



OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We would like to thank you for all the kind donations sent in for this year's harvest assembly. These were all very gratefully collected by Mr Clements, a volunteer from the Sutton Food Bank, for local distribution.

Our theme this year was "Lavender" as this is a local harvest which many of our children have some experience of. In assembly, each Year Group presented work on the lavender harvest. This included historical links, geography, science, art, creative writing, singing and poetry. Some children also made lavender sachets.

Children in the Year 3 art club were inspired by local artist John Stillman and R.E. work included Pongal, Sukkot and looking after the planet for future generations.

Thank you too for all the photos of our school families in the Mayfield and Carshalton Lavender fields. These will form a colourful display in the corridor for all to enjoy.

We really appreciate your generous gifts and hope that the children enjoyed the chance to learn more about their local environment and to think about the needs of others, saying "Thank You" and the importance of sharing where we can.





SPORTS EVENTS



BOROUGH CROSS COUNTRY: 3RD PLACE FOR SPJS!

On Thursday 12th October, selected children from Years 4, 5 & 6 were invited to participate in the annual cross country event at Northey Avenue playing fields. Despite the rainy morning, the children arrived at the event full of enthusiasm and excitement for their upcoming race. The track was a mile-long pathway through the woods with some steep inclines but, despite these obstacles, all children persevered and showed resilience and determination to succeed. We were really pleased to see children's sportsmanship and how they cheered on everyone from start to finish. With over 120 children in each race and 25 schools competing, we are so proud of the children and how well they represented SPJS. We are even prouder of our brilliant results!

A particular mention should go to these children for some notable performances in their races, and a shoutout to Zofia for running one year up in the Y6 Girls race.

YEAR 4:

Eilidh P - 4th
Ava Q - 21st
Saoirse M - 26th
Josh A - 5th
Jude M - 9th
Isaac S - 25th
Luke S - 26th
Alexander N - 27th



YEAR 5:

Beverly-Ann P - 16th
Tamsin F - 22nd
Ethan P - 27th



YEAR 6:

Callum K - 5th
Oliver B - 26th

A huge congratulations to **Eilidh, Josh & Jude** in Year 4 and **Callum** in Year 6 for coming in the TOP 10! Callum has also been invited to represent Sutton in the London Youth Games for his amazing result.

The achievements don't stop there...we are thrilled to announce that, out of 25 schools, SPJS came **3rd** overall. This is a fantastic achievement and one that we are so proud of.

YEAR 3 ARCHERY FESTIVAL



On Friday 6th October, selected Year 3 children participated in an archery festival at Rushy Meadow. They enjoyed participating in a variety of carousel activities which involved learning how to use a bow and arrow and how it is important to aim carefully at the target. Each target had several points that the children had to aim for - all children engaged well and gave it their best shot. Well done to Lara who managed to score a bullseye!



YEAR 3 ORIENTEERING

Stanley Park recently hosted an orienteering event for our local Schools Sports Partnership aimed at Year 3 children. Five local schools visited the grounds of SPJS to take part in some team-building exercises before exploring the area using our new orienteering course.

YEAR 3-5 MULTI-SKILLS

Earlier in the month, a group of children walked to Wallington Girls School to participate in a circuit of ten activities, which covered a range of skills required to play many sports. For example, team building, shooting and coordination. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities run by Year 12 sports leaders, including some ex-pupils. Oisín said, "I had a great time! My favourite activity was archery."



YEAR 4 TAG RUGBY

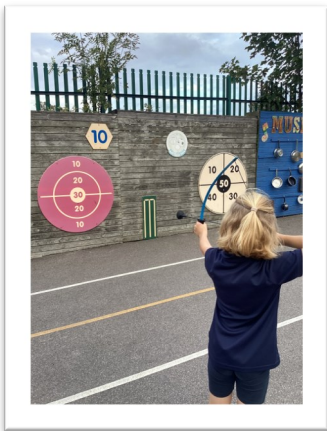
On Monday 16th October, some Year 4 children took part in a tag-rugby festival linked with a local secondary school, John Fisher. The aim of the event was to teach the children some of the skills needed for the game. They were then given the opportunity to use these skills in three mini-matches against some local schools.



YEAR 6 MULTISKILLS — PURLEY

At the beginning of the month, a group of Year 6 children took part in a multi-sports festival. The aim of the event was to allow us to participate in and experience a range of different sports. The activities we completed were: hockey, diamond cricket, tennis and squash. The children had a wonderful time and all received some further information about extra-curricular clubs that run locally. If you would like any information about clubs that are available in the local area, please get in touch.

FAMILY SPORTS EVENING



It was fantastic that so many families were able to join us for the Family Sports Evening. There were a variety of activities on offer including bench ball, dodge ball, archery, netball, table tennis,

rounders and Death or Glory (a rounders style game). Needless to say, it did get a little competitive at times, especially within families! Everyone seemed to have a great time and certainly burned some calories. Thank you to every one who came and to all the staff for organising and running their stations.



YEAR 6 SPORTS LEADERS



This month, our newly recruited Y6 sports leaders completed a morning training session at SPJS to enable them to be a confident leader! They learnt all about some key leadership skills such as communication, collaboration, teamwork and resilience as well as how to promote good sportsmanship and encouragement. At the end of the morning, they got to put these skills to the test with some fun-filled games with Year 4, who thoroughly enjoyed it! Lots of positive comments and feedback were given by the children about their leaders.

Our Year 6 sports leaders for this academic year are:

6S - Mia, Zachary, Ania, Isaac, Jack, Eden, Thomas

6P - Alice, Tyler, Emily



A huge thank you to Miss Powell and Miss Baldock for arranging such a variety of sporting opportunities for our children. Thank you also to those parents who are able to arrange transport to and from these events.

NONSUCH PARK RUN



As practice for the Cross Country, quite a few pupils, including Ollie R in 4P, completed the local Park run. Ollie said he loved it and would do it again, but not every Sunday because it's very early!!

Well done to all SPJS children who have had a go at the

Nonsuch Park in recent weeks.

After Ollie competed in the Primary Borough Cross County, he and Seb were lucky enough to meet local Paralympian David Weir who was there supporting his daughter who was running in the Year 6 category.



BULB PLANTING

The Friends of Carshalton Park would like to thank Mrs Galligan for organising the community bulb planting event on 28th October. 2000 bulbs were planted in 2.5 hours. They are also very grateful to the friends, neighbours, local school children, Guides and Scouts who turned up to help. This included Lily, Eleanor and Matthew from 6S.

(There is no longer a need to plant on Sunday 12 November they managed to plant all the bulb in one go).



DIARY DATES FOR THE REST OF TERM

NOV

Fri 3 Nov

w/b 6 & 13 Nov

Mon 6 Nov

Fri 10 Nov

w/b 13 Nov

Wed 15 Nov

Thur 16 Nov

Fri 17 Nov

w/b 20 Nov

Wed 22 Nov

Mon 27 Nov

DEC

Fri 1 Dec

Mon 11 Dec

Tue 12 Dec

Wed 13 Dec

Mon 18 Dec

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Wed 20 Dec

Thur 21 Dec

Value of the Month: Kindness

INSET DAY

Primary Maths Challenge Y5/6 Selected pupils

SPJS Opening Morning for Y2 parents for Sept 2024 admission 9.30am-11am

Project Guidance Sent Out

Anti Bullying Week. Odd socks day on Monday 13 November.

Parents' Evening 3.40-7.50

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Children in Need. Dress up in Spotty Clothes or pyjamas

Road Safety Week

Flu Vaccinations for all pupils who give consent

Last swimming lesson for Y5

Value of the Month: Respect

Carshalton Beeches Yulefest

Mufti in return for 2 surprise presents (date tbc)

Surprise Presents Room. (date tbc)

Christmas Celebration at Trinity Church. Doors open parents 6pm for 6.30pm - 8pm

Christmas Jumper Day/ Class parties pm

Y6 Carol Singing in the Community 5pm -6.30pm

Christmas Lunch

Awards Assembly for children 9.20am. Y3/4 finish 1:40 pm Y5/6 finish 1:45 pm

RECYCLING WEEK

TRIP TO BEDDINGTON ENERGY RECOVERY CENTRE



On Tuesday 17th October the eco reps went on a trip to Beddington Energy Recovery Centre where they listened to a talk about the importance of recycling and how waste that cannot be recycled is dealt with. They also learnt about how the plant powered electricity. During this trip, the children had an opportunity to see examples of how materials can be reused, for example, using an old pair of socks to make a cuddly toy. As a final task, the children had to look at some everyday items from a room in a house, and then sort them into the correct box for recycling.



They took what they learnt from the trip and shared their knowledge with the rest of the school in their assembly for recycling week.

LITTER PICKING ESCAPADES

On Wednesday 18th October, the eco reps from the Juniors merged with the eco reps from the Infants' to take part in a litter picking event. We went along Glebe path and found lots of hidden wrappers and papers hidden in the leaves on the sides of the path. The children worked in groups of 5 and it was a good experience for the older children to help the younger children. Taking part in this event made us realise that although from a distance the path looked clear, there was still a lot of litter that was found. Therefore litter picking is beneficial to keeping our area tidy and more environmentally friendly. Why not give it a go with your family?

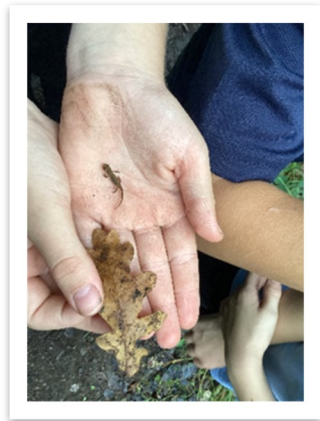
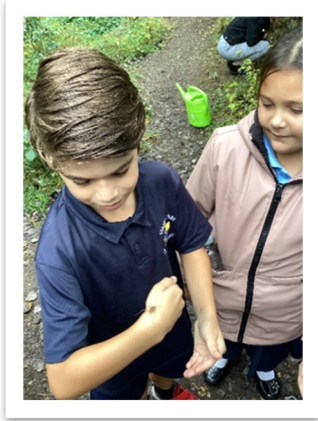


In addition to raising awareness for recycling week, the children have optional tasks to complete including:

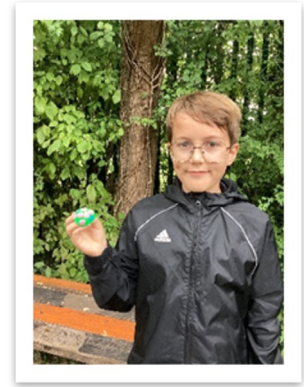
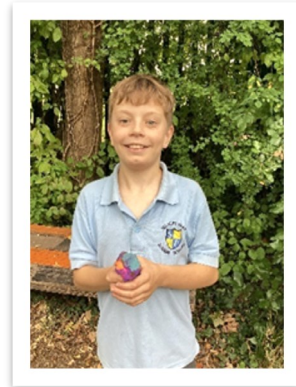
- entering a poster competition - entries must be in by Friday 24th November.
- completing a photo challenge.
- making a poppy out of recyclable items.

OUTDOOR LEARNING NEWS

We are very pleased to share that children have spotted baby newts, newt tadpoles in the pond! Also we have found a small adult while minibeast hunting. The baby pigeon that was nesting in the tree in the Green Zone has fledged!



In **Year 6** we made a living tree out of different objects and our own space fungus to celebrate Space Week 4-10 October and UK Fungus Day on the 7th October.

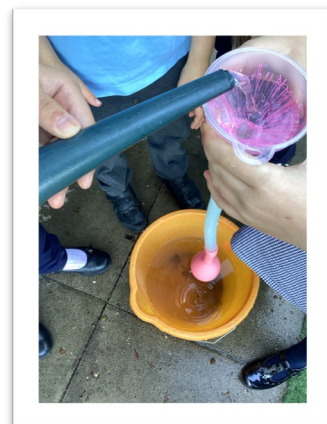


GARDENING GROUP'S FABULOUS PUMPKINS

In **Year 3** we planted our own radishes, pumpkin, peas and marigold for the allotment at the start of the year. We have been learnt about the different ways we can grow a plant (seed, bulb, tuber, runners and cuttings). We were able to show Year 3 the progress of the honeysuckle cuttings that **Year 5** took. They have grown roots and are ready for planting.



In **Year 4** we have learnt about the different types of animals and had hands on play with how we digest food.



TT ROCKSTARS & SPELLING SHED



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

CLASS	NAME
3S	Udhbhav B
3P	Lara L
3J	Huxley M
4S	Mia L
4P	Jason M
4J	Hau-Yee T



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

CLASS	NAME	SCORE
3J	Max K	2,227,992
3P	Ellie K	4,997,044
3S	Stephan C	683,104
4J	Joshua D	763,360
4P	Jason M	462,552
4S	Mia K	3,082,980
5J	Alexander S-M	1,082,932
5P	Sabrina W	382,570
5S	Eason L	10,897,664
6P	Jacob M	104,430
6S	Ania D	3,092,136

TOP SPELLING GROUPS

	CLASS	SCORE
1	5S	17,099,401
2.	3P	8,511,477
3.	4S	6,514,897



Well done to all these children who have worked really hard to complete their Daily Doodle Maths in October. These are the highest scoring stars for the month!

CLASS	NAME	TOTAL STARS
5S	Harry X	1029
5P	Sabrina W	932
5J	Thurston H	1115
6S	Matthew S	1186
6P	Iona A	585
6J	Raiyan S	1032

STREAKS—WHO HAS GOT THE LONGEST STREAKS IN THE LAST 28 DAYS ?

This shows you how many consecutive days they have played.

CLASS	NAME	DAYS STREAK
5P	Mia I	9
5J	Rachael F	31
6S	Matthew S	28
6P	Dawid P	31
6J	Thurkkka	31

Some children have been assigned Doodle English in Years 5 and 6. Here are our Top Doodlers in October for English.

CLASS	NAME	TOTAL STARS
Year 5	Gaurava G	351
Year 6	Rayan S	1250

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



Thank you so much to all those parents who donated to our MacMillan coffee morning. Together with the Infants' school, we raised £212 towards this very worthy cause.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

We look forward to sharing information about what the children have been learning about in Black History Month in the next newsletter.



TERM DATES for 2023/2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Monday 4 th September 2023	INSET DAY - School Closed
Tuesday 5 th September 2023	INSET DAY - School Closed
Wednesday 6 th September 2023	Term Starts for Pupils
w/c 23 rd October 2023	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 30 th October 2023	Start of 2 nd half of term
Friday 3 rd November 2023	INSET DAY - School Closed
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Term Ends for pupils Y3/4 1.40; y5/6 1.45pm

SPRING TERM 2024

Monday 8 th January 2024	INSET DAY - School Closed
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	Term Starts for Pupils
w/c 12 th February 2024	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Term Ends for Pupils Y3/4 1.40; y5/6 1.45pm

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15 th April 2024	Term Starts for Pupils
Monday 6 th May 2024	BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed
Friday 24 th May 2024	INSET DAY - School Closed
w/c 27 th May 2024	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Wednesday 24 th July 2024	Term Ends for Pupils Y3/4 1.40; y5/6 1.45pm