



Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

It has been a super Stuart Road week of events! Starting off with a tree planting event on Wednesday when 11 of our Key Stage 2 pupils helped plant winter blossom and crab apple trees in Victoria park as part of the Victoria Park Community Project, Plymouth City Council and the Street Services Team to commemorate those lives lost at the Keyham tragedy. We noted many inspired gardeners who really got stuck into the digging, which was rewarded with drinks of hot chocolate, wonderful effort.

We also had a day of PE training delivered by our REAL PE trainer who shared her expertise and upskilled all teachers in this great scheme. This was then followed by Year 1 and 2 indoor athletics competition at the Life Centre where children enjoyed taking part in track and field events. And if that wasn't enough, the PTA held another movie night which was well attended, and I am pleased to report with much improved behaviour throughout.

We end this busy week with an inclusion sporting event at the life centre where both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed participating in games of dodgeball. Phew, after this week, I think I need a lie down...

Best wishes,

Mrs Nicholls

Notices:

PTA Valentine's Disco – Friday 11th Feb FDN, Year 1, 2, 3: 4.30pm – 5.45pm. Year 4, 5 and 6 : 6pm -7.15pm. Cost £4 (includes sweets, drink, light up gift)

Welfare and Mental Health Mufti – Monday 14th February – Wear anything you like mufti for children's welfare and mental health week. See later in this newsletter for details.

PTA Soft Toy Mufti – Friday 18th February – bring an unwanted soft toy to donate to the Spring Fair.

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.

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.

Tree Planting for the Victoria Park Community Project

Children from Stuart Road Primary helped plant trees (as a sign of respect for those who died in the Keyham Tragedy) alongside Counsellor Sally Cressewell and members of Plymouth City Council, who wish to commemorate the Stuart Road community for their strength of unity throughout this tragic time.



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

Messages from Teachers

Reception



Another busy week in Reception. We have had lots of fun today exploring counting and number. This morning, we counted how many bird feeders we could find, we worked out which number was missing and we found the odd sock! The children were very creative with their number mufti costumes too - well done everyone! Next week we will be carrying on with our theme of Winter - we will be looking at ice. This week we learnt how to look after the birds in the winter.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic week again. During English we have been exploring a new story - The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse - and have performed and sequenced the story, as well as creating our own story map and discussing new words.

In maths we have looked to expand our knowledge of 2d and 3d shapes by making and drawing them, alongside finding them in class and outside.

We finished the week with our numbers day where the children did a wide variety of different activities associated with numbers and maths. This included snakes and ladders, pe games, dot to dot, dominos, matching images to their number, creating the biggest number line, having our own shop, using lollipop sticks to make shapes and many more.



Year 2

This week, year 2 have been following in the immortal footsteps of Neil Armstrong and started learning all about the first moon landing. As astronauts in training, we've had to learn about each step of this significant journey, capturing it with a story map. In maths we are learning to divide by 2, 5 and ten and understanding how this will fit in with our times tables. In topic, our focus has been on significant activists and understanding the difference between fact and opinion. In RE, we are learning different words and phrases for Allah.

Year 3

We have had a very busy week bringing our adventure story writing to a close. We had based our work on 'The Firemaker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. We have also been working on money and the idea of working out sums of money and change. In our topic we looked at tectonic plates and how they affect the environment with volcanoes and earthquakes. We also had fun engaging in a variety of activities based on maths for NSPCC Number Day on Friday.

On Wednesday, Mr. Chan, Mrs Moody and Darren from TGS took a group of twelve children to the Plymouth Life Centre for an athletics tournament with other primary schools in the locality. The children were a credit to the school with their manners, behaviour and effort. They took part in a number of relay races and some field events including a standing long jump, chest throw and foam javelin throwing. Well done Stuart Roaders! We are proud of you!



Year 4

In English, we have started a new text! This time, our focus is on non-fiction writing, in particular, informative and persuasive pieces. We have looked at the book, 'Pollution' and have researched our own facts using iPads. We were amazed at some of the figures!

In Maths, we have been looking at division. This has been tricky to get our heads around! We have studied partitioning numbers to solve the calculations. We will continue to work on this.

In the afternoons, we have studied RE, PSHE, French and PE, as well as looking at rivers. Ask me about any facts I have learnt.



A huge thank you to Nola, Year 4, for donating books she has read and loved to our school library. We can offer a warm and welcome home to any other quality books families have enjoyed and are happy to pass on.

Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we are underway with our persuasive writing unit in English. We started the week exploring different advertisements, identifying the features that have been used and determining which ones are most successful, creating the greatest impact. Furthermore, we have been developing the use of language and techniques in order to persuade someone else to eat healthily and have a healthy lifestyle.

In maths, we are continuing with fractions. Our confidence has soared this week with our understanding of equivalent fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions.

We are still really enjoying our art and design project on Line, Light and Shadows. Take a look at some of our black and white photography, we are certainly feeling very proud of it! All the photographs are taken in our classroom!



Year 6

We had a busy week and the children have impressed us with their commitment to their learning. In History, they discovered the events that led to the Allied Powers' victory and the consequences of the Treaty of Versailles. In RE, we are learning about Judaism and the children created information pages titled, 'What is Judaism.' We have been fortunate to work with Mr Chaplin, who is a PE specialist with many years of experience in both primary but also secondary schools and play an entertaining game of Kabadi. We look forward to continuing to play the game in our future PE sessions.

The week has culminated in a fun-filled, Number Day where the children explored different areas of maths. We looked at different jobs requiring maths and created parabolic curves and mandala designs. Well done year 6 !



Children's Well being and mental health – Monday 14th February

This year's theme is Growing Together.

We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

We are asking children and staff to come into school wearing anything they feel like on Monday 14th February! This will be a FREE mufti and is an opportunity for us, as a school, to promote an awareness of children's wellbeing and mental health.

Awards

Year 1 TBC

Year 2

Head teacher's award – Gabriel for outstanding work in all his lessons.

Writer of the Week – Aiko for beautiful descriptions in her adventure story.

Amazing Mathematician – Jacob Ash for his excellent understanding of division.

Year 3

Headteacher's Award: Ashton for giving his best effort.

Writer of the Week: Leon for his editing work on his adventure story.

Mathematician of the Week: Rex for his work on money.

Year 4

Writer of the Week: Damian for persevering with increasing his stamina for writing.

Amazing Maths: Flynn for gaining confidence and independence within using different methods.

Headteacher's Award: Lucas for challenging himself within all areas of the curriculum. Keep up the hard work!

Year 5

Writer of the week - George for working hard on handwriting and presentation, ensuring it is consistently of the high standard that he has set himself. Keep it up!

Amazing Mathematician - Matthew for working hard to understand fractions and applying the knowledge he has learnt. Well done, keep it!

Headteacher's Award -Calum for working hard to focus on his learning, both inside and outside the classroom. Super! Keep it up!

Year 6

Head Teacher's Award - Summer for her commitment to her learning, always being eager to improve.

Head Teacher's Award - Lewis for a fantastic learning attitude and for always participating in our class discussions.

Amazing Mathematician – Blake for working diligently in all of the maths tasks and for always being eager to complete Chuuta challenges.

Amazing Mathematician - Kate for her resilience in learning how to multiply decimal numbers.

Writer of the Week – Lacey for working hard in all her lessons and always striving to improve.

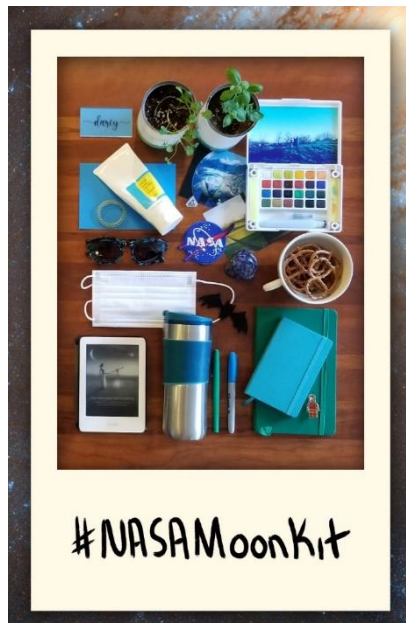
Writer of the Week – Finley for showing determination in improving his writing and for writing a fantastic diary entry.

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.

NASA Moonkit

If you had to spend many years in space, what would you take with you?



Numbers Day in Support of the NSPCC

