



Y6 News Christmas 2022

It has been an incredibly busy term for year 6!
Included here are some of the highlights of the term written by the children themselves.

Microorganisms

This term, in science we learnt about micro-organisms in our topic called 'Living Things'. We did a mould investigation where we did an experiment using bread to see which factors can affect the growth of mould. We got two slices of bread either white or brown. Everyone got into groups of three and put something on one slice of bread e.g. toothpaste or water. The independent variable in this experiment was the factor we changed. An example of this was one slice of bread had water poured onto it and one slice of bread was left dry. In this example we found that wet bread moulded quicker than the dry slice of bread. Some of them were really disgusting because there was a large percentage of mould left by the end of the experiment.

We also wrote a poster about all our knowledge on micro-organisms. The 3 examples of them are viruses, fungi and bacteria. Some facts are, fungi like to eat 50000 leaves a day, viruses grow faster than any other living organism and bacteria is almost everywhere in the world!

Maddie and Orpheas 6P

Harvest

For this year's Harvest celebration, each year group learnt a harvest song courtesy of Mrs Reeves and also a poem. Our poem was 'Missing', by Mike Johnson, about a polluted planet which showed a before and after appearance. Each year we donate to a different charity so this year it was the Sutton Food Bank because they were desperately in need.

Ollie and Oliver 6S

Pantomime

In late November we watched a play called 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. It was an amazing show they put on. They even made Miss Clare dance on the stage! You could tell that the cast had a lot of experience performing which made the show enjoyable. We loved the modern twists and while some parts were actually quite scary they were fun at the same time and the whole show got us excited for the rest of the day. We really enjoyed it!



Freya and Phoebe 6S

Road Safety

In road safety we learnt about how to keep safe on roads. The theme for this week was 'Safe Roads for All'. Linking to our trip to the Sutton Life Centre, we looked at the different crossings we experienced on the trip and how some of the crossings could be changed in order for them to be accessible to all groups of people such as people with visual impairment, disabilities, hearing issues, the elderly etc. We also recapped the different types of crossings there are and their purposes.



Dylan and Sophie 6P

Anti-Bullying

On the week beginning 16th November, Stanley Park Junior School took part in anti-bullying week. Anti-bullying week was a week to think about bullying and ways that we can prevent it from happening. The theme this year was 'Reach Out'. To reach out means to talk to someone about what to do if you are being bullied or other situations. As a class, we made and cut out hands that we decorated and then wrote on each finger people you can go to, to get support and what it means to reach out. We really enjoyed taking part in the activities and here are some examples of the hands that we designed.



Tom and Louie 6P



Sutton Life Centre

In November, we went on a trip to Sutton Life Centre. Firstly, we left school and walked to Carshalton Beeches Station, before taking two trains to Sutton Common. When we arrived at the centre, we received a warm friendly welcome. Once we were seated, we were given a quiz to test our knowledge of life skills. The results showed we had much to learn!

We were organised into groups and went round a variety of activities teaching us life skills. We had lessons about: eating healthily; E-Safety; safety on public transport; emergency response; child safety; fire safety and environmental protection.

Here are some of the most interesting facts that we learnt:

- One Mars bar has 9 teaspoons of sugar in and children of our age should only consume 7 teaspoons of sugar a day
- It is important to stay your height plus a big step away from the yellow line whilst waiting for public transport.
- We learnt about the Dr ABC rule when someone has an accident or falls ill. This means look for danger, check for response, check airway, feel for breathing, call 999.
- A door can hold back fire for 20 minutes.
- The safest and most secure passwords are ones that are formed by three random words.

At the end, we completed the test again and we scored much better this time. We returned to school having learnt many important life skills.



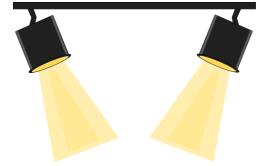
Hayden, Amelia, Maisy, Krish, Thomas and Tolu, 6J

6J Class Assembly

Our assembly was about the Victorian era. We practised hard for two weeks, learning lines and fine-tuning our performance. We had lots of interesting songs and poems and enjoyed acting as street children and children at school.

Our play had a mixture of lines, poems and songs based on the Victorian era. We were nervous performing firstly to the Year 3-5s but our confidence grew. There was a big crowd when we performed to our parents and year group but we worked together and gave a good performance.

We really enjoyed performing our assembly to everyone and learnt a lot about the Victorian era at the same time.

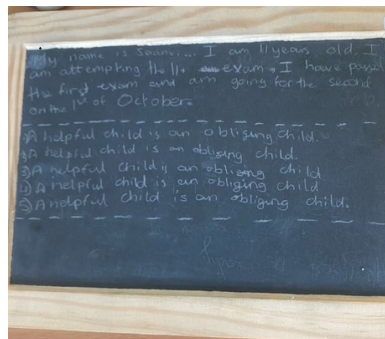


Nameer, Riley, Arthur, Samuel, Kai and Gian 6J

Victorian Day

For our Victorian Day, we all dressed up as Victorians, rich or poor, and learnt about the era in a range of activities. Our visitor for the day showed us all about how they lived, including children's jobs such as chimney sweeps and how they could be injured doing such dangerous work. Some of our learning we did through dramatic performances! We made embossed 'coins' and thaumatropes - spinning toys that have an image on both sides so that when spun, the two images would mix, making an illusion. We also learnt about a range of Victorian slang and enjoyed a quiz at the end of the day about everything we had discovered during the day. Overall, it was very fun learning about the Victorians in a different way.

George and Aarush 6S



A word from the teachers...

The children have settled well into Year 6 this year and have worked hard to become good role models for the younger year groups. They have proven to be responsible citizens by taking a range of monitor roles; prefect responsibilities and sports leaders. Showing enthusiasm of learning across the curriculum, has enabled them to become successful learners. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing the amount of confident individuals performing in the celebration at Trinity Church and we look forward to seeing the children blossom further next term. We would like to wish all children and families a fantastic winter break; we look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year. Year 6 Team