



SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

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

WOW BASKETBALL DAY



On Monday 18th September, SPJS were visited by the world's tallest basketball player, Paul Sturgess. Reaching a height of 7ft 7.26 (the children learnt that the .26 was a crucial part of being a world record holder!) Paul captivated us all with stories of his time professionally playing basketball for the Harlem Globetrotters, details about starring in several films and TV series and answering the very popular question: **what is life like when you're the world's tallest basketball player?**

In the morning, Paul shared that the Harlem Globetrotters start every game

with a 'magic circle', where all players form a circle and take it in turns to showcase their best basketball tricks. He called upon Noah, Rahul, Saoirse and Henry to help him demonstrate what this looks like and taught them how to pass and control the ball using different parts of their bodies.

Throughout the day, each class had a basketball workshop with Paul that involved some fun games focusing on dribbling and keeping control of the ball. The day finished with a Q&A session where Paul talked about his roles in Avatar, Doctor Who & Fantastic Beasts (to name a few!)

He left SPJS having taught us all a very powerful message about how it's good to be different and how we are all born to stand out.



Y3 TRIP TO BUTSER FARM



On Thursday 21st September, Year 3 had the opportunity to visit Butser Ancient Farm - an open-air, archaeology museum - where they learnt all about 'Stone Age to Iron Age'.

The children had a wonderful time discovering this period of time in a hands-on, practical way. They were able to sit inside a replica Iron Age house around an open fire, and had the opportunity to wattle fences, make pots from clay taken out of the ground, create their own copper jewellery and carve chalk to create their own pieces of Stone Age art.

The children strived to show their Sense of Pride by listening carefully, answering questions clearly, following the instructions given and trying out the new skills taught on the day.



By the end of the day they were both messy and exhausted - a clear sign that they had given 100% to all of the experiences on offer. We now look forward to building upon their knowledge and understanding throughout this exciting history topic.

YEAR 5 WONDERDOME

Year 5 had the Wonderdome visit as part of their space topic. They had the opportunity to ask an astronomer lots of questions about the stars and planets, after watching some fantastic footage taken aboard various space shuttles.



SING FOR PEACE

This year, Stanley Park Junior School marked the International Day of Peace on Friday 22nd September as Y3 had a trip on Thursday 21st. We chose to sing 'Light a Candle for Peace' by Shelley Murley - a beautiful song about our desire to share peace and love all around the world. The children sang beautifully, in 2 parts, and communicated their message of peace brilliantly. Thank you to the parents and carers who came to listen. It was wonderful to sing to such a large audience.

MEET THE TEACHER/ CURRICULUM EVENINGS

Thank you to those parents who came along to our curriculum meetings earlier this month.

If you weren't able to attend, you may wish to have a look at the Powerpoint presentation from the evening, together with the curriculum plans for this year. This information can be found on the Year Group pages of our website:

<https://www.spjs.org/year3.php>

<https://www.spjs.org/year4.php>

<https://www.spjs.org/year5.php>

WELL DONE IMOGEN!

We were really proud to hear about Imogen C's success in her recent grade 1 piano exam. She passed with flying colours and achieved **DISTINCTION** – the highest mark you can achieve! A fantastic achievement—well done and it is testament to the great amount of effort that goes into practising each week. Keep up the hard work.



WELL DONE LEO!

Earlier this month, Leo G completed his first Aquathon together with several other children from SPJS. This involved completing a swim and a run. Brilliant!



Primary Family Support Group Empowering parents to build healthy relationships with their children

When: Mondays at 12.45-2pm

Venue: Limes College, Sutton West Site, Robin Hood Lane, Sutton SM1 2SD

Entrance: Via Blue Gates to the left-hand side of the ball court

Dates:

02/10/23: Introductions, ground rules, parenting styles

09/10/23: Parent's mental health and well-being

16/10/23: Contextual Safeguarding

23/10/23: No Group

30/10/23: No Group

06/11/23: Promoting positivity in children

13/11/23: Rules, boundaries, sanctions, rewards, bedtimes, conflict

20/11/2023: Online Safety

27/11/23: Supporting children's mental health, anxiety, self-esteem /Zones of regulation

04/12/23: Review ending, what next, evaluation

All welcome

Whilst we know that some parents may not be able to attend every session, we do encourage parents to attend as many sessions as possible. As the group develops with each session, trust and relationships will build and parents will hopefully feel more supported by each other and grow in confidence.

Once you have signed up to the group, we ask that parents contact Georgia or Nibby if for some reason you are unable to attend that week

We would like to extend this invite to all parents of a primary aged child in the London Borough of Sutton. We hope to offer parents a safe space to meet other parents in a similar situation to learn more about different topics and explore new ideas that will support your child's social emotional growth and development.

Parents will:

Feel more empowered and confident to trust their own judgements when supporting their children

Build self-esteem and confidence

Share ideas and tips with each other

For more information and to register your interest and to discuss any queries please call or email either: Nibby, Jackie or Georgia

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HARVEST FESTIVAL



We will be celebrating harvest festival with the children in a special assembly on Wednesday 11th October. In preparation for this, we would be very grateful donations of non-perishable items. These should be brought into school on Monday 9th October.

Any donations will be collected by the Sutton Food Bank for distribution to local families in need. These are the items which are needed most:

HARVEST PHOTOGRAPHS

We would also be grateful if children could bring in copies of any photos they may have of themselves in the local lavender fields for our harvest display.





COMMITTED TO ERADICATING FOOD POVERTY



We are seeing significant increases in demand. We are most in need of:

JAMS	RICE (500G)	TINNED VEGETABLES
SHAMPOO	INSTANT MASH	TINNED TOMATO SOUP
BISCUITS	TINNED FRUIT	COFFEE (SMALL JARS)
MEAT SOUPS	SUGAR (500G)	TEABAGS 40'S & 80'S
SHOWER GEL	PASTA (500G)	TINNED RICE PUDDING
DEODORANTS	TINNED CUSTARD	SMALL CHOCOLATE BARS
PASTA SAUCE	TINNED TOMATOES	UHT SEMI SKIMMED MILK
TINNED FISH	SPONGE PUDDINGS	CEREALS (500G OR LESS)
TINNED MEAT	VEGETABLE SOUPS	ORANGE JUICE (LONG LIFE)

Thank you for your support!

www.suttoncommunityworks.orgSutton Community Works Registered Charity: 1140363

TT ROCKSTARS & SPELLING SHED



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

CLASS	NAME
3S	Evan M
3P	Alek E
3J	Anzhou Y
4S	Mia K
4P	Noah T
4J	Vir B



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

CLASS	NAME	SCORE
3J	Anzhou Y	1,572,400
3P	Caroline S	4,741,329
3S	Udhbhav B	809,656
4J	Rahul J	4,040,024
4P	Jason M	2,804,392
4S	Leo G	5,478,088
5J	Alexander S	2,330,388
5P	Keira C	586,238
5S	Freddie P	775,400
6P	Dawid P	223,564
6S	Dylan K	88,196

TOP SPELLING GROUPS

	CLASS	SCORE
1	4S	10,544,465
2.	3P	9,806,018
3.	4J	8,938,382



Children in Year 5 and 6 have Doodle Maths or Doodle English to complete each night rather than TTRockstars. These are our Top Doodlers for September for maths.

CLASS	NAME
5S	Tamsin F
5P	Hector M
5J	Grace X
6S	Eleanor K
6P	Layla A
6J	Raiyan S

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We were delighted with the number of children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge run by Sutton Libraries. Here are some of our avid readers with their certificates.



DIARY DATES; AUTUMN TERM 2023

OCT	Value of the Month: Perseverance
Oct	Black History Month
Mon 2 Oct	Y6 Parents' Evenings: Application to Secondary School 6.00pm virtual https://meet.google.com/wox-aqxt-hbm
Mon 2 Oct	Parents to return Christmas Card Artwork
w/b 2 Oct	World Space Week
Tue 3 Oct	Photographs: Individual & Siblings (in SPJS only)
Thurs 5 Oct	National Poetry Day: Theme Refuge
Mon 9 Oct	Donations for Harvest Festival
Wed 11 Oct	Harvest Festival assembly for children
Fri 13 Oct	Literacy and Maths Books sent home for parents to view
w/b 16 Oct	Recycling Week 2023: The Big Recycling Hunt
Fri 20 Oct	Break up half term for pupils 3.20pm (Y3/4) 3.25 (Y5/6)
23- 27 Oct	HALF TERM
Mon 30 Oct	Children back in school
NOV	Value of the Month: Kindness
Wed 1 Nov	Children's projects due in
Fri 3 Nov	INSET DAY
w/b 6 & 13 Nov	Primary Maths Challenge Y5/6 Selected pupils
Mon 6 Nov	SPJS Opening Morning for Y2 parents for Sept 2024 admission 9.30am-11am
Fri 10 Nov	Project Guidance Sent Out
w/b 13 Nov	Anti Bullying Week
Mon 13 Nov	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
Wed 15 Nov	Parents' Evening 3.40-7.50
Thur 16 Nov	Parents' Evening 3.40-5.50
Fri 17 Nov	Children in Need. Dress up in Spotty Clothes
w/b 20 Nov	Road Safety Week
Wed 22 Nov	Flu Vaccinations for all pupils who give consent
Fri 24 Nov	Children's Discos Y3 and 4 Y5 and 6 (date tbc)
Mon 27 Nov	Last swimming lesson for Y5
DEC	Value of the Month: Respect
Fri 1 Dec	Carshalton Beeches YuleFest
Mon 11 Dec	Mufti in return for 2 surprise presents (date tbc)
Tue 12 Dec	Surprise Presents Room. (date tbc)
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
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



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