

# STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

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### Y4 DT DAY

As part of our DT unit this term, year 4 have learnt all about the mechanics of catapults. Having understood pivots, fulcrums and loads through the production of their prototypes, 4P and 4J set to work honing their technology skills. With an army of parent helpers on hand, the children learned how to measure within 1mm, follow detailed instructions, safely use a hacksaw (even managing to cut a 45 degree angle) and attach wood using a hot glue gun.

Once designs were completed, the classes headed to the playground to take aim and fire off their final test - a small ball of paper. Sadly not all the catapults survived their vigorous final examination but all the children should be proud of their hard work!



### TIME TABLES SPONSORSHIP



Next week is the start of our sponsorship week which we hope will encourage the children to become more proficient at their times tables whilst raising much needed funds for the school at the same time. A letter from Mr Tazzyman was sent out earlier this week and the children should each be bringing home a sponsorship form. We have also sent out information about the "Times Tables Rockstars" which is a fun online platform which the children can join. Any help and encouragement at home would be fantastic. Any money raised will go towards purchasing extra equipment for the playground and to enable visiting authors to come and do workshops during book week.

### SILVER AWARD

This time last year, we were very pleased to have gained a Bronze Award for our efforts to promote a healthy and active lifestyle at SPJS. We are very proud to say that we have now been awarded a SILVER AWARD from STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe). By celebrating and taking part in events such as Road Safety Week and the WOW (Walk Once a Week) Scheme, 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 60% of our children choosing active travel by either walking, scooting or cycling to school. This is a huge 10% increase from the previous school year which is a fantastic result! Thank you for your support and we look forward to continuing with the great work this year.



## YEAR 3 PROJECTS



We were most impressed by all of the Stone Age themed projects produced by year 3 last half term. Some of the gold-worthy pieces included models of Stone Age villages like Skara Brae. Rufus G, 3S, made his model out of paper mache with a passageway from one side to the centre. The top could then be removed and lifted off to reveal the centre of the home: the fireplace. Other children used their imagination to write an adventure story about characters who journeyed back in time. Jay-Lee R in 3P, created her own version of Stone Age tools, including some arrow heads and an axe. She also made a necklace similar to the type worn during that time. Lastly, Charlotte H in 3J, made a delicate and very realistic cave art picture in which she blended pastels and chalks beautifully! We look forward to seeing the Ancient Egyptian projects at the end of this half term!



## YEAR 5 PROJECTS

At the beginning of term, the Year 5 classrooms were invaded by lots of Viking longboats as many children brought in some wonderful projects to share with the class. The children had been tasked with creating a model, completing research or writing up a visit to somewhere Viking themed. Most of the children chose to make models and they were very skillfully and accurately crafted with unique shields, warheads and sails. Well done to all the children who completed a project!

### GRAMMAR WORKSHOPS

Thank you to all those parents who attended our recent grammar workshops. We hope you found them useful and found ways that you can support your children at home with their learning.

### INTERNET SAFETY DAY

Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 5th February 2019. As part of our curriculum, the children undertake activities to highlight safety issues around using the internet. If you would like more information about advising and protecting your children whilst using the internet, we strongly recommend that you look at the following websites: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/) [www.saferinternet.org.uk/saferinternet-day](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/saferinternet-day)

## COFFEE MORNING

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January we were delighted to see so many parents attending our joint Stanley Park Infant and Junior School Coffee morning. We shared what both schools do well and how we can develop further. We were delighted that so many parents commented on how well the transition from SPIS to SPJS worked this year. We have worked extremely hard on this with SPIS over the last few years and we are pleased that this is now effective. Parents also commented on the brilliant teaching, and how our teachers and STAs are very professional, committed, approachable and open. Parents would like children to have even more sporting opportunities but it was explained that we currently do 2hrs a week plus the daily mile and it is impossible to cram any more into the curriculum as there are so many subjects that we need to teach. For full details of all that was discussed, including questions, please read the attached minutes.

## EARRING POLICY

Children are permitted to wear one pair of plain small flat, silver/gold ear studs at school. (No hoops or brightly coloured earrings.) These **must** be removed for PE. If children are unable to remove their own earrings, they should **not** wear them on days when they have PE.

However, we have revised our policy for newly pierced ears with regard to participating in PE. If children have had their ears pierced in the previous 6 weeks and have been advised not to remove their earrings, then please follow these procedures: write a letter to the class teacher giving the date that they have had their ears pierced; please also send children

into school with surgical tape which they can put on themselves to cover their earrings during PE/Games lessons. Once the six weeks have passed, the children will be expected to remove their earrings for PE or not wear them on PE days.

Please note that the only other items of jewellery permitted at school are watches, which should be clearly named. All watches (including FitBits) must be removed for games lessons.

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

There have been some recent changes to our board: Emma Clements and Julie Smith have been elected Co-Chairs of the Governing Board, and Manosi Dutta has stepped up as Vice Chair. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Chair, Sarah Skeels, for all the hard work and dedication she put in during her time as Chair.

Sarah, Emma, Julie and Manosi all started out as parent governors, with children attending Stanley Park Junior School. Between us we have over 20 years' experience, and we've been involved in all aspects of school governance including safeguarding, recruitment and Ofsted inspections. It has been a privilege to serve SPJS in this way.

We are currently looking for a new parent governor. If you have some spare time, and the desire to see ever-improving outcomes for our children, we would very much welcome your application. Application packs are available from reception and the deadline is 12 noon on 5th February.

If you would like to find out more about the parent governor role, or if you need to contact us for any other reason, you can email us:

[governors@spjs.org](mailto:governors@spjs.org)

Julie Smith and Emma Clements

Co-Chairs SPJS

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AS WE ENTER FEBRUARY, IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER THIS WINTER, YOU CAN CHECK FOR SCHOOL CLOSURE BY VISITING:**

- <https://opencheck.atomwide.com/Default.aspx> and then selecting: 'Sutton' and 'Stanley Park Junior' (There is also an app called Parent-Comms that you can download)
- Our School Website: [www.spjs.org](http://www.spjs.org)

Please do not phone the school to check if we are open as the phone gets very busy.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Thank you to all who have completed and returned the data collection sheet. It is essential that we have correct contact details for you and anyone else who has responsibility for your child. If you have not returned your sheet yet, please do so asap.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Please ensure all items of uniform are named (especially jumpers and cardigans). We are getting lots of lost property which can not be returned to the owner.

Please can you ensure that your child's coat has a loop to enable them to hang it securely on their peg. There are too many jackets falling on the floor (as a result of not having a loop) resulting in a trip hazard. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **HANDING IN LETTERS/SLIPS**

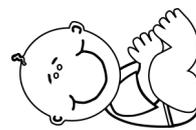
Please encourage your child to take responsibility for handing in reply slips to their teachers to put in the register, rather than queuing to hand them in at reception. Thank you.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Please do not allow your children to use any of the play equipment before or after school. We would also ask everyone coming through the school grounds to walk their bicycles/scooters; this applies to adults, children at the school and younger siblings. Thank you!

If driving to school, please park in a safe place around the school at the beginning and end of the school day. We have had concerns raised about cars parking on pathways and blocking access. We understand that it can become congested; however, safeguarding of children is a priority.

## **STAFF NEWS**



This term we welcome Mrs Lasrado to our team. We also welcome Mrs Reeves back from maternity leave. They are both teaching in 3J until the end of the year. Mrs Reeves will also continue to co-ordinate music across the school. Welcome back also to Mr Tazzyman from paternity leave and congratulations on the birth of baby Stanley!

## **PARENTS EVENING**

Parents' Evening consultations will take place on Wednesday 20th March from: 1.40pm - 8.00pm. Children to be collected from school at 1.30pm. You will be able to book your appointment after the half term break.

SEN meetings with Mrs Quigley will take place on Monday 18th March between 1.30pm and 4.30pm; and on Wednesday 20th March between 1.40pm and 7.30pm.

## DIARY DATES

FEB	February Value - Kindness
Fri 1 Feb	3S Class Assembly
Mon 4 Feb	Children to start sponsorship: Times Tables
Thu 7 Feb	5P Ecology Centre Visit
Fri 8 Feb	Sponsorship Test: Times table. <i>Please note change of date.</i>
Tue 12 Feb	Y3 Ancient Egyptian Pyramids Workshop
Tue 12 Feb	Governors' Curriculum Committee Meeting
Thu 14 Feb	5J Ecology Centre Visit
Fri 15 Feb	6J Class Assembly
<del>Fri 15 Feb</del>	<del>Sponsorship Test: Times tables</del>
w/c 18 Feb	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 25 Feb	Book Fair in School this week. (days tba)
Thu 28 Feb	Y5 Tudor Day
March	Value of the Month - Honesty
Mon 4 March	Book Week: ANIMAL FOCUS
Mon 4 March	Governors' Finance Committee 6.30pm
Wed 6 Mar	Optional Project due in
Wed 6 March	Y5 Easter Experience
Wed 13 March	1.30pm Y3 and 4 Book Character/Poetry Competition
Thur 14 March	1.30pm Yr 5 and 6 Book Character and Poetry Competition
Fri 15 March	New Project Guidance Sent Out
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Fri 15 Mar	4J Class Assembly
Tue 19 Mar	M & M Productions: Oliver Twist for Y5 & Y6
Wed 20 March	Parents' Evening 1.40 pm - 8.00 pm. Children to be collected at 1.30pm
Mon 25 Mar	Last Y5 Swimming
Mon 25 Mar	Full Governing Board Meeting
Wed 27 Mar	Y5/6 Spring Concert
Fri 29 Mar	3P Class Assembly
APRIL	Value of the Month - Peace
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y3 and 4 spring concert
Fri 5 April	9.30am Final Term Awards Assembly for children
Fri 5 April	Term Ends for Pupils at 1.45pm
	EASTER HOLIDAY

## SPORTS NEWS



### INDOOR ATHLETICS

On Thursday 17th January, 18 children from Y3 & Y4 received a last minute invite to the hotly contested indoor athletics competition. Normally only contested by Y5 & Y6, this event presented an opportunity for the younger children to gain valuable experience for future years.

Events decided, the competitors started with a range of field events that tested jumping, pushing, throwing and fitness. Field events complete, the teams took to the track. Drawn in the second pool, Stanley Park knew every second counted in an undoubtedly tough competition and got off to a flying start, winning the opening race by a distance. The early success caught on and the team managed

to win race after race as their confidence grew.

By the end, a podium finish looked possible but despite their efforts the team had to settle for a well earned 4th place overall. Well done to all the children who took part and represented the school so brilliantly.

### NETBALL

This term started with our first ever Year 5 only netball cup match. The girls had no time to play together as a team first and they were all very nervous as well as excited. Our opponents were Barrow Hedges and they arrived feeling just the same! The game got underway and we were particularly strong in attack, giving us lots of scoring opportunities. We made the most of these and were delighted to finish with a 6 - 0 win.

We are also thrilled to learn that we have made the borough's A league and are looking forward to our next round of league matches. Can we maintain our winning ways? Watch this space.