



**Staplehurst School Newsletter -
No.34- Summer Term**

News from the Senior Team



Dear Parents and Carers

As I shared last week our transition arrangements are now fully underway; staff have taken this week to observe children in their setting and next Friday will be spending a 30minute story time session with them in their current classrooms. For our new year 1 parents there will be a short video available next week so that you are clear about how your children will be learning in KS1. All new staff will spend an entire day with their class on **Friday 8th July**.

Visitor Feedback: Last week we hosted leaders from a Kent school; they wanted to see first-hand our ambitious knowledge rich curriculum. They were impressed with the quality of learning over the term and the children's superb history and geography essays. As always, our children were impeccably behaved and shared their learning articulately. Mr Williams Jones and I were incredibly proud of them.

Summer Uniform:

Now that the weather is much warmer, we wanted to remind you that children still must come to school in the correct school uniform. If you're unsure what this entails, please see the uniform section of the website.

Staff News: well done to Ms Stanfield who led a superb maths session for Maths Leaders in Kent. She received excellent feedback which is very well deserved!

Let's hope this beautiful weather continues over the weekend!

Miss Davenport and the Senior Leadership Team

Pride Month



This month, we are celebrating Pride month. We had an assembly on Monday to introduce it to the children. We discussed what LGBTQ+ stands for, how Pride month is celebrated across the world, and why they use a rainbow as their community symbol. The children learnt that families are all different and it is ok to be different to your friends. We are encouraging children to celebrate this month in their reading- by choosing books to read with a main character who is different to them.

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NAME	CLASS	REASON
Reuben-John Stockford	EYG	Reuben has really impressed us with the fantastic progress he has made in phonics, particularly over the past term. He is also starting to demonstrate this in his writing and. Well done Reuben, keep up the good work!
Lincoln Syred	EYKB	Lincoln has a very nurturing nature. He loves to work with all different members of the class and always makes them feel happy and involved when they work with him. He has a lovely way of bringing out the best in people. What an amazing quality!
Kelly-Reann Fuller	1C	Kelly-Reann is usually quite a quiet member of 1C. However, this week during a role-play activity, Kelly Reann amazed me with her confidence, choice of words and just how articulate she can be! Well Done! I really hope to see more of this before you leave year 1.
Sarune Stoskute	1S	This week Sarune has shown great determination in her work. She has been working really hard in Maths by practicing her counting forwards and backwards to 100. Sarune has also been showing how she can partition a two digit number into tens and ones. Well done, Sarune!
Jenson Watkins	2SS	Jenson has worked extremely hard on his reading this week. We are very proud of how he has been applying his phonics and reading words more fluently. He showed us his super reading by even attempting some expression. Well done Jenson!
Ella Vanoli	2S	This week Ella has produced a fantastic letter during English. She has thought carefully about her sentence structure, vocabulary and details she used. Ella has tried really hard this week, keep it up!
Thomas Penfold	3S	This week Thomas has demonstrated an exemplary level of respect towards adults and his peers and positivity towards all areas of his learning. He particularly impressed us in R.E with his contributions to class discussions and understanding of other people's beliefs. Fantastic work Thomas, keep up the amazing work!
Charlene Coster	3G	Charlene has utterly impressed me this week with her effort and drive in English. She has written a wonderful piece of writing all about our story 'Ossiri and the Bala Mengro'. She has taken on the task with positivity and independence. Well done Charlene, keep it up!
Harry Wilkinson	4W	Harry has shown great determination in his work this week. In English, he has written a first person recount based on our book Yokki and the Pamo Gry using conjunctions and was also able to edit and improve his work! Well done Harry!
Molly Carter	4C	Molly has shown great determination and enthusiasm towards her written work this term. She is constantly aiming to complete work to a good standard, writing at great length and in detail. Molly is making good use of previous work to inform her writing and is often referring back in her book to check information or to look at her planning. A good attitude, well done!
Oscar Boumer	5K	Oscar has shown a real improvement in his work this week, both in the quality and his attitude towards it. In particular, he has made a great effort with his reading, writing and homework. His narrative based on The Gipsy Trail included some fantastic vocabulary, and he has really started to develop a clear voice in his writing. Well done Oscar!
Tommy Wenham	5R	Tommy has worked hard this week to write a lovely setting description based on The Gipsy Trail. He has shown determination and independence when writing, and has made some great vocabulary choices. He has also thought carefully about his sentence starts. Well done Tommy!
Noah Moore	6S	Noah has settled in incredibly well to Staplehurst School and we are immensely proud of him for demonstrating our Pride Values consistently since day 1. Noah is incredibly respectful towards all members of the school community and he has a fantastic attitude towards his learning. Well done, Noah!
Erin Byrant	6T	Erin always models the very best learning behaviours in class and around the school she is an outstanding role model. She listens attentively and shows high levels of engagement and effort in everything she does. I have been particularly impressed with her effort in swimming. Well done Erin!

EYFS



YEAR 1

This week EYFS enjoyed a fantastic London themed dance workshop. Children (and staff) enjoyed a military themed session, learning different steps and actions to form a dance to a military march, music the children may have heard during the Jubilee. During the session they spoke about the parades in London and about different landmarks in London such as the London Eye and Tower Bridge. As part of the dance the children learnt different movements including heel drops, salutes, marching and skipping.

For PE this week we took advantage of the lovely weather to try some different activities on the field. We particularly enjoyed the javelin throwing! We certainly have some budding athletes in EYFS with some impressive throwing. The hot weather gave us a good opportunity to revisit some of our work from keeping healthy week on the importance of sun safety. The children could explain the need for sun hats, sun cream and drinking plenty of water.





Year 1



Year 1 absolutely loved their Indian dance workshop. They were exposed to lots of classic moves from Bollywood dancing, lead by a teacher that got everyone dancing, even the teachers, and topped of with an up beat bollywood dance track! All children were wonderfully engaged and felt a sense of achievement once we had completed the dance!





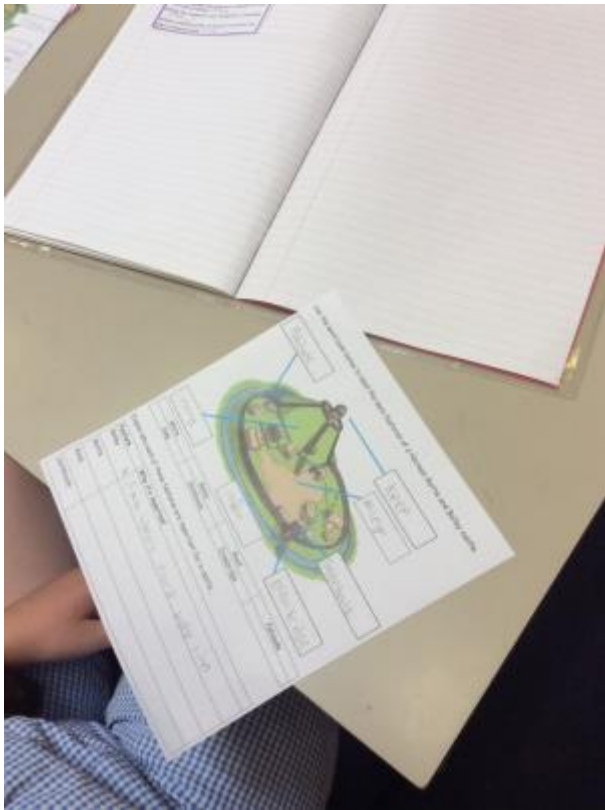


Year 2



This week Year 2 continued their learning about castles, answering the question 'What were the key features of Norman castles?' We looked at pictures of Norman castle, identified features and learnt their function and importance.

Year 2 were also thrilled to find out that they had a dance workshop where they learnt a traditional South African dance. They showed off their best moves and learned some key vocabulary!





Year 3



YEAR 3

Year 3 had the fantastic opportunity of a dance workshop this week. We learnt a traditional Singapore dance and even got to use parasols, we had so much fun.



Year 4



YEAR 4

In science this week, children have continued their learning about classification keys. As part of their learning they used identification charts to identify plants and trees on the school site. Working in pairs they looked the leaf shape and petals to identify the different flora in the survey area.

In PE, the children have been practicing their catching and throwing skills to help them play cricket. They thought about how to use these skills to help them field and bowl affectively.

Also this week, children have also had the opportunity to learn an Aboriginal Rain Dance as part of a visiting workshop. Children really enjoyed the session and partook in the dance with enthusiasm and energy.











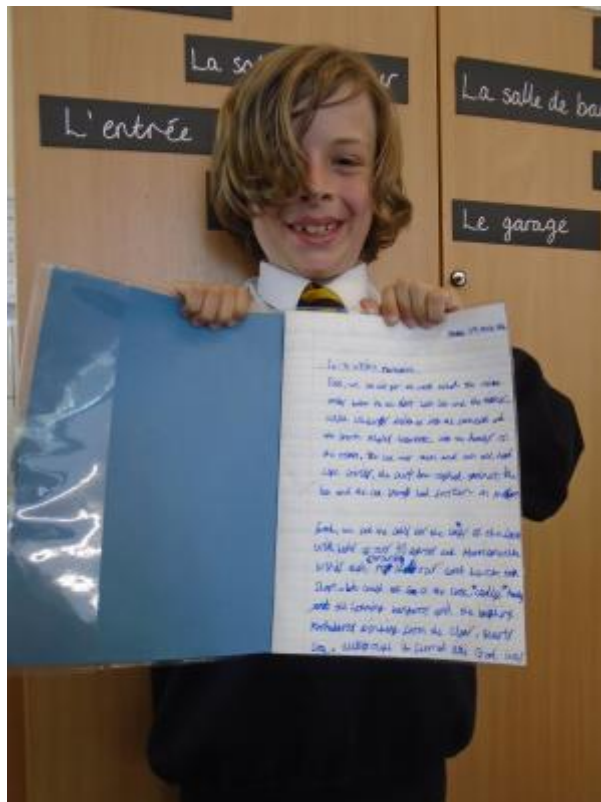
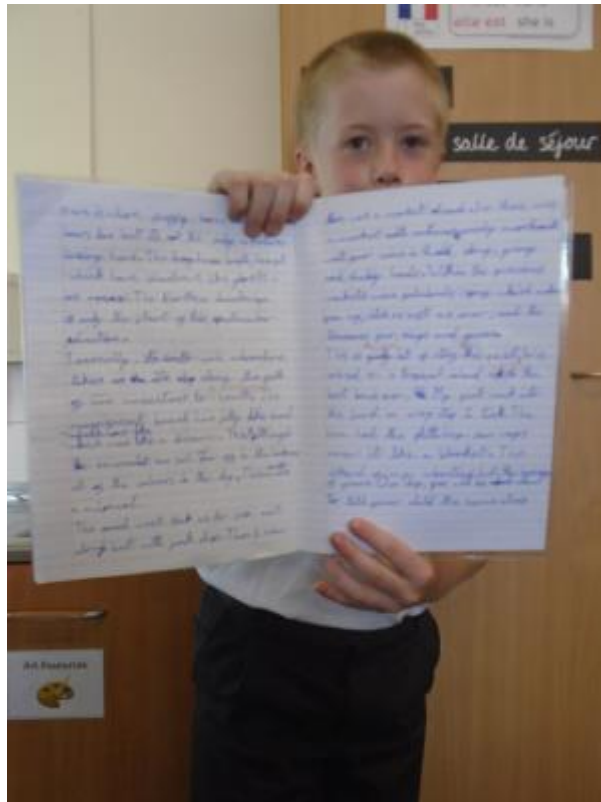


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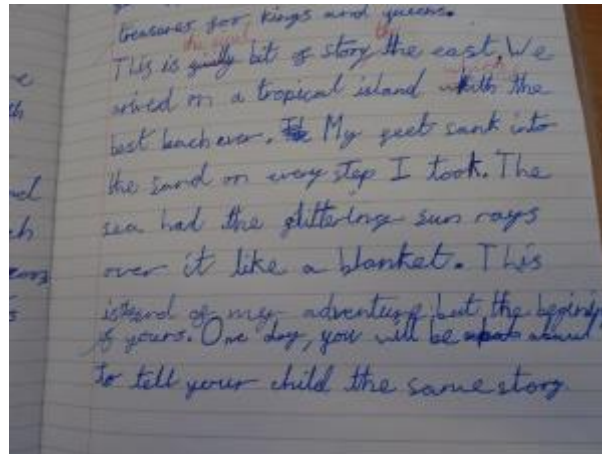
YEAR 5

This week, to celebrate Traveller History Month, Year 5 have been writing stories based on the poem 'The Gipsy Trail', by Rudyard Kipling. The poem tells the story of a traveller, as he follows the trail with his loved one and sees all four corners of the world. We have reimagined the poem, by pretending we are recounting the story of our travels to our grandchildren. Whilst writing, we focussed on using a wide range of descriptive imagery, as well as relative clauses, fronted adverbials and high-level vocabulary. This resulted in some fabulous pieces of writing- some of our best yet!



One more trip to come until the end of ^{the} ~~our~~ ^{open beach} journey. The beach. The beach had most certainly the best beaches on this Earth. The glistening ^{open} ~~white~~ sea glimmered in the moon's rays. The As I walked along the beach I felt the sensation of ~~the~~ ^{open} ~~your~~ ^{open} sand on my toes. After our beach trip, me and my partner ~~headed~~ ^{headed} into Mahan woods. The beauty of the ~~wonder~~ ^{wonder} ~~covered~~ ^{covered} leaves is out in this world. My child, I cannot describe the wonder of the trip, but soon you will be doing the same and you can find out for yourself.

Co.T = Tuesday 14th June 2022
I took a last young child, I went a longer distance with you. I'll tell you of how I travelled the world following the gipsy patterns North, South, East and West.
Our adventures began by following the compass to the North, sailing through the sea among clear, blue icebergs which poked out in the ocean. There were also birds that could not fly; elegant Penguins that were everywhere!
Then I set sail for the South, feeling the increased heat of the scorching Sun at the sea & licked my face cooling me down. My long-greece hair wipped into a frenzy by the blistering Southern winds.



Year 6

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their Hakka dance workshop this week. The enthusiasm and concentration both classes brought to the session made staff feel immensely proud and their performance of the Hakka was truly excellent. Well done, Year 6!



Preparations are underway for our upcoming production: **Grease!**

On Thursday, Dance Club started the show's opening routine and on Friday all the children came together for a full script read through. We are really looking forward to bringing the Rydell High characters to life!



P.T.A Events

P.T.A. Summer Fair 25th June 2022



SUMMER FAIR

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL PTA **2022**

SAT 25TH JUNE

12-3PM



FREE ENTRY!



Food & drink

BBQ | Turners Cider |
Crouch burgers | Veggie wraps
Cakes | Hot dogs | Fruit punch
Ice cream

Entertainment

Bouncy castles | Sit in a police car*
Music and dance performances
Water or wine | Fun games |
Rainbow raffle | Fire engine*

As well as stalls selling craft, jewellery
and Body Shop products

**STAPLEHURST SCHOOL
ALL WELCOME**

*Subject to operational requirements



This year we are operating the majority of our stalls with tokens. We will be selling these in advance of the fair and also on the day at our 'Bank' stall.

Advance purchase bonus.
 We are offering £6 tokens for the price of £5 when bought before the day of the fair.



You can use tokens for these stalls

- Bouncy Castle** £3 for 5 mins
- Bouncy Slide** £3 for 5 mins
- Water or Wine** £2 per go
- Beat the Goalie** £2 for 3 shots
- Hook-a-Duck** 50p per go
- Tin Can Alley** 50p for 3 balls
- Splat the Rat** 50p for 3 rat runs
- Lob-a-Choc** £1 for 3 throws
- Stocks** £1 for 3 sponges



On the day of the fair we will also have a BBQ, a rainbow raffle, a cake and refreshments stall, an ice-cream van and some guest stalls which will be cash/card payments. We will also have music & dancing from local groups and some emergency vehicles (subject to operational requirements)

Staplehurst Library Competition



Kent **Libraries**



Staplehurst Library is 50 years old!

Celebrate with us on 16th July and enter our free competitions for a chance to win prizes!

- **Pre-school** – colour our bookworms
- **KS1** – colour our book
- **KS2** – design a card for a book character
- **Under 16s** – write a short story chosen from the following:
 - The library seemed empty
 - “Fifty!” echoed around me
 - It’s gone
 - That book changed my life

All entries to Staplehurst Library by
1pm on Saturday 25th June.

Please ask in the library for more information



Facebook: Maidstone Libraries



The Shepherd's Pantry



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Community Fridge can be found in the Cafe Room at Staplehurst Free Church in Station Road.

It is open to everyone and our policy is to encourage anyone who would like to support it, to simply,

“Give what you can and Take what you need.”

Two areas that we are really passionate about are caring for each other and reducing food waste but we are definitely not alone in this.

We are so grateful that Sainsburys and other amazing, supportive local businesses, (you'll see them mentioned on our Facebook site and the Facebook Staplehurst Helping Page), regularly donate excess food and items that would otherwise be classed as waste.

These, along with kind private donations from the community, are enabling everyone to access food and provisions when needed in a very relaxed, dignified way, but at the same time, helping to reduce waste.

In recent times we have been pleased to chat with some folk in neighbouring communities who have expressed an interest in seeing something similar set up. Brilliant!

Of course, we are always happy to inform about the Community Fridge and recently, we had the privilege of a visit from the lively Staplehurst Beavers who came along to learn about the Fridge - but they really bowled us over by choosing items to donate themselves.

How fantastic was that!

Thank you everyone for your support on behalf of:

The Shepherd's Pantry

Community Fridge

Staplehurst Music Centre



The groups run every Saturday morning at Staplehurst School for Early Years and KS1 (2-8yrs). These classes provide a structured learning progression. Our young learners (2-5yrs), focus on developing skills such as pulse, rhythm, use of percussion and solfa hand signs. Our group for older learners (6-8yrs) provides a natural progression, offering an opportunity to play their instruments in a small group

If anyone wants any further information, they can make contact via the fb page, website or directly to me becca@websitescientist.co.uk

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