



Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

What a wonderful week it has been! We have enjoyed visiting classes to see how well the children are learning in their English lessons have been greatly impressed with their range of vocabulary, correct use of punctuation and vivid imaginations. I was glad to see so many pupils who have now gained their pen licences too, keep up the good work!

We have had two visitors come to school this week. Sian from Livewell Southwest hosted a wellbeing workshop for our floor one learners. The children learned that looking after their heart and mind was as important as looking after their body. They explored different words for feelings such as stress, anxiety, worry or sadness and how they might react when they experience these feelings. They practiced some different breathing skills and strategies to help cope with these difficult but important feelings.

The children also enjoyed seeing a real-life author in the form of Eamon Reilly who talked about his various books in a very funny and humorous way! No doubt the children have come home telling you how Eamon drinks his water? I'll let them explain...

Next week is Science Week, and Mrs Moody has worked extremely hard organising a timetable of events, activities and visitors to inspire and enthuse all our budding scientists.

Please remember to complete the parent survey that has been emailed out to all families, if you haven't done so already. Your comments help to shape the future of the school and ensure that we keep improving and making Stuart Road the great school it is.

Finally, we finish this week with the PTA Valentine's Disco which I know many of our pupils are very excited about and has sent many hearts a-flutter.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Nicholls

Notices:

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.](#)

Year 3 and 4 Athletic Tournament (selected students only) – Wednesday 16th February – Life Centre, 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

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

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



Children's Well-being and mental health Mufti Day – 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.

take reasonable actions to avoid further spread of the virus and take steps towards protecting vulnerable family members.

Eamon Reilly Visit



Messages from Teachers

Reception

We have continued our learning about Winter and the children have loved exploring the large block of ice - they found lots of things hidden inside! The children have enjoyed water play this week and have been busy being engineers and scientists! They have joined drain pipes together and used water to make boats and ducks move along. We move into our last week of The Three Little Pigs and Winter next week - the children have really enjoyed these themes. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 1

This week we have continued to explore the book - Town Mouse and The Country Mouse - and begun to unpick different aspects of it. We have learned new vocabulary, rearranged mixed up sentences, found errors in a short piece of writing and finally continued to develop our understanding of adjectives. We have done this by using them to describe images and then tried to transform this into sentences.

In maths we have continued to look at 2d and 3d shapes. Does it matter what size it is? Does it need a specific number of sides/corners? Can we see 2d shapes in 3d shapes?

We finished the week by creating our very own Town Mouse and Country Mouse display using a variety of junk modelling.

Year 2

This week, year 2 learned about colour theory by studying the colour wheel and mixing. They explored primary and secondary colours and how artists use colour in their artwork. At the end of the week, they pulled all their skills together to create a colour composition independently. In writing, they have rehearsed a recount of the first moon landing and are now about to begin a recount of their first landing on another planet. In maths we have finished multiplication and division with learning about odd and even numbers.

Year 3

We have started a block of work on instructional texts- revisiting their features and identifying them in examples of instructions. we have also created a text map to help us remember what is in the text and then rehearse them to each other. In maths, we have looked at presenting information in the form of tally charts and pictograms. We have also been interpreting data presented in these graphs to compare data. As always, we have had an incredibly busy week with a Muslim speaker coming in to talk to us about the religion of Islam and an author (Eamonn Reilly) spoke to us about his experience as a writer. We also looked at Internet Safety Day and how we need to be responsible in order to stay safe.

Year 4

In English this week, we have looked at apostrophes for possession and spellings and how these can be used within our persuasive writing genre. We then used our research from last week to draft a class plan.

In Maths, we have moved onto a new focus: area. We have discussed what area is, and then in the latter half of the week, started to calculate this.

On Tuesday, it was Safer Internet Day. We held a class discussion about how to keep ourselves safe online and what to do if there are problems. We finished the day by creating safer internet fortune tellers! Look at our creations below.



Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed a variety of different events this last week. We took part in Number Day last Friday, and joined the hundreds of schools for the NSPCC mega maths fundraising day. We certainly followed the slogan, 'It's maths, but not as you know it' as we took part in different maths activities, some involving Art and PE.

On Tuesday 8th February, we learnt all about being SAFE, SENSITIVE and SMART online. Safer Internet Day is celebrated each year but, of course, being safe online is something that we need to do all year round! On Wednesday, we enjoyed an assembly with the author, Eamonn Reilly.

Along with these different events, we have also been continuing with persuasive writing in English and we are looking forward to publishing our leaflets next week.

Year 6

Year 6 have shown perseverance and ownership through completing their mocks SATs papers this week. In English, the children have begun to plan their own description of the battle using descriptive phrases and figurative language. Next week, the children will complete their description of a battle scene. Meanwhile in History, we began to investigate the causes of the Second World War and looked at the warring nations. In Art, we have learned about distortion and abstraction creating distorted images and using lines to draw abstract portraits.

Awards

Year 1

Head Teacher's Award - Julia for her fantastic attitude towards her learning.

Writer of the Week - Kason for trying to include his finger spaces in his writing.

Amazing Mathematician - Silvie for her improved focus in our maths lessons.

Year 2

Head teacher's award – Brody Davies for great progress in all his work and for being such a good role model.

Writer of the Week – Freddie Parsons for his determination to develop his handwriting.

Amazing Mathematician – Sophie Lang for her resilience and success in every maths lesson.

Year 3

Headteacher's Award: Roba for being helpful around the classroom.

Writer of the Week: Rex for improvement with his handwriting.

Amazing Mathematician: Isabella for her effort with pictograms.

Year 4

Writer of the Week: Miley for improving her stamina for writing and working hard to write in a cursive style.

Amazing Mathematician: Harry for reflecting upon previous knowledge to help with new learning.

Headteacher's Award: William D for taking ownership of his presentation and challenging himself to improve his own stamina for learning.

Year 5

Jakob Martinez – for growing in confidence with his writing, producing some work to be really proud of. Super!

Mohamed Aliy - for increased participation in lessons, demonstrating a growing confidence and improved understanding. Brilliant work!

Ezra Jevons – for a super attitude towards his learning, with great adaptability. Super work!

Year 6

Head Teachers Award - Ella for showing resilience and reflectiveness during our tests this week.

Amazing Mathematician – Habibah for working diligently in all of the maths tasks and for always showing resilience when completing Chuuta challenges.

Writer of the Week – Lilly for always being eager to improve her writing and for all her contributions during English sessions.

Athletic Event on Friday 4th February

Great fun was had by all who attended the athletic event on Friday 4th February.



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.

**What if we
couldn't see
colours?**



When are colours useful in day-to-day life?

What do you know about your eyes?

Are there any times when what you see changes? (for examples at night, or with sunglasses)

Climbing wall taster sessions!

Does your child want to try climbing? Why not book them on to one of our climbing taster sessions, happening during February half term.

Just £6 for a 1 hour session!!

Day	Session start times			
Monday 21st	10:15	11:30	13:00	14:15
Tuesday 22nd	10:15	11:30	13:00	14:15
Wednesday 23rd	10:15	11:30	13:00	14:15
Thursday 24th	10:15	11:30	13:00	14:15
Friday 25th	10:15	11:30	13:00	14:15

Book online, at the climbing wall reception or call us on 01752606900 option 4

