



NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL



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

REMEMBRANCE

We were delighted with the poppies that were made by the children, with many imaginative ideas for using recycled materials, in addition to all the ones made from the bottoms of used plastic bottles.

We had an assembly to think about what we were remembering and why. We also listened to a recording of the famous poem 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon.

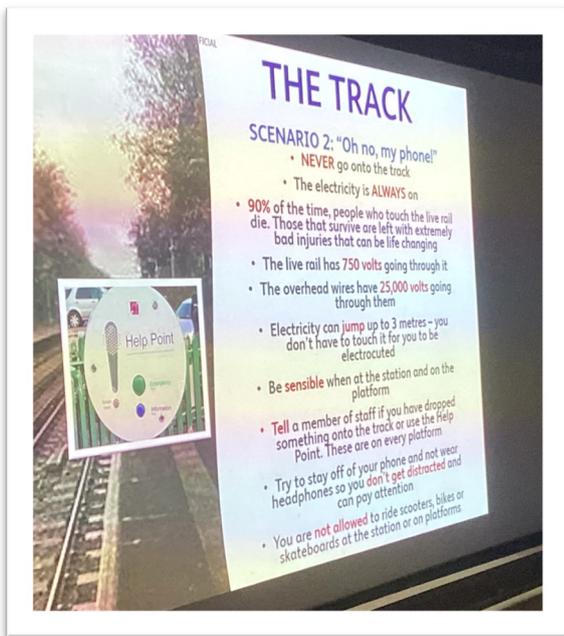
We were all surprised to learn that the sweets we now know as Jelly Babies were first produced in 1918 and were known as Peace Babies!

The assembly finished with a one-minute silence. After this, all children who has made a poppy 'planted' it in the Green Zone to create our own Remembrance display.



YEAR 6 TRIP TO SUTTON LIFE CENTRE

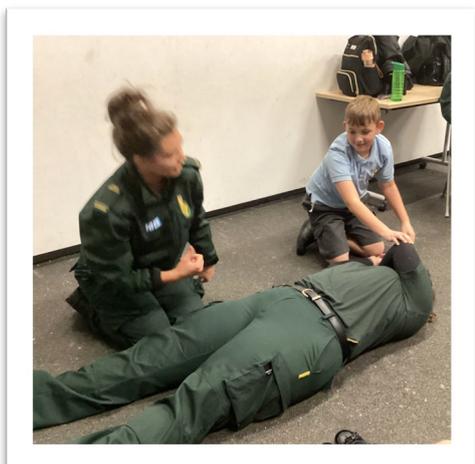
Year 6 visited the Sutton Life Centre this month. A community centre that prides itself on improving life chances for young people and encouraging good citizenship, the children had a terrific time. Although 6J travelled by coach the previous week, 6S and 6P braved the train and put their road safety skills and understanding to the test whilst walking down Sutton Common Road.



The children were fortunate enough to talk to members of the London Fire Brigade, London Ambulance Service, Transport for London and the Metropolitan Police.

As they prepare for high school, it was beneficial for the classes to hear about keeping safe on buses and trains and what to do in the case of a medical emergency whilst out and about.

As well as hearing all about fire hazards, Year 6 also spoke to nurses about making sensible choices with their



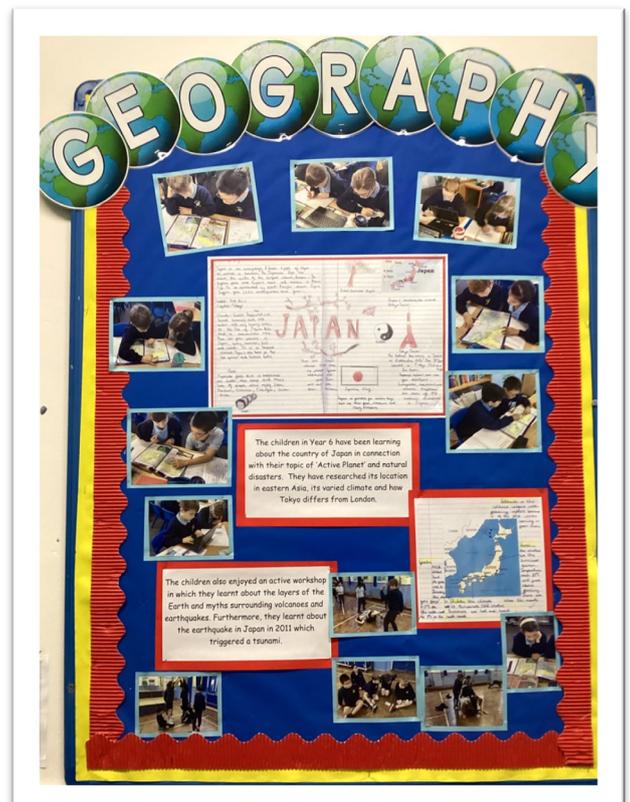
food and drink. They were all surprised to hear that a McDonald's milkshake contained around 15 teaspoons of sugar! Perhaps it will make us all think next time we're tempted to order one!

YEAR 6 ACTIVE PLANET WORKSHOP

As part of this term's geography focus - Active Planet - Year 6 were fortunate enough to participate in a drama workshop to support their understanding of natural disasters.

The children had great fun re-enacting the myths surrounding the causes of earthquakes and volcanoes and were engaged in learning about the layers of the Earth and the tectonic plates that make up the Earth's crust.

The children have been learning about Japan as part of their geography topic. At the workshop, they heard about how the country was devastated by the earthquake that struck in March 2011 and how it set off a massive tsunami that swept far inland, destroying towns and causing meltdowns at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant.



OUTDOOR LEARNING UPDATE

As the temperature starts to drop, it's important to help feed the birds during winter, so in Wildlife Club, as part of our Wild Challenge Bronze certificate, we made pine cone bird feeders. This is easy to do, but it is a bit messy. We made ours with nut-free wild bird seed mix and vegetable suet. If you'd like to make your own feeder: <https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/make-bird-feeder>



This poem was created by Leo in 4P and Albert in 5P as part of the Wildlife Club Halloween theme:

*Beautiful creatures flying in the night,
As they sleep in the day,
Then at dark they take flight.
So bats are awesome and they play.*

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



During the week beginning 13th November, SPJS took part in Anti-bullying week, following the theme of 'make a noise about bullying!' We started the week off by participating in odd socks day where the children came in wearing different socks to celebrate the differences we all have.

Throughout the week, children took part in a live virtual lesson, a daily kindness challenge and had a chance to celebrate peers who have shown kindness by writing their names in the shout out bag.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

On the week beginning 20th November the children took part in Road Safety Week focusing on the theme of 'Let's talk about Speed.' The children went out for a local walk to identify how human geography can link to speed limits in different areas and how this can determine the advantages or disadvantages of living there. The children were able to take photos and observed different types of crossings, road signs and areas for parking.

BUDDING ARTIST!



Lily in 6S took part in The Sutton Landscape Artist of the Year competition. Her piece capturing Carshalton Park's bowl with butterflies was the overall winner in her age category. She was awarded a prize by the Mayor of Sutton and her artwork was displayed as part of an exhibition at Sutton Central Library. Excellent work Lily!



CHRISTMAS EVENTS COMING UP

PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Get Your Raffle Tickets

OVER 50 PRIZES!

- Family days out
- VIP circus tickets
- Beauty treatments
- Holiday club vouchers
- Restaurant vouchers
- Homeware
- And lots, lots more...

BUY ONLINE NOW



Tickets on sale until
Fri 8th Dec 08:30pm

All proceeds go to Stanley Park Infants & Junior Schools

STANLEY PARK INFANTS SCHOOL

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PTA SURPRISE PRESENTS EVENT



The PTA are once again arranging a Surprise Presents Event for the children.

On **Monday 11th December** there will be a Mufti day in school. In return, the PTA ask for you to send in 2 unwrapped gifts.

Suitable gift ideas would be: toiletries, chocolates, stationery, sports related goods etc - only please be sure it's something you might like to receive yourself! Please - no scissors, knives, corkscrews, glass bottles or alcohol and alcoholic sweets (chocolate liqueurs); we cannot sell these to the children.

On **Tuesday 12th December** children will have the opportunity to bring in money and purchase 2 gifts from the range collected. The gifts will be sold at prices ranging from £1 to £5 per gift. Children will wrap the

presents with help and bring them home ready for you to open on Christmas Day - this will ensure you too get a surprise at Christmas!

The PTA will need helpers on both days. If you are able to spare some time, please either put a note on their facebook page or send them an email at spjspta@outlook.com

Also if you have any spare wrapping paper, please send it in to school with your child.

OTHER FESTIVE DATES TO REMEMBER

Our Christmas Post Box is now open.

Last date to post your cards is

Monday 18th December

- **Fri 1st December: Beeches Yulefest**
SPJS choir will be performing at approx. 6.10pm. Why not come along to enjoy the local festive market and support the choir at the same time?
- **Tues 5th December: Sutton Home Starts Carol Service.**
SPJS choir performing at 5.00pm at St Patrick's Church, (47 Park Hill Rd Wallington SM6 ORU). All welcome.
- **Fri 8th December: Christmas Winter Warmer from 3pm in playground.**
With music, games, prizes, hot chocolate and mulled wine.
- **Mon 18th December: Christmas Jumper Day & Class Parties.** The children will be told in class what they need to bring for their class parties. This will also be noted on the Year group's curriculum headlines.
- **Weds 20th December: Children's Christmas Dinner.** Don't forget to make your booking on School Grid by Friday 8th December.



**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
YEAR 5**

For Black History Month in Year 5, we looked at the amazing life of Katherine Johnson. For homework, the children needed to research facts about how she developed the maths for some of the most famous space missions. As we were studying space in science, the children needed to make links between her discoveries and what we know about space today. We watched a video about her life and discussed the discrimination she had to overcome.

HER PERSONAL LIFE

Katherine Johnson was born on August 26 1918. In Sulphur Springs in west virginia. Unfortunately, Katherine Johnson died on February 24 2020.

Her Journey with NASA

Math came in easy for her, but she worked hard to master geometry and algebra. In 1953 Katherine started working in the computing area of NASA. At the Langley laboratory at the National Advisory committee for Aeronautics, which would later become NASA.

HER GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

Using her mathematic skills, she helped NASA send astronauts to the moon and return home safely. One of her biggest achievements at NASA was helping calculate the trajectory, or path of the country's space flight in 1961.

MEDALS

In 2015, Katherine was awarded the presidential medal of freedom by the ex-president Barack Obama for the impact she made on America's progress on the city. She also received what's known as a Silver Spoppy award which is given to the people who have made a contribution to fight slavery and racism.

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Katherine Johnson was an African American who made a big difference!

Early life

Katherine was amazing at maths but she found algebra a bit tricky. She was so smart that she went into High school when she was 10. When she went into High school she did every maths course that was available. She was so good she went to university when she was 15 and ended when she was 18.

Early Career

Her first career was being a teacher but she always dreamed about being a mathematician or a scientist.

NASA

When she was in her career of teaching a friend told her that NASA (NACA) was recruiting agents to help Apollo 11 get to the moon and they didn't care what you looked like. She went on to be one of the best mathematicians of all time.

Achievements

She got the first man on the moon and got Apollo 13 back to Earth. She got awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

YEAR 6

Year 6's focus for Black History this year was based on the remarkable lives of Henry 'Box' Brown and Mary Seacole. Whilst learning about the features of autobiographical writing in English, the children recounted Henry's courageous escape from slavery in Virginia by arranging to have himself mailed in a wooden crate to abolitionists in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

For their class assembly, 6J re-enacted this phenomenal story with imagination and energy and loved bringing the characters to life.

Furthermore, Year 6 explored the extraordinary achievements of Mary Seacole, a British nurse and business woman known for assisting the sick and wounded military personnel during the Crimean War.



YEAR 3

In Year Group Assemblies, Year 3 were introduced to the Black History Month books on display in our school library. The children were introduced to Katherine Johnson, one of the first African-American woman to work as a NASA scientist, and Omari McQueen, Britain's youngest TV chef, famous for his vegan recipes. We discussed the importance of challenging stereotypes and recognising every individual for their talents, skills and unique qualities. In class, we also learnt about the author and poet, Benjamin Zephaniah. We studied his poem, 'Nature Trail' and discussed the message of equality it communicates.

YEAR 4

To celebrate Black History Month 'Celebrating our sisters' in Year 4, we conducted some home research about some important female contributors to technology, from Nasa engineers such as Katherine Johnson to less well-known

people such as Kimberly Bryant, who founded Black Girls Code and Gladys West, whose Earth model was used as the foundation of the Global Positioning System we use today.

We also used a text about Mae Jemison, the first black female astronaut, to help us write a news article about a historic rocket launch. In addition, our DERIC text focussed on the achievements of Sharon White, ex-CEO of Ofcom as well as heading the John Lewis Partnership and being the first black person to be Permanent Secretary to the Treasury.

We hope this has given the students exposure to the integral and important role all people play in our society, particularly those who in the past have not received the recognition they deserved.

We look forward to using more inspiring examples in the coming terms, as well as expanding our vision for next year!

SPORTS EVENTS

YEAR 5 INDOOR ATHLETICS COMPETITION



On Tuesday 21st November, 25 budding athletes from Year 5 participated in an indoor athletics competition at Wallington Girls. After a short walk there and an energetic warm-up, the competition began, starting with field events: standing long jump, vertical jump, chest push, speed bounce and a javelin throw.

Once SPJS had tackled these, the competition then moved on to track events. These consisted of a range

of races varying from an under-over race, replay sprints, long distance and even an obstacle race including a step ladder, 10 speed bounces and a hurdle!

All children

performed brilliantly and showed great resilience, determination and sportsmanship and we were so very proud of all of them.



YEAR 5 ROCK CLIMBING



On Friday 10th November, selected children took part in a variety of activities related to rock climbing and bouldering in a festival at Carshalton Boys. The event started with a fun game of Twister to get children to think about the skills involved in climbing. However, the best activity of the day was



bouldering itself. Children took on several fun challenges and games, an example of which was bouldering through a hoop. What a fantastic day we had! Well done to all children involved.



BOYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Our football season kicked off in October starting with matches against St Elphege's and Tweeddale. Despite losing to St Elphege's in a very close match, the boys came back fighting during their second match against Tweeddale. There was a brilliant cross by Raiyan, and Louis got in position perfectly to header our first goal of the season into the net! Rayan then followed soon after with another fantastic shot for a second goal. Overall, the match ended with a 2 -2 draw.



Our third match of the season was a cup match against Hackbridge. The boys played

amazingly well and managed to score more than 6 goals in the first half! They finished the match with an incredible **13 - 0** win with goals scored by Jack, Louis, Rayan and Sena.

We are really proud of team SPJS and how well they have continued to demonstrate good sportsmanship, resilience and determination to succeed. We look forward for our next matches to kick off in January 2024!

YEAR 4 INDOOR ATHLETICS COMPETITION



On Tuesday 28th November, 28 enthused athletes from Year 4 took part in the Year 4 Sports hall athletics competition at Wallington Girls.

The event was split into 2 parts and first focused on field events: chest throw, speed bounce, long jump, vertical jump and javelin. After all children had competed in their chosen event, the competition moved on to track events with a range of different races including a 2 lap, over and under, sprint relay and hurdles.

We were so proud of all children and how well they



represented SPJS. We are so pleased to announce that SPJS came 3rd overall out of a total of 8 schools competing.

See just some of our brilliant achievements below:

Boys Obstacle Relay: 2nd place

Boys 4 x 1 Relay & 1 x 1 Relay: 2nd place

Boys Chest Push, Long Jump & Javelin: 1st place

Girls Over/Under Relay: 2nd place

Girls Speed Bounce: 2nd place



A huge well done to all children involved. A special mention should go to Sebastian for throwing the javelin the furthest over the whole day.



Netball Team

GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Friday 24th November the girls football team took part in a tournament at Brookfield Primary School. This was their first time playing competitively as a team. They faced Cheam Common Juniors first, who had many Y6 players. The girls defended well but could not hold back the attacking skills of the skilful team. We did however, have a great shot from Mia who scored to make the final score 3-1. The next match we drew against Brookfield 1-1. The girls worked well as a team by communicating to one another. Saorise was able to kick the ball into the net past the goal keeper. Ella B played in goal and, despite her small stature, was able to fend off many shots at goal. A superb team effort. Well done girls.



NETBALL

The netball teams have played some fantastic games this season so far! We've had some tough A team matches against St Mary's, Holy Trinity and Barrow Hedges, but the girls have always come back with a positive energy, ready to improve their skills.

The B team have also been improving with every game. Drawing their first match 0:0, but going on to win their second and third, scoring a total of 8 goals across the 2 matches.

As we go into the spring season, we will be continuing to work on our shooting, attacking and defending skills to ensure we are ready to face the next set of schools.

Well done to all the children in netball club this term! You have been brilliant.



TT ROCKSTARS & SPELLING SHED



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

CLASS	NAME
3S	Avni D
3P	Mohsin A
3J	Max K
4S	Leo G
4P	Hazal O
4J	Mia C

Spelling Shed

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

CLASS	NAME	SCORE
3J	Carine L	1,360,102
3P	Caroline S	3,194,504
3S	Avni D	2,138,612
4J	Rahul J	6,441,724
4P	Ali HA	777,190
4S	Oisin B	2,464,540
5J	Alexander SM	3,621,562
5P	Harriet S	461,104
5S	Emilee S	1,636,140
6J	Shritha M	1,583,844
6P	Luke D	894,560
6S	Charlie MO	653,294

TOP SPELLING GROUPS

	CLASS	SCORE
1.	4J	10,290,811
2.	6J	6,851,178
3.	4S	5,803,999



Children in Year 5 and 6 have Doodle Maths or Doodle English to complete each night rather than TTRockstars. These are our Doodlers who have put in a great amount of effort in November. Well done!

CLASS	NAME
5S	Eason L
5P	Theo G
5J	Snehaja D
6S	Ania D
6P	Rayan S
6J	Owen B

STREAKS—WHO HAS GOT THE LONGEST STREAKS?

This shows you how many consecutive days they have played.

CLASS	NAME	DAYS STREAK
5S	Tamsin F	33
5P	Mia I	40
5J	Rachael F	60
6S	Matthew S	57
6S	Dhiya P	40
6P	Dawid P	61
6J	Thurkka	62
6J	Raiyan S	54

CHILDREN IN NEED



Thank you for generously donating to Children in Need this month. We raised a total of £306.18 from our collection buckets at the school gates.

DIARY DATES: AUTUMN TERM 2023

DEC	Value of the Month: Respect
Fri 1 Dec	Carshalton Beeches Yulefest
Fri 8 Dec	Last day to order children's Christmas dinner
Mon 11 Dec	Mufti in return for 2 surprise presents
Tue 12 Dec	Surprise Presents Room.
Wed 13 Dec	Christmas Celebration at Trinity Church. Doors open parents 6pm for 6.30pm - 8pm
Mon 18 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day/ Class parties pm
Mon 18 Dec	Y6 Carol Singing in the Community 5pm -6.30pm TBC
Wed 20 Dec	Christmas Lunch for all
Thur 21 Dec	Awards Assembly for children 9.20am. Y3/4 finish 1:40 pm Y5/6 finish 1:45 pm

SPJS PTA
Presents

CHRISTMAS WINTER WARMER

Friday 8th December

From 3pm in Juniors Playground

Get that festive feeling with:

- Hot Chocolate
- Music
- Games
- Cakes
- Mulled Wine
- Toffee Apples
- Gingerbread
- Prizes

All proceeds for your school, we hope to see you there!