

Friday 28th May 2021



The Stratford Standard



Highlights from the Executive Head's desk...

Well here we are at the end of another half term and finally the sun is shining just as we can all spend time with our families. It has been another busy week here at Stratford. We began the week recruiting for 3 new teachers which is very exciting and I was particularly proud of our Year 1 and Year 4 children who conducted pupil interviews. The candidates were asked to do a presentation 'All About Me.' The children had then prepared questions and evaluated the candidates feeding back to the panel. Mrs Withers and Miss White shared how impressed they were by how the children conducted themselves. The candidates told us how nerve-wracking it was but how professional the children were. An excellent insight for the children as to how the world of careers works. I am pleased to say that we have appointed Mrs C Postlethwaite to Year 2, Mrs T Parton to Year 5 and Mr T Edwards to Year 3. All of the candidates have great skills in PE, Science, Music, Drama and Geography. We can't wait for them to join our team in September.

Wednesday our School Standards Committee (Governors) met and our 3 new governors were able to join their first meeting. It was great to have Miss White present at the meeting on the progression of Geography in the school. It is clear from curriculum mapping, examples of pupils work and displays that there is a whole range of geography being taught. I was extremely fascinated by Year 6's work on the Galapagos Islands, a place I have always wanted to visit, and impressed by their understanding of longitude and latitude and the equator.

Have a great half term everyone and make sure you keep following Covid guidance and stay safe.

'Without Geography, you're nowhere!' - Unknown author.

REMEMBER:

Please send your child in prepared for all weathers!

31st May-4th June HALF TERM

Mon 7th June - INSET Day

8th to 11th June - Enterprise Week

Wednesday 9th June - Year 1 and 2 Heart of England

Monday 14th June - Class Photos

14th to 17th June - FOSP Penny Wars

Friday 18th June - INSET Day

The school calendar is also available on the school website.

Spotlight in...

Outdoor learning

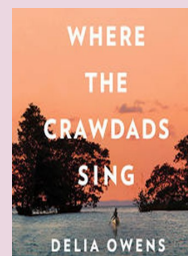
The children in Year 2 have been making natural habitats for birds this week. In Forest School we have topped them with bird seeds and mounted them to the trees.



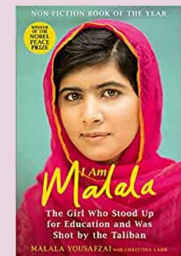
The Reading Nook

This week, we have reading recommendations for parents..

We hope you get time to relax with a good book during Half Term!



Fiction



Non-Fiction



Dream Draw

To enter the remaining Dream Draws please message Denise on 07711 768087.

£1 per entry.

So far, £714.95 has been raised for the school.

Our week in pictures:

On Monday, Year 5 went to the Heart of England Forest. The learning theme for this trip was 'Pollinators'. We enjoyed a quiz all about pollinator facts and had great fun building bar charts to show the data collected using sticks in Wildwood. Year 5 got creative and did some den building - high, low and inventive! Thalia Grace

The Year 5 School trip to Heart of England Forest was all about pollinators. In the afternoon we did a quiz and searched for clues hidden in the forest. We had a very fun time. Bethany



On Monday Year 5 went to the Heart of England Forest; the subject was pollinators. Each group had a grid and we had to count the flower heads in the grid. Then we had 10 minutes to see how many bugs (hoverflies, butterflies, ants) visited the flowers. This was fairly successful. After that we built dens in groups just for fun. We were sad to leave but we had to say goodbye to the Forest. Herbie



Sun safety tips

- spend time in the shade between 11am and 3pm.
- make sure you never burn.
- cover up with suitable clothing and sunglasses.
- take extra care with children.
- use at least factor 30 sunscreen.

Safeguarding corner

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>



Spotlight on our staff



10 Questions with... Mrs Hill



1. What is your role at Stratford Primary?

I am a Teaching Assistant. Currently I am based in lower KS2 however throughout my career at Stratford Primary I have had the privilege of working across the school providing interventions to accelerate and consolidate learning.

2. What made you want to work in a school?

I had so many happy experiences of being at school when I was a child, this influenced my career choice. I love the fact my job is so varied, no day is ever the same!

3. What are you most proud of?

I am most proud of my 3 children and all that Lily, Linnea and Artie bring to my life.

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

My spare time is spent with my family. We enjoy days out to National Trust properties, going for walks or simply playing in the garden.

In my spare time I love to do any creative activities, whether it be sewing or baking.

5. Tell me your funniest joke!

Why does a golfer always take 2 pairs of socks??

In case he gets a hole in one!



6. What was the last book you read?

I love to read to my children, last night Linnea and I shared 'Paper Dolls.' I also love a good crime story where I have to figure out 'who did it...'

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

Be yourself!!

"Today you are you, that is truer than true, there is no one alive who is youer than you!" Dr Seuss

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

I would go back to when I was a child because I have such wonderful memories with my twin sister.

9. Have you got a hidden talent?

My hidden talent is being able to make memory bears out of clothing.

10. Have you got any top tips for parents?

Give yourself a break—being a parent is the most difficult job you will ever have!