

STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER 1

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WELCOME FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

The governing board of Stanley Park Junior School would like to welcome all staff, parents and children back to school after what we hope was an enjoyable and rejuvenating summer break. We extend a particularly warm welcome to our new Year 3 pupils and their parents: we hope the children have had a smooth transition from the Infants' school and are enjoying all the new experiences and opportunities that Junior school has to offer. We look forward to getting to know you in the weeks and months to come. Above all, we wish all our children, parents and staff members another happy and successful year at SPJS!

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We are delighted to say that Emma Clements has been elected as Parent Governor for the next four years. She has already served on the Governing Board for the past four years and has made a significant impact so we are delighted that she nominated herself this year and will continue to drive forward SPJS along with all other Governors.

FAMILY SPORTS EVENING



We had another very successful family sports evening this term. Children and their families were given the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of activities, compete against and learn new skills with each other. The event started with a whole group warm-up to music led by Mrs Gray and Mr Broers, families then took part in Bollywood dancing, tag rugby, table tennis, four square, ball skills and korfbal. The staff and families that took part had a great evening and all said they were looking forward to the next one!

Y6 RE DAY - "BELONGING"



Y6s took part in an R.E day which used a range of different activities to look at the theme of belonging. These included the use of playdough to explore different emotions; letter writing, and drawing to reflect on who they liked to spend time with and why.

They also looked at a real life situation of someone who had changed their life for the better and found a sense of belonging.



Y5 DANCE TEACHING FROM GLENTHORNE

Year 5 teachers and children are getting the opportunity to work alongside a dance teacher from Glenthorne Secondary school. Teachers are developing their skills in teaching dance whilst the children are being taught from a specialist dance teacher. We are always trying to improve what we do at SPJS and this is a fantastic opportunity for all involved.

AHOY THERE!



On Friday 22nd September year 3 rid their 'landlubber' ways to become pirates for the day. Our scurvy crew arrived ready to take part in the race to find the treasures hidden

around our playground, but not before they learnt how to talk like a pirate and read a treasure map. They also brought their pirate character to life by choosing adjectives to describe themselves and writing a character description. Our scallywags really did pass every challenge thrown at them, even walking the plank!

SING FOR PEACE DAY

On Wednesday 20th September all pupils performed to parents and carers at the end of the day, in preparation for International Sing for Peace Day (Thursday 21st).

The song we chose was entitled 'Sing a Song in Unison' and spoke about the importance of uniting with people across the globe to celebrate our world and the people that live in it. Thank you to those of you who arrived early to hear us sing. We hope our message of hope, peace and joy was conveyed through our performance.

Y3 LOCAL AREA WALK



This term, year 3 have been learning about our local area by looking at maps, showing landmarks and plotting journeys. We also went on a walk around the area surrounding our school to see how the land is used while also learning more about our science topic, plants, and how they are growing during the autumn.

Y5 ANCIENT GREEK DAY

On Friday 13th October, the children in Year 5 enjoyed an *Ancient Greek Day*. They dressed up in Ancient Greek clothing—fantastic costumes! - and enjoyed a range of activities: they created their own mythological beast, made top trump cards based on Greek mythology and sculpted their own ancient Greek pottery using clay. All the children really enjoyed the experience and should take home some cherished memories as well as some great learning.



FUNDRAISING AWARD FOR MAX

Well done to Max in year 3 who raised the huge sum of £2,275 for the Encephalitis Society in Feb this year. Max himself suffered from this illness which has left him with epilepsy.

Last month Max was handed his award in London. Roald Dahl had a huge interest in the brain and medicine to help the brain, and so Roald Dahl's (real) doctor was there. (Prof Tom Solomon)

The Prof did an excellent workshop and Max and his sister Sophie learnt lots about Roald Dahl's life and why Dahl was so interested in the brain.



OUTDOOR LEARNING



We have started the school year by searching for fruits and seeds in the green zone. We found a wide range and discussed the different methods of seed dispersal. We also

found many spiders who had made their webs across plants and trees.

During October year 5s made beautiful autumn collages. Year 3 have been identifying parts of plants and year 4 have been planting daffodil bulbs for us all to enjoy next year



SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL BRONZE AWARD!

We would like to thank all of you for your support in making active lifestyle choices last year. As a result of this, we are excited to have been awarded a STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) Bronze Award. By celebrating and taking part in events such as Road Safety Week, Happy Shoesday and Walk to School Week, we have shown that we care about our environment as well as our own health and well-being. Last year we were pleased to see 50% of our children choosing active travel by either walking, scooting or cycling to school. This is a great result! Look out for further updates during the year as we strive towards achieving the Silver Award.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival was celebrated with the children in our Assembly on Wednesday 18th October. Thank you very much for all your donations. These have been collected for distribution to homeless people in London by the Manna Society.

SPORTS LEADERS

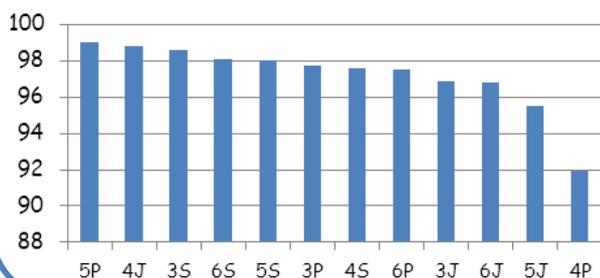
On Thursday 5th October, our Sports Leaders completed their training and will begin their role during lunchtimes. They were introduced to their new role and were given a toolkit of ideas. The main part of their role is to organise sports activities for years 3 and 4, to encourage them to be active and have fun during lunchtimes. Why not give them a try?



ATTENDANCE

Well Done to 5P who have had the highest attendance for both September and October, and to 4J who were a close 2nd.

**% Attendance
for September & October**

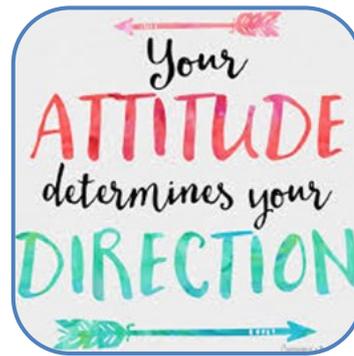


COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and joined us for our MacMillan Coffee Morning. SPJS and SPIS raised a total of £273.82 for this very worthwhile cause.



VALUE OF THE MONTH



September's Value of the Month was "Sense of Pride" which is our school motto. Children demonstrated a Sense of Pride

in their appearance, behaviour and general attitude. Year 6 children shared some drama performances in assembly to share how they reflected on this value. In October our value is Positivity. We shared how having a positive attitude in life helps you feel better about yourself and changes how you see any challenges you might face.

NSPCC ASSEMBLIES

NSPCC visited our school in September and delivered their "Speak out. Stay safe" assembly to share information with your child about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries. If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/

YEAR 6 PARENTS

As you are already aware, applications can now be made for entrance into Secondary School for September 2018. The closing date for applications is 31st October. The London Borough of Sutton have asked for applications to be made by 24th October if possible.

SPORTS NEWS

Boys Football

On Tuesday 26th September, some of the football team went to play, what would turn out to be, a thrilling tournament. The event, which took place at Sutton United, was not as easy as you would have thought: a tense



semi-final leading into a nerve-wracking final.

To start the tournament with a bang, SPJS won all their group stages, dropping only one goal. The first match 2-0, the second 3-1 and the third 1-0. The team were now beginning to feel at ease in this unfamiliar ground.

Going into the semi-final with as much strength as they could muster, they kept it together for the first half, conceding no goals. After subbing a few players on and off, the team prepared for what would be a rollercoaster of a second half. After the opposition scored a few minutes later, everyone felt disheartened. Unnerved by the situation, Stanley Park continued to play exceptionally well and scored two goals in the same minute, one, an outrageous free-kick from the halfway line! Unfortunately, it was not over just yet. As the full time whistle was about to blow,

SPJS conceded: 2-2.

With extra time being only 3 minutes, the daunting prospect of penalties is one the team didn't want to face. However, with 30 seconds to spare, Ollie crept into the penalty area. An accurate pass found Ollie's foot mid-air. As the ball flew off his foot, the crowd held their breath... It was a goal! SPJS were in the final!

The final, unfortunately led into penalties and both teams scored their first two goals. Our goalie, Luke, then saved their third try and Sonny stepped up to the spot. His first penalty was saved, but the goalie was off his line. The penalty was retaken and to everyone's delight, he scored!

The team showed an amazing display of football and they will now go on to represent Sutton in the Surrey round.

Brilliant Win for the Girls

On Monday 6th of October, SPJS girls travelled to Sutton United FC for a match against Cheam Common.



When we arrived, we did a fast warm up ready for the match. The first half started and we were off.

Immediately, SPJS Girls took possession of the ball and scored a screamer!

Half Time 1-0.

Second half SPJS were always on the ball and ready but at one point a strong Cheam Common player took possession and took a shot but the keeper (Jane) saved it! After that SPJS decided that they weren't going to take another chance.

5 minutes later we scored an amazing goal and with a bit more confidence they kept coming through! All in all , SPJS scored 8 goals. The final score was 8-0. We were all very proud.

Eva =3

Maisy =3

Ella=1

Sophie=1

by Maisy L and Jane P.

DIARY DATES

Fri 20 Oct	Wear it Wild Day - dress up as animal.
W/b 23 Oct	HALF TERM
Mon 30 Oct	INSET DAY - School closed for children
Tue 31 Oct	Children back in school
Tue 31/ Wed 1	Jnr School Open morning for Reception 2018 Intake 10.15-11.15am
Wed 1 Nov	Children's projects due in
Tues 7 Nov	Parents Evening 2.30 - 6pm School closing at 2pm
Wed 8 Nov	Parents Evening 3.30-6.30 pm
Wed 8 Nov	Y3 and Y4 Nasal Flu Vaccinations 11.15am
Fri 10 Nov	Yr 6 Trip to Sutton Life Centre
Fri 10 Nov	Project Guidance Sent Out
Mon 13 Nov	Anti Bullying Week - Whole School Focus
Tue 14 Nov	Open Morning for Y2 parents 9-10.30 am
Wed 15 Nov	6S Honeywood Lodge
Wed 15 Nov	Parental Workshop - bullying am and pm
Thur 16 Nov	6P Honeywood Lodge
Thur 16 Nov	Y4 Maya Workshop
Fri 17 Nov	Children in Need - Dress up in Spotty Clothes
Wk bgn 20 Nov	Road Safety Week - focus in lessons this week
Thur 23 Nov	6J Honeywood Lodge
Fri 1 Dec	Y3 Trip to Museum of London
Fri 1 Dec	PTA children's Christmas Disco TBC
Mon 4 Dec	Y5 Viking Workshop at Greenwich Maritime Museum
Tue 12 Dec	Nativity Performed to parents - evening
Thur 14 Dec	Christmas Celebration Rehearsal - Trinity Church, Sutton am
Mon 18 Dec	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 TBC
Wed 20 Dec	End of Term 1:45 pm