPETITION

The standard this Year was very high! The judges were particularly impressed with the confidence and creativity of the Year 3 entries. Well done to everyone who took part, especially the winners.

	BOOK CHARACTER COMPETITION				POETRY COMPETITION			
	Individual		Pairs		Individual		Pairs	
	Winner	Runner-Up	Winner	Runner-Up	Winner	Runner-Up	Winner	Runner-Up
Y3	Alexa Demetriou	Ffion Jacobs	Clio Miller & Matilda Plater	Mia Beshku & Caroline Sale	Darcie Reeves	Anzhou Yang	Grace Leeder & Lara Lopez	Skye MacFarlane & Efa Chachah
Y4	Rosalia Lewandowska	Harriet Poole			Phoebe Parkinson	Leo Gray	Thea Jelly & Ava Quashie	Isaac & Luke Slater
Y5	Gaurava Gunarathna	Joel Jones	Jennifer Reeves & Hettie Morgan	Isla Horle & Zofia McCall	Sebastian Goulding	Tamsin Fletcher	Sienna Thompson & Karishma Majin	Isla Richards & Sophie Wicks
Y6	Annabelle Moore		Suie Lam & Georgie Lungley	Alice Precey & Marni Wilde	Emily Bond	Jasper White	Dhiya Parthiban & Afiya Hussain	Jessica-Rose Lawrence & Adhiy Miah

Egg Carton Book Character Competition

Finally, huge congratulations to all the children who took part in the Egg Carton Book Character competition. We were so impressed with all the entries and will be announcing winners in our end of term Awards Assembly.



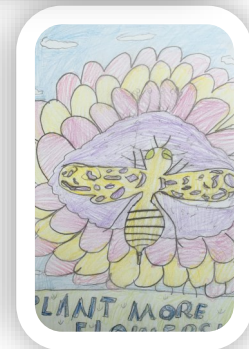
Winners of the Book Mark Competition

3S Taylor B
3P Mohsin A
3J Isabella M
4S Phoebe P
4P Penelope R
4J Isaac S

5S Eloise G
5P Vivaan J
5J Rachel F
6S Isaac S
6P Emily B
6J Jessica W

WORLD WILDLIFE DAY

To celebrate World Wildlife Day on 3rd March, Wildlife Club created some wonderful mini posters!

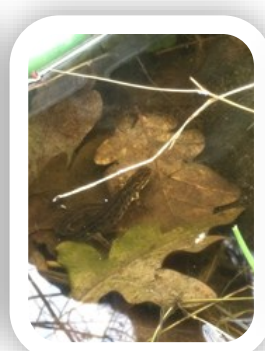
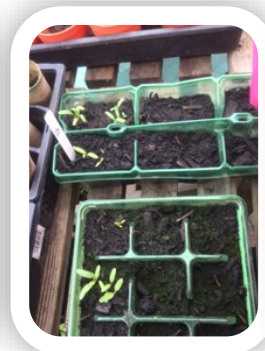
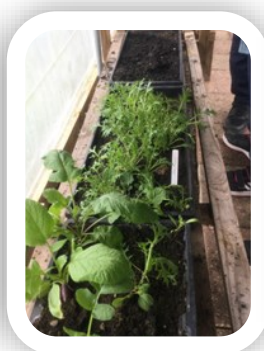
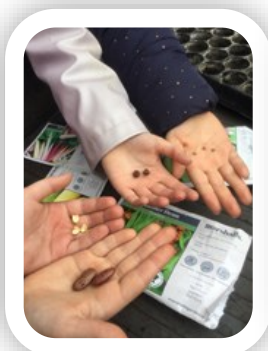


Wildlife Club also loved making habitats. The children made some that fitted inside a pot!



OUTDOOR LEARNING

All classes have been busy planting seeds in small pots and trays in the polytunnel, to plant up at school allotment.



We've spotted some newts living in the small pond. We even saw a frog jump out! The toad spawn hatched and there were some little tadpoles in the pond. Today Year 3 spotted a toad sunbathing on the edge of the pond.

YR TRIP TO BRITISH WILDLIFE CENTRE

On the 19th March, Y4 travelled to the East Surrey countryside to visit the British Wildlife Centre. There they had the chance to get up-close and personal with a variety of wild British animals. After being greeted by a harvest mouse scampering around in the entrance, they witnessed a host of fascinating creatures such as the Scottish wildcat, a beautiful tawny owl, a rather docile hedgehog and even some mischievous mice!

A lucky few even got to see the elusive water vole - the rest learning that being quiet and still is the best way to see wildlife! Their questions to the keepers showed a real interest in the lives of animals that many of us don't see regularly, if at all, and there was much chatter on the coach about their favourite animal of the day. It was a great addition to their science topic of living things and many of them wanted to stay and see more.



YEAR 5 TRIP TO GROVE PARK

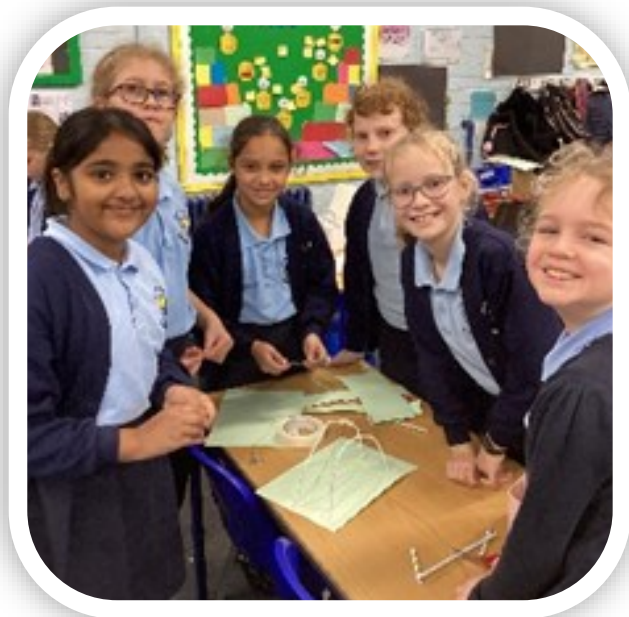
Year 5 ventured to Grove Park to learn more about rivers and aquatic habitats. The trip was connected to our geography topic as well as living things and their habitats in science and D.T. Despite cold temperatures, the children successfully hunted and found some human and physical features of the River Wandle such as a weir, a meander and bridge. It was amazing to see the river in person, we took some photos as this will inspire our J.M.W Turner art pieces! We met our guide, Robyn, and discussed the local geography and history of the river. After learning more about our local river, we braved the water and thoroughly enjoyed dipping our nets and discovering different animals and plants that live in the river. We were then able to take a closer look to what we had found! There were plenty of shrimps and water snails - and even a leech! 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!



SCIENCE WEEK

We had a very successful science week at SPJS. The children had an excellent time taking their passports around to the different time periods. They had the chance to build bridges, play 1990s computer games, create a working pendulum and take a look into future life on Mars. Thank you to all the parents who donated their electronics. The children were fascinated to see how we used to type, send messages and telephone each other.

"My favourites were 1800s, because of the typewriter, and 2000s, because of the coding." Ishaan 5S.



SAVE OUR RAINFORESTS!

This month, Year 4 have mastered the art of formal letter writing with a letter to the companies most responsible for deforestation in the Amazon rainforest. We spent some time researching some shocking facts and statistics, choosing a company to write to and selecting three main reasons why we should stop cutting down trees and how they are harmful to the environment, animals and people. After writing our letters, some children were chosen to write them up in neat to send to Sir David Attenborough to let him know our viewpoint, and how we support his views on protecting the environment and wildlife.



deliver as they joined in with the story-telling too.

At the end of the production, the children were able to speak to the cast and ask some very searching questions before leaving with a badge as a souvenir of their visit.

The children were absorbed by the experience and were able to learn about why the festival of Easter is celebrated and have an understanding of why it is such an important time for Christians.



EASTER EXPERIENCE

On February 29th, the whole of Year 5 were able to visit a local church, where they were involved in an immersive drama entitled 'The Easter Experience' as part of their RE curriculum. The pupils were able to follow the story of Holy Week and move around with the character of Jesus as he visited different places in Jerusalem.

The children enthusiastically waved palms, shopped in the busy temple, saw a Passover table, witnessed a trial and felt the hall shake as the tombstone was rolled away! Some of the pupils, (and staff!), were given costumes to wear and lines to



Y3 MULTISKILLS FESTIVAL

On the 18th March a group of Year 3 children enjoyed a morning trying out new sports. They were taught how to play tennis, cricket, hockey and squash. Within each session, they had great fun playing mini games and improving their skills. We discovered we have some great cricketers and squash players at SPJS! The children thoroughly enjoyed the morning and many expressed an interest in playing them again.



NETBALL

Both the A and B team had a fantastic match against Nonsuch Primary. Starting off with a 3-1 lead in the first half, put the girls in good stead for the second. They ended the match with a 4-2 win. They communicated well with each other and ensured they took their time when passing to a free player.

The B team also won their match 5-2. Some excellent defending and strategic play kept Nonsuch on their toes. Well done to all who played!

We have come to the end of the netball season and I would like to say a massive well done to the netball club and all the children who have taken part in matches. They have all given it 100% and should be very proud of how far they have come. Also a big thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to come to the matches and support with sharing lifts. I am looking forward to training a new team ahead of the autumn 2024 season.

Y6 TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL

We took eight Year 6 pupils to the Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Festival, where the boys and girls enjoyed a series of fun rugby based games followed by matches against the other participating schools. There were no overall winners of the festival - it was all about fun, enjoyment and development - but our team demonstrated some excellent tag rugby skills throughout the tournament, winning 3 of our 5 games and scoring 20 tries in total. They played with a sense of pride throughout. Well done SPJS!



BOYS' FOOTBALL UPDATE

Team SPJS have been training very hard this month for our remaining cup and league matches of the season. Despite losing 2 - 1 to All Saints in a very close semi-final in the Robins Cup, the boys came back determined to fight and came out victorious against St Dunstan's with a 5 - 2 win for their next stage in the boys' borough cup.

Well done to **Rayan & Jack** for two brilliant and skilful goals each, and **Jude M** for scoring his first goal of the season!

We wish the boys the best of luck as they continue training for their upcoming quarter final match. Well done to Kit for skilfully playing in two different positions throughout the match!



YEAR 5 HOCKEY FESTIVAL

On Thursday 7th March, 8 budding sportsmen from Year 5 took part in a hockey festival.



The event started with a carousel of some key skills such as dribbling, shooting and defence tactics ready for some friendly matches towards

the end. Team SPJS certainly showed their skills by drawing two matches and winning two. At the end of the event, Michelle was given a medal to commemorate her effort for the afternoon.



LONDON YOUTH GAMES

On Thursday 21st March we took 8 Y3/4 girls to compete in the 5 a-side football competition. The team worked extremely hard together to utilise each one of their skills. We won 4 matches, drew one and lost two. Overall out of the 27 boroughs that competed we were proud of SPJS coming joint 9th. A fantastic team effort. Special mentions must go to Betsy, Saoirse and Eilidh who never gave up and used their skills to distribute the ball around the field. All girls should be extremely proud of themselves. Thank you to all the parents who travelled with us to support the team.



TOP OF THE FORM

We were proud of our 4 children in Year 6 who took part in the quarter-finals of the Top of The Form Competition against Dorchester Primary School. The team did well to answer a wide range of questions but we could not keep up with our opponents who went ahead from the first round. We warmed up and closed the gap in the second half of the competition but could not get enough points to take us through to the next round. Swara, Matthew, Noah and Rayan should be extremely proud of their achievements in the competition. The children were pleased with their book vouchers that they were awarded with by the Rotary Club of Carshalton. We wish Dorchester the best of luck in the next round.

TFL GOLD AWARD

We are very pleased to have been awarded a Gold Accreditation in the Tfl Travel for Life Programme. This recognises that we teach children about making travel choices which increase sustainable travel, improve road safety, reduce congestion, as well as improving their health and wellbeing. We want to thank Mrs Khan for her hard work in leading this in school alongside Mrs Gray.



SOME KEY DATES FOR NEXT TERM

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15 th April 2024	Term Starts for Pupils
Monday 16 th April 2024	Class Photographs
Thursday 18 th April 2024	Y3 WW2 Workshop
Monday 22 nd April 2024	Y5 Sex Education Virtual Meeting 5.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd April 2024	Y3 Local Visit to Wentworth Hall Mosque
Wednesday 24 th April 2024	Y5 Trip Hampton Court
Wednesday 24 th April 2024	Y3/4 Music Concert
Wednesday 24 th April 2024	Optional Project Due In
Friday 26 th April 2024	3J Class Assembly at 2.40pm
Tuesday 30 th April 2024	Y4 Anglo Saxon Day
Thursday 2 nd May 2024	Y5/6 Music Concert
Friday 3 rd May 2024	New Project Guidance Issued
Monday 6 th May 2024	BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed
Friday 10 th May 2024	5J Class Assembly at 2.40pm
W/c 13 th May 2024	Y6 SATs
Friday 24 th May 2024	INSET DAY - School Closed
W/c 27 th May 2024	HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Happy Easter!

TT ROCKSTARS & SPELLING SHED



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

CLASS	NAME
3S	Avni D
3P	Mohsin A
3J	Max K
4S	Riya U
4P	Ollie R
4J	Benny P

Spelling Shed

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

CLASS	NAME	SCORE
3J	Max K	1,548,460
3P	Alek E	3,472,178
3S	Udhabhav B	11,286,648
4J	Rahul J	3,671,000
4P	Noah T	1,412,288
4S	Oisin B	5,206,692
5J	Alexander SM	3,356,954
5P	Sabrina W	1,899,804
5S	Joel J	6,206,320
Y6	Ania D	2,669,362

TOP SPELLING GROUPS

	CLASS	SCORE
1	5S	22,455,514
2.	3S	18,983,479
3.	5P	9,811,856

Children in Year 5 and 6 have Doodle Maths or Doodle English to complete each night rather than TTRockstars.

Well done to Isobel W who has a new streak over 50 days!

TOP THREE PUPILS IN EACH CLASS- MOST AMOUNT OF STARS FOR MARCH

YEAR 5	
Tamsin F	766 stars
Vi M	685 stars
Eshana M	563 stars
Theo G	1363 stars—wow!
Elijah B	530 stars
Jenni R	519 stars
Thurston H	653 stars
Hannah D	494 stars
Isla R	493 stars
YEAR 6	
Chico L	842 stars
Dhiya P	702 stars
Thomas W	633 stars
Chiara C	629 stars
Annabelle M	381 stars
Eben D	311 stars
Jasper W	1461 stars—wow!
Adhruth S	1008 stars—wow!
Raiyan S	594 stars

WELL DONE LEO!

Leo in 4S has achieved his Bronze Award in swimming. A number of skills had to be completed including treading water for 3 minutes and swimming underwater for 5 metres.

He then had to complete a non stop swim of 400 metres (16 lengths) using two strokes. Well done Leo!