Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe that we have come to the end of our first term already, and what a busy and eventful term it has been.

Year 5 have learned the process of mummification demonstrated so clearly by the theatrical Clive Pig, Years 3 and 4 got up close and personal with a range of furry or scaly creatures, Year 2 had the chance to ask Sir Nick Knight questions on life in a medieval castle, and we finish this action parked half term with the PTA Halloween disco.

It has been great to see other visitors on site, such as the afterschool club sports leaders teaching KS1 and KS2 multi-skills to our budding athletes, and the Rock Steady crew developing our talented musicians through the use of drums, keyboards and singing.

Thank you again to all our generous families for your Food Bank donations, which have now been delivered to help support those in need across the city.

I wish you all a healthy, restful half term break and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday, 1st November.

Mrs Nicholls

Notices:

PTA Events: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY'S (subject to volunteers being available)

- Movie Nights: 1st December 3.15pm – 5.30pm (drink, hot dog (veggie opt avail.) and sweets. More details to follow after October half term.
- Christmas Fair and cake mufti - Friday 26th November – 3.30 -5pm
- Christmas Disco – 3rd December TBC

If you think you can help out please PM Charlotte Kelly.

Explorer Dome to visit Year 4 and 5 children – Monday 1st November – see later in this newsletter for details.

Homework: The Thriving 3!
From Year 1 to Year 6, Stuart Road expectations of homework to be completed is:
*Reading - daily reading of either Read Write Inc book (RWI0 for Key Stage 1, Accelerated Reader book (AR) for Key Stage 2
*Maths - TT Rockstars for KS2 and Numbots for KS1
*Topic - please read and share knowledge organisers at home and complete mini topic projects as directed by the class teacher during the term. This will appear on MS Teams and the webpage

SATs,Testing and assessments : KS2 SATs week is 9th May, KS1 testing (Y2) is last week in May before half term, Y1 and Y2 phonics testing w/c 6th June, Year 4 Multiplication check window is also 6th June until 24th June. Assessment week for all other year groups Y3, 4, 5 is 20th June 2022.

Free Flu Vaccinations – Tuesday 16th November: see later in this newsletter for details.

Reporting Covid Cases: Parents are asked to inform the school of a positive test result. Whilst the identity of the individual/s will remain confidential, the year group can be shared so that parents can take reasonable actions to avoid further spread of the virus and take steps towards protecting vulnerable family members.

Toys in School

Can we ask that no toys be brought into school as we wish to keep cross contamination to the minimum especially considering the recent increase in Covid cases.

There are puzzles, books, games and other activities that the children can enjoy during wet play times that the school already provides.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Mrs Nicholls

Newly elected School Council

We are pleased to announce our elected school council pupils are:

- Year 1 - Iyla S and Caleb H
- Year 2 - Darci W and Jacob A
- Year 3 - Leon A-L
- Year 4 - Oliver I
- Year 5 - Ruby W
- Year 6 - Electra S

Jacob A(y2), Ruby W (y5), Dacri-Carole W (y2), Leon A-L (y3), Iyla S (y1), Caleb H (y1), Oliver I (y4)

A huge thank you to all the very generous families and friends of Stuart Road for donating food and care products to help those less fortunate and in need. The photo shows children from our School Council preparing items to be taken to the food bank. Thank you to our wonderful, small community with the big heart.

Explorer Dome to visit Year 4 and 5!

We have an exciting visit arranged to the school for our Year 4 children.

On Monday 1st November Explorer Dome will visit ! Explorer Dome is a portable planetarium with exciting, interactive science show. Inside the magical atmosphere of the Dome, the lively, hands-on shows are presented by professional & enthusiastic science presenters. The cost per child is £8.50. This workshop is an invaluable opportunity for the children to enhance their learning experience and to take part in new and fun activities. Payments can be made via SchoolMoney.

PE Days:

Monday	**Year 4**
Tuesday	**Year 6**
Wednesday	**Reception**
Thursday	**Year 1 and 5**
Friday	**Year 2 and 3**

Please make sure that the pupils wear the required PE uniform: white polo shirt/black shorts or jogging bottoms and red jumper. PE uniform to be worn on PE days only.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2021

As with previous years we would very much like to participate in the 2021 Christmas shoebox appeal, organised by TEECH. The charity TEECH is aiming to travel to Romania & Moldova for Christmas 2021, to visit schools and people in their own homes, taking gifts & food parcels, as well as clothing and blankets. TEECH provides aid and improves basic living conditions, has worked in orphanages, schools and homes for the elderly. Please support TEECH by completing a shoebox, which will be hand delivered by the team, to those who require a little help at Christmas time.

All you need to do is:

- Wrap a shoe box in Christmas paper.
- Decide if your box is to be for a boy or girl, what age group and put a label on the box with the appropriate age.

GIRL	BOY
Age 3-5	Age 3-5
Age 6-8	Age 6-8
Age 9-11	Age 9-11
Age 12-14	Age 12-14
Age 14-18	Age 14-18

- Fill your box with gifts. See the list of ideas and the 'no thanks' list below
- Make a donation of £2 per box towards transportation by visiting: https://www.goldengiving.com/fundraising/TEECHChristmas

Gifts Ideas for your shoebox:
Toys: Soft Toys, Balls, Building Blocks, jigsaws, musical instruments, toy cars, dolls, jewellery
Educational Items: Pens, Pencils, rubber, ruler, colouring or puzzle books, notepads, pencil case, stickers etc.
Personal Items: toothbrush & paste, hairbrush/comb, deodorant, shampoo, shower gel, sanitary items, soap, flannel etc.
Other Items: Sweets, Gloves, Hats, Scarves or age suitable item of clothing (i.e. t-shirt, socks)

No Thanks List:
Medicine / War Related Items / Fragile items like mirrors or glass containers / Dangerous items like scissors or any sharp objects /Nothing of a political nature.

Shoeboxes can be handed into school after the October half-term. **We must have all boxes in by Friday 5th November.**

Many thanks for your generosity.

Messages from Teachers

Reception

The children have had a very busy first term! They have learnt lots of new skills and have made plenty of new friends. We are really impressed by the children's independence skills and they are able to change into their wet weather clothes all by themselves. The children have really enjoyed using the new 'Building Shed' and have been using the large wooden blocks and tools to build some amazing structures. We have read lots of different versions of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and have loved playing in the Three Bears cottage. I wonder what story we will be listening to next term!

Miss Kane and Mrs Haddy hope that you all have a wonderful half term break 😊

Year 1

TBC

Year 2

Year 2 have been learning how to write instructions this week. First, we made a crown fit for royalty, then we wrote instructions for how we had made them and finally, we wore our crowns like king and queens. In maths, we have been practising our number bonds to ten then using these facts to work out related number bonds to 100. In topic, we helped Mrs Hannon tidy up her very messy drawer by sorting all of the objects into different materials with different properties. If you have any drawers at home that need sorting, please ask us! Year 2 have worked so hard this term and Mrs Hannon is extremely proud of us all. Wishing everyone a well-deserved safe and happy half term break.

Year 3

We have been continuing with Read Write Inc as per usual whilst the other reading group have been looking at non-fiction texts and finding information to answer questions. In English we have completed a unit of work on non-chronological texts, writing reports about dragons. In Maths, we have been adding multiples of 10 to three-digit numbers. Whilst in our topic work about Predators, we have been looking at fossilisation and how it occurs over thousands and even millions of years.

Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have been busy writing our own non-chronological reports about dragons! We spent the beginning of the week planning and creating skeleton maps, then wrote, edited, and published in the latter half of the week! Ask me all about my dragon!

In maths, we have been counting in 25s. Although this was easy at first as we could spot a pattern, it became trickier when the start number wasn't ending in 00, 25, 50 or 75.

We have had so much fun in science this week! We each were given a biscuit, a zip-lock bag and some water. First, we crushed the biscuits in the bag, then added water. After this, we mixed the ingredients together which created a pulp. Our next step was to pour this into tights and squeeze out the liquid. We were then left with the end product... biscuit poo!! This experiment was to aid us with our digestive system learning. Ask me about the different body parts and their functions! Why not re-create this experiment at home, too? It's great fun!

Year 5

Class 5 have been having lots of fun this week. In English we became journalists and published our own articles on the death of Tutankhamun. We enjoyed a fun morning of learning lots of interesting Egyption facts with our visitor, Clive Pig, including the mummification process! In maths we have been sharpening out skills on drawing and interpreting graphs.
Well done Year 5, have a lovely half term!

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have tackled the complexity of multiplication. The children have persevered to develop their understanding of the written method for multiplication, and we have been impressed with their learning. We started our new unit of writing focusing on Autobiographies and, throughout the week, have developed our understanding of the features of autobiographical writing. The children have written about their own lives, and it was wonderful getting to know them through their writing.

In Science, the children have also engaged in the 'nature vs nurture' debate when thinking about a variety of factors such as our appearance and our likes and dislikes. The children have also discussed family resemblance and considered how they are similar or different to their own family members.

Well done year 6 for your hard work this term. I believe you are ready for a well-deserved break.

Reminders

- Please make sure that your child comes to school with a water bottle as hydration is vital for concentration and focus for learning.
- Morning fruit break should be fruit or a healthy snack, please keep crisps and chocolate bars for lunchtime eating.
- Whilst Covid-19 restrictions are being relaxed can we all still be mindful that cases are still high and continue to observe precautions such as washing hands, keeping rooms well ventilated and wearing a mask in busy, confined areas. If a child does test positive for Covid-19, please inform the school.

Awards

Year 1
TBC

Year 2
Headteacher's Award – Frank Whitton for working hard in every lesson and being a great role model.

Amazing Mathematician – Cody Embling for improving his recall of number bonds.

Writer of the week – Brody Davies for trying super hard with his handwriting.

Year 3
Headteacher Award: Asfia Janna- for her kind offers of help around the class.

Writer of the Week: Tola Manczak- for her improved presentation of her work.

Amazing Mathematician: Ali Menkawi- for his enthusiasm in Maths.

Year 4
Writer of the week: Ralph for taking ownership of his writing by using a thesaurus to up-level his vocabulary.
Amazing Mathematician: Oliver I for being a resilient learner and spotting patterns within our maths learning this week.
Headteacher's Award: Oliver P for challenging himself in all areas of his learning and showing an increased resilience.

Year 5

TBC

Year 6

Headteacher's Award: Kate for consistently working hard in all areas of our learning.

Writer of the week: Lilly for taking ownership of her learning and being conscientious in our writing sessions. Well done for challenging yourself to use higher level punctuation.

Amazing Mathematician: Joshua for showing perseverance with the short multiplication method.

Oracy Challenge

Here is a simple discussion activity that you can do together as a family. The aim is to get children sharing ideas with their families and developing their vocabulary and imagination.

Levers in Action

What's the same? What's different?

Think about

- Appearance
- What they do
- Where they might be found

Parking outside the school

Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is ***strictly prohibited.***

The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children.

We ask that parents do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school. Thank you.

STUART ROAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

WRAP AROUND CARE

Breakfast Club:

7.45am to start of school day, £3.50.

Afterschool Club end of school day:

to 6.00pm, £9.00.

Bookings available via SchoolMoney

Stuart Road Primary Academy

Cornerstones Curriculum Coverage

2021-2022

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Year 1	Plants	Animals Y1	Seasons	Taxi!/Rain and sunrays	Chop, slice and Mash	Street view
Year 2		Portraits and Poses Animals Y2	Still life, remarkable recipes, Let's explore the world	Living things and their habitats Y2 Mix it	Beach hut Flower head	Everyday materials Plants Y2
Year 3			Ammonite, Forces and magnets	People and places	Mosaic Masters Plants Y3	Light Y3
Year 4			Vista, animal	States of matter, living things/habitats Y4	Tomb builders	Electricity Y4

Year 5			Animals/humans Eat the seasons	Line, light and shadows Nature's art	Taotie, forces Earth and Space Moving mechanisms	Tints, tones and shades Investigating our world
Year 6		Inuit Electricity Y6 Environmental artists	Make do and mend Light Y6	Evolution and inheritance	Trailblazers, barrier breakers Animals/humans	Tints, tones and shades Food for life Our changing world

Plymouth Science

Spooky Science Camp

Scan here to book your place

Venue: St Peters Primary School, Brentford Ave, Plymouth PL5 4HD

Days: Mon 25th-Fri 29th

Timings: 9am-3pm

Age: 6-11 years

£20 per day (bring your own lunch)

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OCTOBER HALF TERM 2021

@PLYMOUTH COLLEGE

MONDAY 25TH - FRIDAY 29TH

This half term come and join us for an action packed week of sports, activity, art and fun. In celebration of **Halloween** we have a **Creepy Halloween** theme.

Weekly Themed Arts & Crafts; HALLOWEEN

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