

Friday 2nd July 2021



The Stratford Standard



Highlights from the Executive Head's desk...

I could not start the news from my desk without mentioning how brilliant Y5/6 play Rock Bottom was last week. I know Mrs Withers mentioned it in her news but I was so impressed by the absolute professionalism from all the children. I cannot believe they learnt it all in only 2 weeks. I was bowled over and it had everything I love; singing, dancing and bad jokes. Well done to everyone. I loved it! We waved goodbye to our Year 6 children on Monday as they went off to PGL. We are so pleased they could get away and the photos on twitter have shown what an amazing time they are having. Mrs McCormack sadly is having to isolate so was not able to join them but Miss White stepped in and we thank you although we really miss you Mrs M.

Mr May The Executive Director of our trust joined myself, Mrs Abernethy and Mrs Withers for some monitoring of our curriculum this week. We were able to see a range of learning in Science, Maths, History and Reading across the school, talk to pupils about their learning and hear from our subject leads on how they are developing the curriculum for staff and pupils. There were some real strengths in the school; excellent behaviour, strong subject knowledge, ambitious use of ICT and excellent recall of prior knowledge. Year 4 impressed me with their mathematical knowledge about quadrilaterals and Year 5 investigated flowers using microscopes which produced some very rich vocabulary. There is always further work to be done in education and we will be increasing staff confidence in ensuring that our pupils can confidently talk about explicit links between subjects whilst further developing problem solving practical activities across all subjects. The school also looked amazing with such a vibrant range of displays.

We also enjoyed a visit by The Mayor of Stratford Kevin Taylor who came to do some filming with some Year 4 children who were playing table tennis. We are grateful to The Mayor for arranging for us to have access to an outdoor table and children can be found playing it every day.

"Happiness sometimes is no words just the sound of the ball"

Spotlight in...

SCIENCE

At Stratford upon Avon Primary it is our intention to recognise the importance of Science in every aspect of daily life. We give the teaching and learning of Science the prominence it requires. The Scientific area of learning is concerned with increasing pupils' knowledge and understanding of our world, and with developing skills associated with Science as a process of enquiry. It will develop the natural curiosity of the child, encourage respect for living organisms and the physical environment and provide opportunities for critical evaluation of evidence. Throughout the academic year we intend to build further on a Science curriculum which develops learning and results in the acquisition of knowledge which, enables children to become enquiry based learners and problem solvers.

- A clear and comprehensive scheme of work in line with the National Curriculum where teaching and learning should show progression of skills across all key stages within the strands of Science.
- Children have access to key language and definitions in order to understand and readily apply to their written, mathematical and verbal communication of their skills.
- Children will use a range of resources to develop their knowledge and understanding that is integral to their learning and develop their understanding of working scientifically.
- Clear and comprehensive scheme of work in line with the National Curriculum where teaching and learning should plan for practical investigative opportunities within Science lessons.
- Children will reflect on previous learning and cross curricular links will be made wherever possible.
- Children will be able to build on prior knowledge and link ideas together, enabling them to question and become enquiry based learners.
- Attainment will be assessed each half term through related topic assessment tasks
- Where applicable links to Science will be made to develop the children's themed learning across the timetable.



Most children will achieve age related expectations in Science at the end of their cohort year. Children will retain knowledge that is pertinent to Science with a real life context. Children will be able to question ideas and reflect on knowledge. Children will work collaboratively and practically to investigate and experiment. Children will be able to explain the process they have taken and be able to reason scientifically.

Our week in pictures:



Escape Arts, Writing Workshop and Multi Cultural Week

REMEMBER:

Please send your child in prepared for all weathers!

Wednesday 7th July - Change up Day
YR-5

Friday 16th July - Sports Day and Reports sent home

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 will be included in their 20% off promotion running 6th July to 3rd August.

Our school will receive 5% commission on logo items.



Penny Wars Results!

YR £39.92 Y3 £28.67

Y1 £47.80 Y4 £21.45

Y2 £50.38 Y5 £29.61

Y6 £18.57

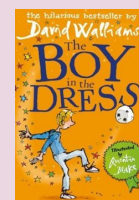
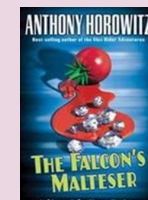
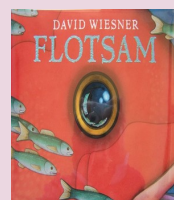
Congratulations Y2 and well done everyone!

The Reading Nook

EYFS and KS1

Lower KS2

Upper KS2



PLEASE DONATE

MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH

- Fruit Juice/Squash
- Savoury Snacks
- Noodles
- Cup a soup
- Angel Delight
- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Carrots
- Sponge Pudding
- Chocolate/sweet treats

WHERE TO DONATE

LOCAL SUPERMARKETS

STRAFORD
Tesco
Morrisons
Waitrose
Lidl
Sainsbury's Local (Bridge St)
Co-op (Trent Road)

FOODBANK WAREHOUSE

STRAFORD METHODIST CENTRE, OLD TOWN, CV37 6BG
MON AND WED 2-4PM ONLY
PLEASE NOTE WE CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS OUTSIDE THESE TIMES

COVID-19 SAFETY: PLEASE PARK AWAY FROM FRONT DOOR, PRESS BELL FOR WELLS HALL AND STAND BACK - WE WILL BE WITH YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

THANK YOU

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Stratford upon Avon Community Academies Trust
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Spotlight on our staff...



10 Questions

with...

Mrs McCormack

1. What is your role at Stratford Primary?

I am the current Year 6 teacher and the Maths Lead at Stratford Primary.

2. What made you want to be a teacher?

I had a fantastic experience myself at Primary School, with some inspirational teachers, and that's when I first decided I wanted to be a teacher.

3. What are you most proud of?

My family, especially my three children.

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

I love going for long walks - particularly by the coast; I also love to travel and explore new places.

5. Tell me your funniest joke!

Here's one my children always loved ...

Knock, knock!

Who's there?

Hatch.

Hatch who?

Bless you!

Here's my best Maths joke ...

Why was 6 afraid of 7?

Because 7, 8, 9!



6. What was the last game you played?

Exploding Kittens and Avocado Smash! Or if it's a board game, then Cluedo ... I love the old favourites!

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

Get out and enjoy the fresh air with regular exercise - walk, run or ride your bike! It makes you feel so much better, can help develop your resilience and, apparently, exercise strengthens the brain!

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

I would travel back to the Stone Age - just as Year 3 have been whilst reading 'Stone Age Boy' - and discover how they built Stone Henge. Or I would love to travel back to the time of the Ancient Maya, who we have been finding out all about in Year 6 ... I am not sure I would be brave enough to take part in their ball game 'Pok-ta-Pok' though!

9. Have you got a hidden talent?

I can juggle (but not as well as George SI!) and cartwheel - my children used to find that impressive but I am banned from doing this in public now!

10. Have you got any top tips for parents?

Laugh lots!