

Friday 9th July 2021



The Stratford Standard



Highlights from the Deputy Head's desk...

Well, one of the highs this week has to be the rather momentous win for England on Wednesday night! I was bombarded by a lot of very excited children on Thursday morning, who know a lot more about football than me and wanted to talk me through the winning goal! I have been informed that it was a rather dubious penalty, but we won't dwell on that because England are playing in the final on Sunday! Woo hoo!

In amongst all the football fever, the staff and children have had another busy week of learning. Year 6, and several members of our staff team, have carried on valiantly at home, working remotely with Mrs McCormack on Teams this week. They are all very much looking forward to being back together again next week for their final full week of Year 6. I know they are all desperate to share their stories from PGL with Mrs McCormack in person - we have seen so many wonderful photos of their week away; it certainly looked like an action packed and memorable week!

Linked to their class text, Ocean Meets Sky, Year 2 wrote letters to Sir David Attenborough and were over the moon to receive a reply this week! He congratulated them on their efforts, care and consideration and encouraged them to keep being ambassadors for planet Earth! What a lovely surprise. They have also been learning all about clouds and cloud formations in their science lessons this week. They made a cloud in a jar, using shaving foam and blue food colouring, and investigated how and why it rains. The children then made cloud formation posters using cotton wool and can talk about the different types of cloud formations; what they look like and what type of weather they bring! I'm pleased to report that Year 2 are hopeful that we have rather lovely weather on the way! Fingers crossed because we have lots of exciting outdoor activities planned for the remainder of the half term. Year 2 are all set to go on their picnic at the paddock for winning FOSPs Penny Wars and I have heard about lots of exciting plans for the children to spend their profits from their Enterprise projects. This has become somewhat of a competition within the school (amongst children and staff) and the children have proven themselves to be quite the entrepreneurs! Watch out Alan Sugar!

We are also hopeful that transition day can go ahead next Thursday. This will be an exciting day for the children and they will be able to spend the day in their new classrooms with their new teachers. So much to look forward to and so little time left! I wish you all a very lovely, relaxing weekend (although I'm sure it will be edge of the seat action on Sunday for some!)

Spotlight in...

RELAX KIDS

The well-being and mental health of every child is at the heart of Stratford upon Avon Primary School. Relax Kids is an inclusive programme and forms part of the school's rich curriculum, with its evidence-based emotional resilience classes, that empower children to become more focussed, more confident, resilient and relaxed. The programme - endorsed by Ofsted and educational professionals - complements the school's curriculum to provide opportunities for all pupils to learn and achieve.



Relax Kids sessions boost children's self-esteem, encouraging them to think as individuals and put forward their ideas and opinions confidently, with support from their peers. Every Relax Kids exercise or activity challenges children to think creatively and expand their imaginations. It also teaches children the importance of a healthy lifestyle - both mental and physical.

The programme also promotes pupils' moral, social and cultural development preparing them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences life beholds. In all sessions, the children are taught to respect each other's feelings and to make informed choices, with consideration of the consequences of their actions and words.

The creative seven-step programme takes children from high energy levels to a relaxed state providing distinct emotional and physical benefits. The themed/topic-based classes are taught to every child in the school equipping them with strategies and tools to aid their emotional regulation and enhance learning outcomes and promote emotional literacy.

Relax Kids meets three prime areas of importance for developing children's capacity to thrive and ignite curiosity and an intrinsic love for learning: Personal, social and emotional development, physical development and communication and language.

Learning Outcomes for Children at Stratford upon Avon Primary School

- Increase concentration, focus and attention • Help pupils identify and manage emotions • Improve learning and school performance
- Build sustainable strategies to manage stress and anxiety • Reduce negative thinking and behaviour • Aid self-control, emotions and conflict resolution • Equip students with simple behaviour management strategies • Improve listening skills, social and communication skills
- Reduce anxiety, bullying and peer pressure • Improve positive thinking, confidence and self-esteem • Improve pupil resilience and self-regulation

Cognitive

Relax Kids can help the development of symbolic and imaginative play, teaches sequencing and logical thinking skills, promotes the development of executive functioning skills (response inhibition, working memory, emotional control, sustained attention, flexibility), enhances memory, and increases capacity to regulate metacognitive processes.

Communication

Relax Kids can help the development of social communication skills necessary for cognitive and social/emotional growth, develops expressive and receptive communication skills, teaches lexical and pragmatic skills, and assists in overall language development.

Social and Emotional Development

Relax Kids can help the development of self-regulation skills, turn-taking, empathy, ability to label own and other emotions, cooperation skills, and ability to gain attention from others in appropriate ways.

Adaptability

Relax Kids can help the development of independence skills by assisting children to separate easily from caregivers and become more independent in play, communication, daily living skills and decision making.

Physical development

Relax Kids can help the development of gross and fine motor skills as well as sensory processing skills.



REMEMBER:

Please send your child in prepared for all weathers!

w/c 12th July - Reports sent home

Thursday 15th July - Transition Day YR to 5

Friday 16th July - Sports Day tbc

Wednesday 21st July - Last Day of Term

Children to be collected between 1pm and 1.30pm. School closes at 1.30pm.

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd Sept - INSET Days

Monday 6th Sept - Start of Autumn Term

The school calendar is also available on the school website.

Marks and Spencer Uniform Launch

Uniform is now available from M&S and is included in their 20% off promotion running until 3rd August.

Our school will receive 5% commission on logo items.

Raffle Tickets

Your children should have brought home their envelope of Raffle Tickets this week - please feel free to contact us on fospschool@gmail.com if you need any more tickets for family and friends!

Ticket stubs and money must be returned to school by Wednesday 14th July.



Our week in pictures:

Year 5 during their Biodiversity Day.



Safeguarding corner

For all parents of children with SEND: the Ofsted SEND inspection for Warwickshire is next week, and they are actively seeking the views of all parent carers of children with SEND (not just those with EHCPs). See the original [Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice](https://www.warwickshireparentcarervoice.co.uk/) post for details on how to email Ofsted and how to join Ofsted's online seminar on the inspection for parent carers. And follow [Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice](https://www.warwickshireparentcarervoice.co.uk/) for any updates.

Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice

Inspection Information

The main way Parent Carers can contribute their views during this local area inspection is through the survey of parents and carers. The survey will be open from noon on 5 July 2021 until 11:59pm on 13 July 2021. Parents and carers who would like to take part in this survey can follow this link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WarwickshireCountyCouncilLASENDInspection/>

Or you email contributions to Lasend.support@ofsted.gov.uk

Remember this inspection is not just about education it includes health and social care provision for children with SEND.



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Spotlight on our staff...



10 Questions

with...

Miss Blake

1. What is your role at Stratford Primary?

I am a Level three teaching assistant, I have worked in a lot of different year groups, more recently I have spent a few years in reception class. Next year I am moving to year three and very much looking forward to a new challenge.

2. What made you want to be a teacher?

I originally trained as a nursery nurse assistant, then after I had had my first child I decided to train as a teaching assistant so I would be able to spend more time with him in the holidays.

3. What are you most proud of?

Got to be my three children that are 15, 7 and 3. They keep me very busy but also make me very proud.

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

I love to spend time with my children going swimming, walking and on days out. I also love to play netball in my spare time.

5. Tell me your funniest joke!

Why shouldn't you give Elsa a balloon?
Because she will 'let it go!'



6. What was the last game you played?

Matching Muffins and Lol top trumps.

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

Don't worry do your best that's all that matters.

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 my teenage years and try and appreciate and enjoy them.

9. Have you got a hidden talent?

I love to decorate cakes for my family and friends. I have made many including my sister's wedding cake.

10. Have you got any top tips for parents?

Enjoy your time with your children. Laugh and have fun with them.