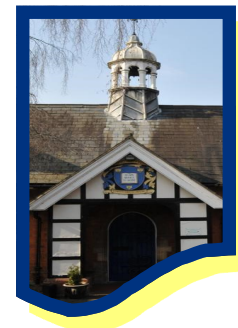


Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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12th June 2020

Reminders: Continue to check your email for updates from Mrs Humphriss and the school office.

Latest Government Advice: Year Reception, 1 and 6 are able to return to school - please make sure you arrive promptly for drop off and pick up times for your child's 'bubble'. If your child displays any symptoms do not send them into school.

Outside of school, continue to observe social distancing rules and only meet up to 6 people in outdoor spaces. Covid-19 tests are available to order for all over 5's.

News from the Desk of the Deputy Head

Considering we are now into June, it's been a rather chilly week and I have even had to dig out my scarf to wear for gate duty each day! Morning drop offs and collections are now a slick operation and the children that have returned to school in Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and our Key Worker bubbles have quickly adapted to the new routines and procedures. Social distancing and hand washing are very much a key part of their school day now but it hasn't fazed them one bit and they continue to show immense strength and resilience.

We have now come to the end of the second week since reopening and the buzz in school has been fantastic. As well as the children adapting, our curriculum has adapted too. I have visited (from a distance) all the classrooms this week and seen and heard such enthusiasm from both the children and the staff! I have heard many intriguing conversations coming from Year 6 about their class text Holes – there has been a lot of deliberation and inferences made and you can hear a pin drop when Mrs McCormack and Mrs Ingate are reading to the class. Mr Scarlett and Mrs Beesley have moved out of sketch books and taken to the classroom walls in their art lessons! They have completely covered one of the walls in a spectacular city scape/ Gangsta Granny mural. The children have loved being able to paint their classroom and bring their learning to life. The two Reception bubbles this week have been having a great time exploring the garden area. They have been excited to learn about different habitats and I couldn't believe my eyes when Paolo showed me a beetle that he had discovered. It was enormous! He very carefully showed me how to put it under a magnifying glass (although it was that big I'm not sure he needed one) and we studied its delicate features. The children are loving their outdoor learning experiences in their bubbles and it was a welcome relief to have access to the paddock again. As you can imagine, the grass has had lots of glorious sunshine, with many weeks to grow, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed spending lots of the week playing, exploring and learning in this amazing space. The Key Worker bubbles have been learning new non-contact PE games and have made Ichibana using leaves, fir cones, twigs, flowers and grass that they collected. As well as outdoor learning being high on the agenda, so is making sure that the children and staff have had time to talk and reconnect with one another. In the Year 1 bubbles, the children have been reading The Colour Monster. The children have been exploring different feelings and thinking about what colours these could relate to. Their writing and art work is impressive and I have seen some very angry, happy and sad monsters in the classrooms. What I have also noticed is that the children are enjoying being able to talk about how they are feeling and know that it is okay to feel confused, worried and angry. Amongst everything going on at school, the children who cannot be with us just yet are very much in our thoughts every day. This week, the teachers and teaching assistants have managed to contact or leave messages to check in and make sure everyone is still smiling, getting on okay with their home learning and to organise Teams meetings. It is so lovely to receive your messages and see photos of the children's home learning experiences so please keep sending them in. You're all doing a really fantastic job.

Have a lovely weekend and fingers crossed for some sun!

She stood in the storm and when the wind did not blow her away, she adjusted her sails.

Mrs Withers

Cancelled INSET Day

19th June 2020

Please note that the planned INSET Day on 19th June 2020 has been cancelled.

School and home learning will continue as normal on this day.

Notes from the Classroom Keyworker Bubble B

On April 9th 1939 as Hitler's troops advanced in Europe, one of the most important musical events of the 20th century took place at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC.

75,000 people went to the open air concert to hear Marion Anderson sing. She was one of the most talented singers of her generation but had been refused permission to sing at the large concert hall in Washington.

Why?

Because she was black and only white people were allowed to perform there. The president's wife, Eleanor Roosevelt, was outraged and so helped to organise the outdoor concert.

At the introduction to the concert these words were spoken:

'In this auditorium under the sky all of us are free. Genius, like justice is blind. Genius draws no colour lines.'

Marion Anderson was touched by genius and used her tremendous talent to break down barriers for African American performers. Music has healing power; power to change hearts and minds.

81 years after that ground breaking concert, inequality, injustice, racism and hatred persist in our world. We have been thinking about this in Keyworker Bubble B this week. Please continue these important conversations at home.

This short clip may help stimulate discussion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VXtjDx3u3Q>

Chance to Talk

Can your local Children and Family Centre help you?
We are here to listen and support you and your family.

Fancy a chat or want to know more
of what we have to offer?

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in children

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training

Child
Development

Virtual
timetable

Encouraging
good sleeping
routines

Contact Charlotte,

Tuesday-Thursday from 9am-4pm

Leave a message or text so she can call you back



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Safeguarding

If your child is struggling to cope with any aspects of the current pandemic, Ant and Dec have hosted an online assembly for the NSPCC alongside other celebrities and experts including the Children and Families Minister - Vicky Ford. You can watch the 'Stay Safe, Speak Out' assembly here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/working-with-schools/>

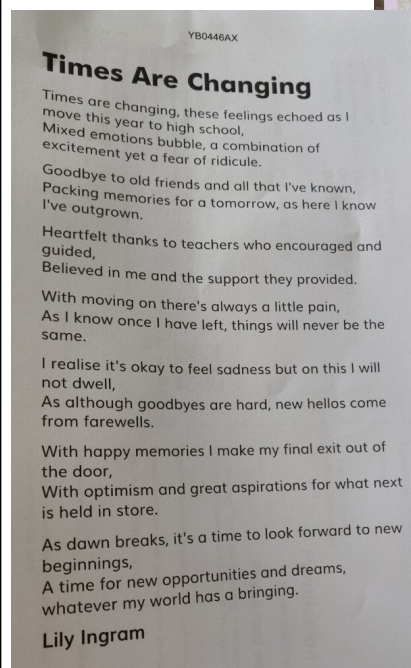
Home Learning



Well Done Lily!

Lily in Year 6 entered a creative writing competition during the lockdown period and received a certificate for her poem.

Her work will be published in a book



called 'Out of This World 2020'.

Her poem was chosen from over 15000 entries - well done Lily, we are extremely proud of you.

Artwork in the Paddock

Keyworker Bubble A created artwork using whatever they could find. They had to link their art to Gangsta Granny (our theme). The Year 4's made a London skyline with Ben and Granny stealing the jewels whereas the Year 5's made a portrait of Granny with Big Ben in the background!



Well Done Magalie!

Magalie in Year 5 has completed a series of 5k runs for charity during the past months.

Well done Magalie - we are very proud of you!

