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Letters issued this week:				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir 3.30-4.30pm	Creative Writing Club 3.30- 4.30pm	The World Around Me Club 3.30- 4.30pm Drama Club 3.30-4.30pm Textiles Club 3.30-4.30pm	Rock Steady Music Academy Art Club KS1 3.30-4.30pm Art Club KS2 3.30-4.30pm KS1 Sports Club 3.30-4.30pm	Reception Class visit to Caterpillar Cafe Rock Steady Music Academ

News from the Headteacher

Well this morning in our Friday assembly we said our farewells to Mrs Phillips. She has worked at Stratford Primary School for 6 years and will be sadly missed by us all. Mrs Phillips has such a calm and unflappable manner. Nothing is too much trouble for her. She has been the first port of call for many of you and always has a smile for everyone. Leena has a vast range of tasks as part of her job as admin assistant and is always efficient. She has a wonderful sense of humour and Mrs Chisholm and I. particularly want to say a huge thank you for making each day so memorable. We all wish her well in her new role but know she will stay in touch with us. Good luck Mrs Phillips and au revoir.

We have appointed Gemma Wilson as our new office assistant. She will start officially on Monday but some of you may have already seen her this week as Mrs Phillips shared everything she knows. Please bear with her as she gets to grips with the varied role.

This week has been Safer Internet Week and Mental Health Week. We started Monday with an assembly on how to stay safe when using the internet. The theme of Safer Internet Week is CONSENT. The children have been taught about asking someone's permission before you press any messages that pop up, posting information about someone else or photographs. We were all particularly impressed by the children's responses to the question 'What would you do if something came up on the screen which requested personal information.' Their response – we don't give out that and we would get an adult or report it. Fantastic. Mr Scarlett and Mrs Fade wanted to demonstrate to Year 5 the wide reach of the internet and posted a picture of themselves on twitter and asked people to retweet or like. The response has been amazing – 749 retweets and 1.4K likes, 169,847 views so far. In their classroom they have a map showing all the places people have retweeted from. As remote as Tristan da Cunha! Please keep your children safe and ensure you have parental controls in place and monitor your child's activity on the internet.

Well done to the children who attended Indoor Athletics competition this week. They did really well against 8 other schools. We haven't entered this one for a number of years so Mrs Fade and Mr Gardner now have a good idea of the events ready for next year. Year 3 also visited Stonehenge on Wednesday and we all had a great time experiencing this extraordinary build. The children's behaviour was excellent and commented on by English Heritage. Year 4 & 5 also enjoyed seeing Into The Woods at Girls' Grammar School on Wednesday, what a fabulous performance.

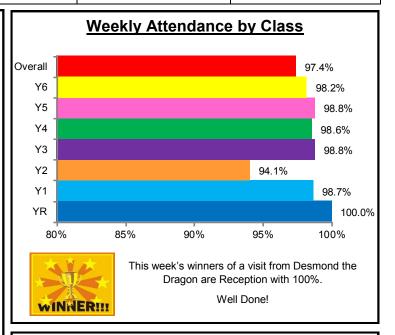
Mrs Ingate and I also took the art winners from Autumn One competition to Cafe Lomas at Stratford Hospital yesterday to view their framed art in situ. It looks absolutely fabulous and I am sure will help keep people's spirits up. Please go and take a look. We were treated to a tour of the hospital including the plant room which was an amazing feat of engineering and a snack in the cafe. The children were real ambassadors for our school. The hospital have asked for more artwork so there will be another competition coming after half term.

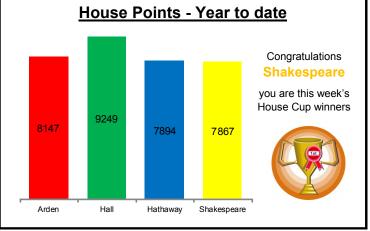
Mrs Abernethy and I were invited to the launch of Stratford Literary festival yesterday evening. We will be hosting authors during the festival in May and the programme is now out for you all to book different events. Nick Sharrat will be in our school on Sunday 4th May so do book tickets. During schools week in March we will again have author visits and host a bedtime story event which was so successful last year.

I also made a mistake on my newsletter last week. Sorry we are learning mandarin this month.

Bàoqiàn, shì wǒ de cuò (sorry, my mistake)

Mrs Humphriss - Head Teacher







Year 3 Trip to Stonehenge





Last Wednesday year 3 children undertook possibly the longest journey for a school trip of their school lives so far! We left school extra early in order to arrive at Stonehenge in plenty of time for our educational tour of Rocks and Bones. The journey down proved to be eventful! However year 3 children were as usual, incredibly kind to each other and very respectful. When we eventually arrived we went straight to the visitor centre, met our guides and quickly got dressed in Stone Age clothing, we then got onto the bus to take us to the Stones.

As the bus pulled up the children gasped to finally see Stonehenge standing there with the sun shining brightly behind it. We were then able to walk slowly around the circle hearing about its history and where the stones were taken from and how they travelled to their final resting place. We got to see a reconstruction of how Stonehenge would have looked in its original form and in the museum saw how archaeologists' had found special treasures and skeletons from the area around it.

The children's favourite part of the day was walking out to the Burrow(or should I say running!) and being able to actually climb upon it (by special permission of English Heritage) and stand on the top discussing how our ancestors lived and died. Petra took part in a reconstruction of a burial, whilst children placed treasures around her our guides talked to us about why these objects were so important.

We had a quick lunch and were then free to explore the Stone Age houses and see how they would have made fire, cooked and slept in these buildings. We tried to move a sarsen stone but unfortunately we didn't have enough muscle power. Then it was time to get back on the coach to come home, and fortunately the journey home turned out to be less eventful for the adults on board. Year 3 had a tiring but wonderful day, we were very lucky with the weather and it was as if the sun had chosen to shine on us specially.

Honourable mentions and big thank you's to Mrs Humphriss ,Mrs Ingate,Mrs Beesley,Mr Gardner,Miss Hancock for their support on the trip.

"A magic glimpse of the past!"-Petra age 8

"The stones were as big as bulldozers"- Olivia age7 .

"I'm hoping that this trip has created a lovely memory for the children, one that they will never forget, Stonehenge is certainly a very special place" Said Mrs Ingate age undisclosed!

"It was great to experience the stones and how big they were" Tahlia age 8.

"I liked imagining what it was like 4000 years ago"- George age 7.

Mrs Ingate - Year 3 Class Teacher

Message from the Chair Of Governors

The OFSTED grading of "Outstanding" for the school was an amazing achievement which was very well deserved by all who have worked towards this. As an LGB we feel immensely proud of the children, school staff and community; everyone continues to work so hard engaging enthusiastically with their curriculum, as well as being kind and respectful to each other. We get a real sense of this when we come into school to focus on our various roles, as well as the parent governors who see this on a daily basis. The OFSTED report graded the leadership as excellent; LGB are committed to maintaining this and are now focusing on further self-evaluation, training opportunities as well as developing new action plan that ensures we continue to thrive and improve.

At our last meeting a few weeks ago, we focused on finance and we will be further analysing the budgets for the forthcoming year at our next meeting on 14th March. We also reviewed the Autumn data and saw further improvements in progress and attainment, this enabled us to monitor that children are on track to fulfil their potential and personal goals.

Also we elected Niall Tucker to take on the full role of vice-chair which he has previously shared with Claire Cookson. I would like to thank all of the governors for all their support, dedication and drive, they willingly volunteer their time and are an amazing team to work with.

Finally a massive thank you to Mrs Humphriss and all the team whose continued enthusiasm, hard work, dedication and drive ensures the children receive an enriched, dynamic and exciting education.

Best wishes,

Karen Kennedy

Chair of Governors

Hospital Visit



Sponsor Required

As you all probably know the school has been a member of the Road Safety Club for a number of years. We are looking for someone to sponsor the cost of remaining a member.

We think the children and parents have really benefitted from Kate's visits to each year group and also the children who are our Road Safety ambassadors enjoy the responsibility. We would very much like to sign up again in September.

As our school budget is already allocated, we are now looking for a sponsor. Do you know of a local business who would like to support our school community? The annual cost for road safety to be delivered in our school is £350 that's just £1.60 per child. Please get in touch with us for further information if you can or know of anyone who would be willing to help out