

# STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

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### ALL EQUAL - ALL DIFFERENT



During anti-bullying week, SPJS joined many other schools across the nation in shining a light on bullying. We kicked off the week with an Odd Socks day where children and adults across the school proudly wore their odd socks in a stand against bullying and to show that it is good to be different. Throughout the week, all year groups focused on learning around friendship, feelings and bullying. We are really pleased to see our children confident in recognising bullying and brave in standing up against it. For more advice for parents, please see page 8-9 of the Home-School book for a guide on how to support our child.

### ROAD SAFETY WEEK

During their PSHCE lessons and assemblies, children have learnt about how to keep themselves safe when out and about. You may wish to ask your child some questions about this, and reinforce the importance of being alert when walking/travelling around.

### YEAR 4 MAYAN WORKSHOP

The session was amazing, all of the children got involved by dressing up, playing musical instruments and taking part in role play activities. They learnt so much information about Aztec and Mayan life. The detailed resources and costumes were very impressive and the children had lots of questions and learnt lots about these ancient civilisations. Brilliant - enjoyed by all. The children came out buzzing and wanting more.



### YEAR 6 TRIP TO SUTTON LIFE CENTRE

On Friday 10th November, year 6 were given the opportunity to visit Sutton Life Centre for a whole day dedicated to learning important life skills in an interactive setting. All the children explored 'The Home' - a hands on, interactive workshop exploring the importance of a healthy and balanced diet; what to do in the event of a fire and where to go for support if you need someone to talk to.

The transport zone helped the children to learn about how to be safe on public transport and how to use the services properly, while the virtual experience covered urban safety as well as green issues such as recycling, sustainable living, climate change and the environment.

The afternoon was dedicated to e-safety, use of social media and potential hazards around the home, reinforcing the skills taught throughout KS2.

Year 6 will no doubt look forward to inputting some of these key skills as they grow up this year!

## YEAR 5 - VIRTUAL REALITY WORKSHOP

On October 17th, year 5 finished off their learning about Earth and Space by journeying into our Solar System to see all eight planets thanks to virtual reality. The children really enjoyed the experience! Each child used a pair of VR goggles which transported them out of our atmosphere and through space. As they journeyed, a narrator explained lots of interesting facts and statistics. After each planet, the guide quizzed the children on what they'd just learnt so they could earn points for their teams. The winners at the end were awarded merit points. This was a wonderful learning opportunity which all of the children really enjoyed.

## YEAR 6 HONEYWOOD MUSEUM

As part of their learning about the Victorians, year 6 recently visited the Honeywood Museum in Carshalton.

After a pleasant walk down in the crisp autumn sunshine, the children listened to the history of the house and its interesting inhabitants. They handled replica artefacts including a camera and various items from the classroom. School life was certainly different back then! The children were given the opportunity to view fascinating photographs of Carshalton from the era and they were challenged to think about the changes that have taken place.

Following lunch and a break in the beautiful walled garden, the children participated in two different sessions: a workshop handling primary sources (and answering related questions) and playing with Victorian style toys. They certainly had great fun amusing themselves with the flip books, spinning tops and wooden skittles as well as dressing up in period style clothes and hats!

All in all, a fantastic time was had by children and adults alike and the children's learning has certainly been enhanced by their visit to the museum.

## PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE



On Monday, 70 children from years 5 and 6 undertook the Primary Maths Challenge, solving a range of challenging problems designed to stretch their abilities to the limit. The excited chatter afterwards proved how enjoyable it was for all of them. The top-scoring children will take a further challenge in the Spring Term. Certificates will be given out in the end of term awards ceremony.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL



After a whole school vote, the charities the children have chosen to support this year are the World Wildlife Fund and Diabetes UK. We have already had a Wear it Wild Day to raise funds for WWF and the result of this was a fantastic £383.17. The school council discussed how we could use this money and the decision was to 'adopt' an animal for each year group: year 3 chose elephants, year 4 penguins, year 5 dolphins and year 6 giant pandas. Fortunately, we have only had to provide shelter for soft toy versions of these animals! During the year, we will find out more about each one and the dangers that are leading them all to become endangered; we will also receive up-dates from the WWF on how our sponsorship money is helping. School Council have also been looking at ways in which we can further improve behaviour in the dining room and playground. As this is an area children feel that we could improve on. They will then report this back to the full governing board.



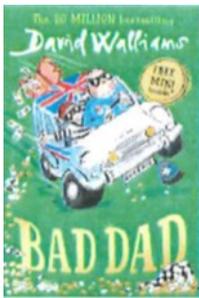
## CHRISTMAS SHOP AND PAMPER EVENING

Last Friday, the PTA worked with Shop & Play to put on an evening of shopping and pamper sessions. This raised over £200 for the school. Thank you to all who helped make this evening happen. We hope to buy a sound system that can be used for assemblies and the Christmas celebration service.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MINSEO!

We were thrilled to hear that Minseo Kim has won a silver prize in a Korean writing competition for the under 9s. She attended an award ceremony at the Korean Embassy earlier this month to be presented with her award.

## BOOK RECOMMENDATION



Anantharam S in 6J has given "Bad Dad" by David Walliams 5 stars.

This is why he thinks the book is outstanding:

"The reason why I think that Bad Dad is good is because the

story plot makes the amazing effect where you leave off at the next chapter, you will be intrigued and want to read the next chapter! It is written for children of the age 9+"

## LIBRARY BOOKS for the LRC

If you have any children's books in good condition which you no longer need, we would be very grateful if you could pop them into school to help us replenish our stock of library books. Many Thanks.

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

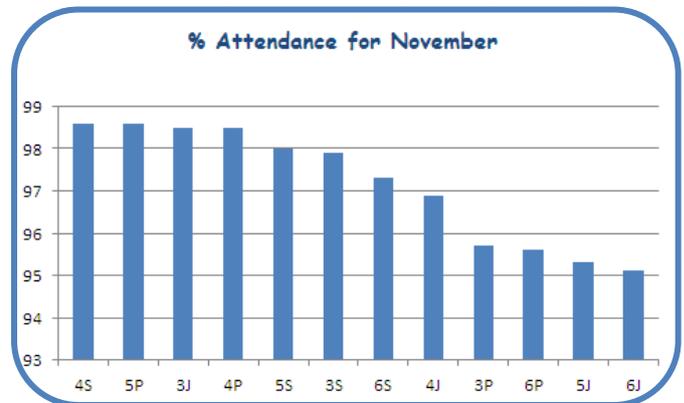
We'd like to tell you about the work of one of our governing board committees, the Curriculum Committee. This committee meets once a term with Mrs Lamy and Mrs Burridge. The governors hear about how teaching and learning are progressing in all year groups. We get the chance to ask questions, for example about how school is allocating this year's sports funding and Pupil Premium Grant and what difference school hopes it will make. We come back and review that later on. The governors also review school policies. We have a system of "link governors" which means governors meet the teacher subject lead on a regular basis and these updates feed back into the committee, helping us to keep in touch with what is going on in school.

## SAFEGUARDING

This Christmas there will be more tech toys than ever before, and many of them will use bluetooth or wifi to link to apps and the wider internet. Some of these toys will have cameras and microphones recording the environment and the child's play. The Information Commissioner recently published an article looking at the risks of using smart toys. Why not take a read? <https://iconewsblog.org.uk/2017/11/23/the-12-ways-that-christmas-shoppers-can-keep-children-and-data-safe-when-buying-smart-toys-and-devices/>

## ATTENDANCE

Well Done to 4S and 5P who had the joint highest attendance for this month.



## CHILDREN IN NEED



Thank you for your support with Children in Need. A total of £438.40 was raised.



We were especially proud of 4 of our Y6 children who planned, baked and ran their very own cake sale, raising over £90 towards our fantastic total. Well done Ilana, Jane, Ridhima and Andrew!

## CLUBS

Please see the separate letter regarding new arrangements for after school clubs which has already been sent out. It is also available to view on our website: <http://www.spjs.org/Letters-Home>

## DIARY DATES FOR THE REST OF TERM

Fri 1 Dec	Y3 Trip to Museum of London
Fri 1 Dec	PTA children's Christmas Disco
Mon 4 Dec	Y5 Viking Workshop at Greenwich Maritime Museum
Mon 4 Dec	Choir members performing at Ryelands Care home 1.30—3.20pm
Tues 5 Dec	Selected choir members to perform at Bramble Lodge 10.30—12.30am
Thurs 7 Dec	Chaplins Panto performing Aladdin to y3 & 4
Tue 12 Dec	Nativity Performed to parents - evening
Thur 14 Dec	Christmas Celebration Rehearsal - Trinity Church, Sutton am Christmas Celebration - Trinity Church, Sutton 6.00-8:00 pm
Mon 18 Dec	Christmas Mufti Day in return for two secret presents. (xmas theme)
Mon 18 Dec	Community Carol Singing Y6 children/parents/staff
Mon 18 Dec	Christmas Parties pm
Tues 19 Dec	Secret Presents Day
Wed 20 Dec	End of Term 1:45 pm



### NETBALL

Our netball teams have made an amazing start to the 2017-18 Sutton School's netball league. Our first match was against Amy Johnson and we were very nervous. Once the first whistle blew, however, all nerves vanished and both teams showed their determination and energy. The A team went on to win 7 - 1 and the B team 3 - 2. We tackled our second match with more confidence and played tremendously well, winning 10 - 0 and 3 - 0 respectively against Foresters. It was an amazing feeling! Our third match was against Hackbridge and we won 6 - 0 and 2 - 0. Could we finish the term unbeaten? Our final fixture was against Barrow Hedges and we were thrilled to win 5 - 0 and 2 - 0. Fantastic! Our results have now been submitted and we are eagerly awaiting details of our new fixtures. A huge well done to all the girls who have played in the teams.

### Y5 & 6 TAG RUGBY

On a foggy Thursday morning in November, three teams from Stanley Park Juniors travelled to John Fisher to take part in the Sutton Schools Sports Tag Rugby Festival. We had two teams of year 5s and year 6s in the main competition and a team of year 4s learning how to play tag rugby in a mega-festival. The day started promptly with an introduction of the rugby league style rules which involved using a player as a dummy half to receive the ball to play. The Year Fours went off to the other side of the field where they were coached through the basics of tag rugby, playing lots of mini-games that developed their passing, tagging and moving skills. They then went into a round robin competition playing other schools.



Meanwhile, both the A and B teams of year 5s and 6s were in action immediately, starting their first matches of their group stages against Muschamp and Avenue respectively. For the B team, their first match didn't go as well as they would have liked as they struggled to get used to the change in tempo the new rules brought, losing 3-0. The A team was coping slightly better with the new rules but still were not into their natural rhythm of play and narrowly missed out on a win against Muschamp. There was no let-up in the action for both teams as they were straight into their next matches, each placing a team from Cheam Common. The A team managed to find their feet and were solid in defence managing to turn over the ball a number of times to beat Cheam Common A 5-3. The B team were also improving but a number of nimble players from Cheam Common managed to slip through their defence scoring tries so that the B team ended up losing 6-2. With two more matches to go, the A team now faced stiff opposition from Cheam Park Farm B but managed to keep their shape and a number of brilliant runs

and tackles from Erik K, Ted W, James B and the rest of team secured the game in Stanley Park's favour.

Having set themselves up with running attacks from Erik and a defence rooted around the line speed of James and Ted, the A team strode through their final match against Harris finishing again 5-3.

The B team were persevering in the face of stiff opposition and were unfortunately beaten by Cheam Park Farm A and then All Saints. They really showed their Sense of Pride throughout their group stage and it was the first time that some of the B team had ever played competitive tag rugby!

For the A team, three wins and a draw put them first in group 1 and through to the finals play-off against All Saints (second from group 2). Again, a strong running attack from Erik and Ted with defensive support from James, Jane P and the rest of the team secured a place in the final for Stanley Park!

The final was a close affair against Cheam Park Farm with both teams having quick, nimble players and strong defences. In the end the A Team lost by one try conceded from a turnover ball with the final score 3-4 to Cheam.

At the end of the morning certificates were handed out with the A team receiving the Runners up certificate, the B team a credible 8th and Year 4 getting a very well earned participation award.

Many thanks to Mrs Asten and parents for helping support the event.

## FOOTBALL: BOYS

### Ralph runs riot to bury Bandon Hill!

#### SPJS 3-0 Bandon Hill

Following a winning start at Green Wrythe, SPJS travelled across town to take on Bandon Hill. Looking resplendent in their brand new premier league sponsored kit, the A team kicked off and immediately looked the more confident team, using their pace down both flanks to keep the pressure in BH's half. Despite sustained periods of dominance and a number of mazy runs from Max T and Sonny C, SPJS struggled to break the deadlock, hitting both posts and the crossbar along the way. Despite a slow start, BH found some success with long balls, pegging Ted, Eddie and Hamish back and eventually forcing Luke B into some solid saves in the SPJS goal before the half drew to a close.

Once the second half was underway, SPJS' dominance eventually paid dividends as Ralph weaved his way down the left wing before letting fly past a helpless keeper. Sensing more goals, SPJS turned the screw in midfield; Harry C put in another unrelenting performance to keep the opposition pegged back as the front three of Ollie, Sonny and Ralph exploited the wings and the lack of pace in the BH backline allowed Ralph to chase down a through ball and bag his second of the afternoon. Although two goals behind, BH weren't ready to give up the fight. Another hopeful long ball caught SPJS napping but keeper Luke did just enough to tip the ball wide. In the closing minutes SPJS knew victory was all but assured when another

delicious through ball sent Ralph running once again before applying another cool finish to bag his and SPJS' third.

**Solid SPJS see off brave Bandon Hill.**

**SPJS 2 - 0 Bandon Hill**

Hoping to complete a double over Bandon Hill, SPJS' B team were ready for the challenge. Despite never having played together, midfield duo of Ishan and Dominic looked to dominate a scrappy first 15 minutes, forcing BH into their own half. Sustained pressure through Maisy, Eva and James presented chances but all sailed agonisingly wide. In defence, James B, Blaise and Joshua P battled hard to cover a number of long through balls while Abdurakhim stayed firm in the SPJS goal.

After the break, tired legs led to gaps opening up in the Bandon Hill defence. Sensing an opportunity, Ishan surged forwards and fired a speculative effort from deep that caught the opposition goalkeeper unawares, sailing into the top corner to finally break the stalemate. With Davonne and Arnav remaining resolute and combative at the back, SPJS surged forwards and almost bagged a second as James B arrived to meet a well executed cross. Despite further chances, it wasn't until 3 minutes from time that SPJS sealed the game as Eva H struck a clean left footed shot from the edge of the area that slid past the hapless keeper to wrap up a well-deserved two nil win.

Well done to all the players who took part in the fixture. We look forward to other successful league campaign!

## GIRLS FOOTBALL

The girls have had quite a few matches this half term and have made a tremendous start to the league. All the girls in the team are really improving and working hard to use the skills of all the team members. All matches are played at Sutton United across half the pitch so the girls' fitness levels are improving too! Our top goal scorers have been Maisy L and Eva H whilst Sophie S has done a lot in midfield to set the goals up. Our defence is strong and have worked well on their formation.

The results of the games so far this term:

**Cheam Common 0 v 8 Stanley Park - WIN**

**Stanley Park 4 v 6 Cheam Pk Farm - LOSE**

**Stanley Park 7 v 4 Westbourne - WIN**

### SPJS Girls Football Team Victory Cup Match

On Friday 3rd November , SPJS Girls Football Team had a fantastic result of 5-3 They played against Cheam Fields; a team who were very experienced.

All our girls played excellently and made perfect passes. Our defence worked their socks off. Maisy L, our striker, scored a screamer then they just kept coming!

Sophie S, the captain for the match , did an amazing one-two with Eva H and smashed the ball in the back of the net. As a result of that we felt relieved as we had a 2-0 lead.

As the game went on CF scored as well but as SPJS girls we kept going and got our victory!

By Maisy Lightowler and Sophie Snigorski.