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The Stratford Standard

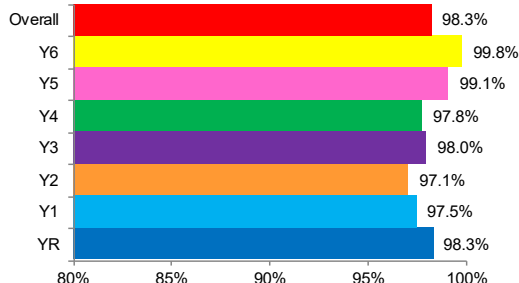
Highlights from the Head of School's Desk...

It has been another super week in school with so much exciting learning taking place. One of the things I am really enjoying about my new role is being able to have the time to visit each class throughout the week and get involved in their learning. I have been lucky enough to spend a lot of time with the new Reception class this week, working with the children to practise their reading and writing; painting and even doing a spot of gardening. I had set myself my own mission at the start of the year, to learn each of the Reception children's names by the end of the second week and I think I am nearly there! They are such a delightful class, who, in such a short time, have wowed us with their confidence, determination, resilience and brilliant sense of humour! After school on Thursday, Reception had a picnic in the paddock with their families - this was such a lovely afternoon meeting different families and also having time to meet some of our FOSP members. I think we have managed to recruit some new members and we will very much look forward to welcoming everybody at our next meeting.

Year 6 have had an equally busy week, spending their Monday on the river. They had a super day bell-boating and learning about water conservation. I have been informed that the children and staff particularly enjoyed racing the Stratford tour boats up and down the river and even though everyone came back very wet, everyone managed to stay onboard! Thank you to our staff and parent helpers. Throughout the rest of the week, Year 6 have been visiting the classes to deliver their House Captain speeches. The children have put such a lot of hard work into their election speeches and should all be very proud of themselves - it's no easy feat to stand up and present in front of an audience. We will now all eagerly await the results, which Mrs McCormack will be announcing next week. In other news, Year 4 turned into scientists this week. I sampled a very lovely potion mocktail in the hall on Monday afternoon - the children were having great fun learning about different mixtures and creating their own delicious drinks as part of their Alice in Wonderland topic. The school really is buzzing with enthusiasm - all of the staff work tirelessly to ensure that the curriculum is current, exciting and that the children have memorable learning experiences every day!

And finally, perhaps the biggest highlight this week has been having visitors in the school again, attending the Meet the Teacher presentations. Thank you to all of you that attended - the presentations have been uploaded to the website for any of you that were unable to attend. I am sure you will all agree that the classrooms look FANTASTIC and the school looks clean, bright and welcoming. I am really excited about the year ahead!

Weekly Attendance by Class



REMEMBER:

Wednesday 22nd September - FOSP AGM
7pm, school hall

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Meeting 8pm, school hall

Friday 24th September - Celebration
Assembly, 9.05am

Thursday 30th September - Reception
2022 Open Day 9.30-11.30am and 1.30-2.30pm

Friday 1st October - Reception 2022 Open
Day 9.30-11.30am and 1.30-2.30pm

The school calendar is also
available on the school website.

FOSP AGM:

22nd September, 7pm
at school.

Meeting straight after at
8pm.

All welcome to come along!

Coming soon: Dream Draw 2021/22 -
watch this space!



Safeguarding corner

MHST RISE

MHST tips for wellness Appreciation

This week's theme is Appreciation.

Appreciation is another way of saying grateful. When we show our appreciation, we remind ourselves and others of the positive things around us. You can show your appreciation with your words (e.g. by saying out loud that you are thankful for something or someone) or with your actions (e.g. by doing something nice for others).

Try one, or both, of the below activities throughout this week.

- 1) Think of at least one person that you appreciate and do something to show them how you feel. You can suggest playing a game they like, or bake them a treat you know they enjoy.
- 2) Write down a list of 5 things that you appreciate. This can be a reminder for days you are feeling down. Your list can include things like nature, or a friend's sense of humour, or even a member of staff who has helped you.

The Mental Health in Schools Team provides support to students and schools. We are available during term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead, or your Education Mental Health Practitioner for information and advice.

Useful dates for September:

14th - 16th June for Games Day
10th International Dot Day
10th National Teaching Assistants Day

Notes for Parents:

Children are not permitted to play on the playground equipment at the end of the school day.

The school car park must not be used for drop off/pick ups or turning.

Job Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies at school:

Midday Supervisor - 12-1pm, 5 days per week

Cleaner - 3.30-5.30pm, 5 days per week

Please email the school office on

admin2042@welearn365.com

to enquire.



Warwickshire Sings!

A FREE Choir for your child to join

As we emerge from the impact of the global pandemic and the huge constraints this has had on children's singing, we are so pleased to tell you about

Warwickshire Sings!

Our talented Vocal Animators will be working with your child's class in school this year. To further develop opportunities for your child to sing we would love them to join one of our First Voices Choirs at your local Music Centre.

The choirs are free of charge in the 2021-2022 academic year.

North Warwickshire First Voices	Monday 4.15 to 5.00 p.m.	Walsingham Primary School, Walsingham Ave Nuneaton, CV10 0BN
East Warwickshire First Voices	Monday 4.30 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.	Rugby Free Secondary School, Anderson Avenue, Rugby, CV21 3PE
Central Warwickshire First Voices	Wednesday 4.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Kingsnorth School & Sixth Form, Leyce Lane, Kibworth, CV35 9BA
South Warwickshire First Voices	Thursday 4.30 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.	Kings Edward VI High School Chapel Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6BE

Rehearsals will begin in the week commencing: 20th September 2021

For more information and to join a
choir please go to:

<https://www.warwickshiremusicclub.org/join-a-group>



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Our Week In Pictures...



Year 6 Water Day



Year 6 had an amazing day out on Monday learning about the water cycle; how much water there is on the entire planet; the causes and consequences of water pollution; and how to work as a team to navigate the River Avon on bell boats.

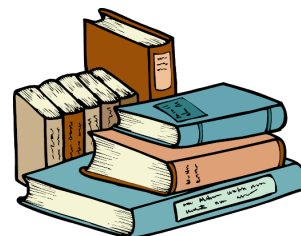




Spotlight on our staff



10 Questions with... Mr Edwards!



1. What is your role at Stratford Primary?

I teach Year 3 here in Stratford on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday but on a Wednesday I teach Year 1 over at Heathcote Primary School!

I am also the Music subject lead for the school.

2. What made you want to be a teacher?

All the way through my time at school I wanted to be a teacher at some point in my life. Funnily enough, I was watching Nativity 2 over Christmas in 2019 and that film made me apply for my training course. And now here I am.

3. What are you most proud of?

I am proud of my family and friends whenever they achieve the things they want to do. I am also proud of the staff and students of Stratford when I see them grow and progress as people!

4. What are your favourite things to do in your spare time?

I love performing in plays and musicals. I will be playing the dame in a panto this Christmas as well as the leading role in a musical over the Easter holidays! However it's very concerning as dancing is not my strongest point!

5. Tell me your funniest joke!

Why did the man throw his clock out of the window?

Because he wanted to see time fly!



6. What was the last book you read?

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory—which is actually our Year 3 text this half term! I do also love reading a comic book!

7. What advice would you give children today to help them prepare for the future?

Make sure you do things that you enjoy and be nice to anyone and everyone!

8. If you had a magic minibus that could take you anywhere in history where would you go and why?

I would definitely do a time road trip. I would start back during the Triassic period and see the earliest dinosaurs before moving to the Jurassic and Cretaceous period. I would take a brief stop during the Iron Age before taking a huge jump forward to Roman times and then on to the Tudors. I would then move forward to the early 1900s before jumping further forward to the 1980s as I am a huge fan of the music and film from that decade.

9. Have you got a hidden talent?

I can do a great impression of the X Factor voiceover man!

10. Have you got any top tips for parents?

Always have fun with your family! And of course, make sure to have time for yourself.