



Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

I was very proud to see how well the children took part in the minute's silence yesterday demonstrating respect and thankfulness for men and women who serve in our military forces, both past and present. Photos showing this are in this week's newsletter as well on our social media platforms.

Last week, I mentioned the curriculum projects currently being taught in our year groups. This week, I would like to draw your attention to our marking and feedback policy. We use a simple traffic lighting system for the children to self-assess and self-reflect on their learning after each lesson. This helps them to become reflective learners and encourages them to take ownership of how they learn. The marking made by teachers uses two colours, yellow to highlight any spelling or punctuation corrections, number or letter reversal or incorrect maths calculations. The children from Years 2 to 6 use a 'purple polishing pen' to make these corrections. Year 1 make corrections using pencil. Pink is used to highlight evidence in learning where the child is achieving the learning objective of that lesson. This makes it clear to both pupil and teacher exactly how they are meeting the learning set out and helps to reinforce this visually. Below is a snapshot taken from our marking policy to help clarify this. Please go to our new look website where you can read how we mark your child's learning in full detail.

After each piece of work, the children will be given the opportunity to self-assess their learning by placing a 'traffic light' next to their learning objective. This will be based upon how well they think they have achieved their objective.

-  **Yellow:** Indicates that they have not understood their objective or have made little progress towards it.
-  **Green:** Indicates that they have started to demonstrate that they understand the objective but haven't fully achieved it.
-  **Pink:** Indicates that they have achieved the objective.

	Use a pink highlighter where children are showing good evidence of learning within year group expectations.
	Use a yellow highlighter to show misconceptions in which the children need to respond to. e.g. If a child has failed to use an apostrophe on three separate occasions, this suggests an underlying misconception which will need to be addressed.
	Use an orange highlighter in YEAR 6 only to indicate writing target and when that target has been successfully applied independently.

The response marking key is followed clearly in Years 1-6, whilst it is introduced progressively in EYFS.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week when all classes will be participating in activities and discussions, and I will be delivering a whole school assembly on this very important topic too.

Friday, 19th November, is Children In Need, a very special charity that will be marked with 'spotty' mufti and a free Pudsey biscuit courtesy of the kitchen with a pound's donation.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Nicholls



Remembrance Day

The children took part in the minute's silence yesterday demonstrating respect and thankfulness for the men and women who serve in our military serves, both past and present.

The silence was first observed on Armistice Day on November 11 1919. Armistice Day, also known as Remembrance Day, is observed every year on the eleventh day of the eleventh month to commemorate the signing of the Armistice between the Allies and Germany to end the First World War.

Pre-loved Uniform Sales

The Friends of Stuart Road are excited to bringing back the Pre-loved Uniform Sale & Coats on the following dates...

Friday 19th November
Friday 17th December

At school pick up (subj to the weather ☔☁☁)
3pm-3.40pm

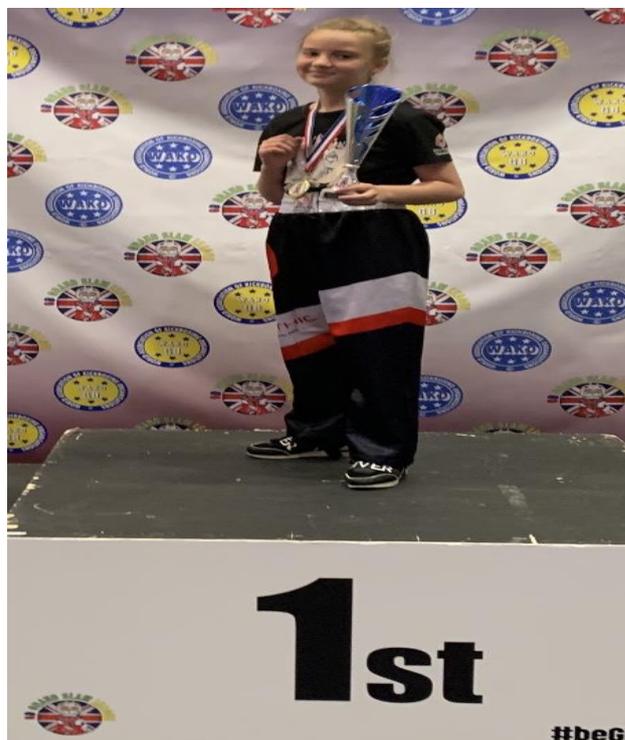
All school uniform will be 50p per item
Coats will all be 50p

Please bring change as we do not have a lot of float.

Year 6 Champion!!

At the weekend, Lilly from Year 6 and her kickboxing team from Mythic Martial Arts fought at the GB grand slam league at Telford International Centre!

On Saturday 6th November Lilly was victorious in the -42kg Rookie light continuous kicking boxing event, achieving first place and bringing home the trophy. Lilly also came 3rd in the -42kg Rookie points and 3rd in the -42kg Intermediate Points events. What an amazing achievement, we are so proud of you! Well done!



Notices:

Children in Need: Friday 19th November - 'spotty mufti' wearing anything spotty! Bring £1 and enjoy a range of Children in Need themed activities.

Safer School Street Day: Monday 22nd November – see later in this newsletter for details.

Book at Breakfast: Friday 26th November 9am – 9.30am see details in this newsletter.

Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 17th December

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

- Grab-a-bag Mufti – 19th November
- Christmas Fair and Sweetie jar mufti - Friday 26th November – After school until 5.30pm
- Movie Night: Wednesday 1st December for Years 1-6: 3.15pm – 5.30pm (drink, hot dog (veggie opt avail.) and sweets. Details to follow.
- Christmas Disco – Friday 3rd December for all years including Foundation. Details to follow

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

Visit from Author 9th February 2022: Eamonn Reilly will deliver a whole school assembly during which he will give tips for writing stories, read extracts from his books and answer any questions.

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 – NEW DATE Friday 14th January at Stuart Road Primary.

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. that the school already provides. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. There are puzzles, books, games and other activities that the children can enjoy during wet play times.

Children in Need 2021

Stuart Road Primary will be raising funds for Children in Need on Friday 19th November by having a spotty mufti! Children can wear anything spotty on the day and enjoy a range of themed activities! Please remember to bring in £1 to donate.

Children in Need's 2021 Appeal will help support local charities and projects which are providing essential frontline help to children and young people in communities throughout the UK.





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Messages from Teachers

Reception

The children are learning so much! They are really enjoying our Number Time sessions where we have been learning how to 'subitise' (instantly recognising how many there is in a set without counting). The children have continued to enjoy our theme of The Gingerbread Man and are beginning to act out the story in their play with confidence. We have been sharing lots of books together - ask your child about our Favourite Five! Don't forget, we change books on Tuesdays and Fridays. Have a lovely weekend 😊

Year 1

This week we have begun to work on subtraction within maths. We did this in a variety of ways - counting backwards, using resources such as cubes and developing our 'fact families'. We have also continued to see how far we can count as a class, but this time we added a silly word instead of saying multiples of 10! Amazing stuff!

We have continued to work on our topic, Where the Wild Things Are, in English and this week have drawn pictures to match words, developed our understanding of the red words in our story, ordered words to create sentences and begun to think about how we can change the story for our 'big write'. Finally, we explored dinosaurs. What were they? What different types? How long ago did they live? We also looked at fossils and tried to match the correct fossil to the correct dinosaur. Another amazing week for everyone in year 1. WELL DONE!!!!

Year 2

This week, we have been practising our story 'Katie in London' using actions, expression and characters voices. We are now innovating our own version about 'Ben in Plymouth' who goes on an adventure riding on the back of a T-Rex! In maths we have using our number bond skills to add 1-digit numbers to 2-digit numbers. In Topic, we learned all about different monarchies and the different power British kings and queens have had through history. We also studied some portraits of famous kings and queens who all held an object in their hand which told the viewer something important about them. Next week, please bring in an object that best represents you or your interests.

Year 3

TBC

Year 4

In English this week, year 4 have created a class adventure story based on 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter'. We decided that Stitch (our main character) had to battle through a tornado in order to be

hailed Queen! We also looked at how we can up-level our vocabulary using thesauruses and using fronted adverbials to make our sentences more interesting.

In maths, we have studied column addition with exchanging. Again, any work you could do on this at home would be appreciated. 😊 In our topic work, we have delved into the science topic 'sound'. We watched how a drum can make rice 'dance' and learnt how sound can travel. We have also spoken about Remembrance Day, what it means, and how we show respect. Why not have a go at making your own poppy to wear on Sunday?

Year 5

As usual, we have had a busy week in Year 5. All the children have been working incredibly hard. We have started to write our own Science Fiction stories based on The Jamie Drake Equation. The children have used brilliant writing skills and techniques, coupled with their knowledge and understanding of space. In maths, we are continuing to investigate and explore multiplication. We have been using new terminology and applying our knowledge to real-life scenarios. After our amazing Explorer Dome experience last week, we are particularly enjoying learning more about planets and our Solar System. Ask us questions, we can tell you some incredible facts!

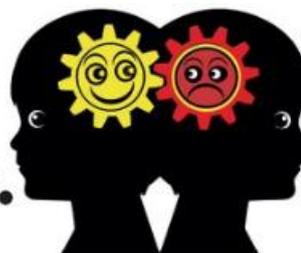
Year 6

This week in year 6 have completed writing a mini non-chronological report on an invented creature, the snuggle muffins. The children have completed some online research on their chosen polar animal. Next week, they will write a non-chronological report. In Maths, we have continued to consolidate the written method of division. In Geography, the children learned about polar regions and compared the Arctic region with Antarctica. In PSHE, we discussed how an individual's behaviour can impact on a group and ways to function best as whole class. We had different scenarios to discuss, and we played a team building game. Well done year 6 for continuing to work hard.

Oracy Activity

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.

**It is good to
make mistakes.**



I agree/disagree because _____.

I think we should consider _____.

*I understand your point of view, but
have you thought about* _____?

Book at Breakfast Event

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: You are invited to join us for **Book at Breakfast** on Friday 26th November.

Here at Stuart Road Academy, we are committed to all our children being great readers who enjoy and love books. Every day is filled with lots of different reading activities and one of our favourite times is when adults read to children at the end of the day.

You play an important part in developing our reading culture and we would like to celebrate with you by inviting you in to school on Friday 26th November from 9.00am-9.30am to share some favourite books with your child/children. Please bring a cushion or your favourite teddy to snuggle down with and you are very welcome to wear your pyjamas! You can also bring in some breakfast to share together.

We are hoping to have Kim Evans-Reid, from Plymouth Central Library, join us for our event. Kim will be available to share ideas for reading at home as well as let you know about what resources and activities there are at the library.

We look forward to seeing you at our Book at Breakfast event.

Mrs Hannon

English Lead



Friday, 26th November
9.00-9.30

Join your child in their classroom.
Bring a book, breakfast and a blanket.
Share our love of reading together!

Awards

The children receiving their awards this week in assembly:



Foundation

Head teacher's award: Szymon for getting braver and joining in.

Year 1

Amazing Mathematician 3/10 - Raea for her effort in improving her understanding of numbers past 10

Writer of the week 3/10 - Kason for his improvement with his letter formation

Head teacher's Award 3/10 - Caleb for his continued effort and responsible attitude towards all of his learning.

Amazing Mathematician 10/11 - Poppy for her hard work in our subtraction lessons

Writer of the week 10/11 - Lilly for her improvement with her sentence structure.

Head Teacher's award 10/11 - Julia for being a kind friend to other children in our class.

Year 2

Head teacher's award – Darci-Carole Wright for her insightful and valuable contributions to all our class discussions

Writer of the Week – Isla Wood for her super sentences containing subordinating conjunctions

Amazing Mathematician – Rebecca Hamilton for her determined learning in addition

Year 3

TBC

Year 4

Writer of the week: Will D for his incredible handwriting transformation! What a fantastic role model you have been!

Amazing Mathematician: Pearl for reflecting upon previous work in exchanging within column addition and applying it to her learning.

Headteacher's Award: Flynn for showing great independence within his learning and using resources in the room to help him.

Year 5

Writer of the week: Haidar for focusing and concentrating on his writing. Well done! Keep it up!

Amazing Mathematician - Rama for her perseverance and determination, even when it is tricky. Super! Keep it up!

Headteacher's Award: Nina for being an amazing role model with a super attitude towards all learning. Brilliant!

Year 6

Head teacher's Award : Habibah for taking responsibility for her learning and for always being eager to challenge herself

Amazing Mathematician: Justas for working diligently in all our maths sessions and for challenging himself with Cuuta challenges.

Writer of the Week: Kate for taking ownership of her learning and being conscientious in our writing sessions.

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

Dear parent/carer

Stuart Road Primary Academy Safer School Streets day

We're working together with Plymouth City Council's Road Safety team, Plymotion teams and Sustrans to hold a **one-day trial** of a **Safer School Streets scheme** on **Monday, 22nd November 2021**.

A Safer School Street is where a road outside a school temporarily closes to **school-run and through motor traffic** during drop off and pick up times. This opens the street up to families travelling actively, making it safer to walk, cycle or scoot to school by tackling the main road safety concern that parents raise with us – the amount of traffic on the road during drop off and pick up times

The Safer School Streets day will be held on **Monday, 22nd November** where **Palmerston Street** will be closed to motorised traffic between **8.15am – 9.00am drop off times** and **2.00pm and 3.30pm pick up times**.

Please support the school with this initiative and chose to walk, cycle or scoot from home, or if this is not possible, to park a short distance away and walk, cycle or scoot the remaining distance. During the closure times motorised vehicles will be prevented from entering the road closure. We will be able to offer exemptions, if approved by the school in advance, for a valid reason such as mobility considerations and for residents living within the closure.

The Safer School Streets initiative is a trial and we would be grateful for feedback from pupils, families, local residents and staff in order to inform future decisions.

School Streets is an initiative which is being adopted by a growing number of schools across the nation. Not only will it improve road safety, but will also help to address traffic and parking concerns outside schools and encourage more people to think differently about how they travel to school. It will create a healthier, more liveable street environment around the school and local community, encouraging a reduction of car use and making the vicinity of the school community safer and cleaner, improving the quality of life for everyone.

Safer School Streets is also part of Plymouth City Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan and is supported by Councillor Jonathan Drear, Cabinet Member for Transport and is being delivered in partnership with Sustrans, the charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle.

If you do have any specific access needs or other queries then please do contact me as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

Britta Nicholls
Head of School
Stuart Road Primary Academy