



Stocks Green Primary School

'Learning to Live, Living to Learn'

Newsletter - Friday 16th May

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

At this point in the year, it is good to reflect on the school vision, that was created with our whole school community, and how we are progressing with it (you can remind yourselves of what we agreed on the next page). We wanted to be: 'A school that teaches everyone to have a positive impact on the world'.

At school over the last few weeks we have been working on this by focusing on our 'Stocks Green Way'. These are the social norms that we want everyone at Stocks Green to demonstrate every day. We have been revisiting these to provide clarity to everyone on what they look like and how we can show them every day. We have started with two simple social norms that make a huge impact for everyone. 1) 'We walk calmly on the left' and 2) 'We look after our environment'.

In assembly last week, we talked about what these look like, such as never walking past something on the ground, taking pride in our school environment as well as looking after the things we have. It has been wonderful to see the children in the school looking after their cloakrooms, classrooms and corridors with so much more pride. They have also been heard reminding each other to walk calmly, particularly when they have been coming in for lunch. It is amazing how quickly you can make a big impact when everyone is working together. It has been wonderful to see the whole school community pull together and push each other to make a positive impact on the environment inside the school.

DEVELOPING PROJECTS

Mr. Endersby, Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Mitchell and I have been busy working on the water play area. The PTA have very kindly funded this work and it is taking shape. This will be a water play area where children can safely play with water, race ducks down pipes and generally have great fun! We will be treating the water to keep it clean and emptying it on a regular basis. We hope to have this project completed in the next few weeks and I look forward to sharing some pictures of the children enjoying it.

Mr. Till has also been creating a stand for the play boat. This is also nearly ready. The donor will be coming in shortly to add the mast (no sail) and we will then be making last minute adjustments to fit in with our OPAL Risk Benefit Assessment (which we use to assess all OPAL activities). Again, this will be an incredible play resource for the pupils and I know they will get great pleasure from it.

Our website is also very nearly ready after a year of hard work in the background, last summer, Ms. Peake very kindly took photographs for us and I look forward to sharing the final result with you at the end of June (hopefully!).

You can see some images of these developing projects on page 3 of the newsletter.

Again, a huge thank you to all of those who have given up their time and energy to support the school.



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Stocks Green's Vision



Our vision for our whole community:

A compassionate and inclusive school where pupils, staff and families build happy memories and love attending every day.

Our vision for our pupils

A school that is forward thinking and seeks to provide the experiences and opportunities needed for future success.

A school that engages pupils in stimulating learning that creates a thirst for knowledge.

A school that teaches everyone to have a positive impact on the world.



Our vision for our staff

A school where everyone is valued and people are at the centre of all that we do.

A school where everyone strives for excellence in teaching and learning.



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DUCKS READY FOR DUCK RACING!



IMAGES OF UPCOMING PROJECTS

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CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Every school is now required to have a Climate Action Plan. As with any project here at Stocks Green Primary School, we always think about how anything we are required to do can fit within our own vision. Climate action fits well within our vision of a school that teaches children to have a positive impact on the world. As part of this climate action plan, I recently met with Suzie Hammond (the lead advisor for Kent) who has helped us to shape some initial projects. This included putting us in touch with the National Education Nature Park Project run by RHS. <https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/school-gardening/national-education-nature-park>

Last week, Anna, from RHS and Suzie came in to work with Year 1 and Year 5 as part of this exciting project.

In Year 1, Anna talked to the learners about habitats. We have wooded and grassy habitat in our school grounds. They did a minibeast hunt in the Forest School area. She challenged them to find worms, slugs, snails and birds.

She brought two soft toys, a Fox and a toy hedgehog and split the class into groups. They were then challenged to build a habitat for their animal using the things they could find in our grounds. They created a stick house for the fox - for protection and hiding - and catkin beds for the hedgehog - to keep warm during hibernation. The Year 1s had an amazing time and learnt so much about habitats!



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YEAR 5 NATIONAL PARK PROJECT

Year 5 also worked with Anna and Suzie to start mapping the school grounds onto the RHS National Park Project. The children were extremely enthusiastic about the project and will continue the mapping over the coming weeks.



YEAR 1 SCIENCE



YEAR 5 NATURE PARK



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UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please remember that the full, and constantly updated list of dates, is on the school website under 'News and Events' - 'Yearly Planner'. It can also be accessed at

<https://www.canva.com/design/DAFM8IPhRVw/8VzWtjH8GL43QK9p2eK6uA/view>



20/5/25 - YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE GUDWARA
AND CYCLOPARK



20/5/25 - YEAR 5 SECONDARY TRANSFER
TALK



21/5/25 - YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TALK



22/5/25 - PTA FUN RUN



22/5/25 - MENTAL HEALTH DAY



23/5/25 - LAST DAY OF TERM



2/6/25 - START OF TERM 6



2/6/25 - YEAR 6 RSE TALK



5/6/25 - SPORTS DAY



6/6/25 - CLASS PHOTOS

SUPERSTAR CORNER

Well done to all our hardworking superstars from the last two weeks.

The Values Cup goes to a child who has shown our school values during the week. This term we are focusing on the value of respect.

Values Cup Winners:

9/5/25: James G - Year 6

16/5/25: Archie C - Year R

The Values Cup for Sport goes to a child who has shown our school values during a sporting events, such as PE or a tournament, during the week. This term we are focusing on the value of respect.

Values Cup for Sport Winners:

9/5/25: Aoife S - Year 3

16/5/25: Phoebe L - Year 1



Well done to Yeshna (Y3) who has successfully completed her Grade 3 Singing examination with Merit and her Grade 1 Dance examination with Distinction.



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SUPERSTAR CORNER CONTINUED



Huge congratulations to the Stocks Green Ski Race teams. They won the overall shield for the school and first place in the Male Lower primary school category.

Male Lower primary school team

Oscar F (Y3)

Liam F (Y4)

Sebastian N (Y4)

Mixed Lower primary school team

Isabella M (Y4)

Jessica G (Y4)

John G (Y1)

Also, a huge thank you to Mrs. Nelson for organising this successful event.



Well done to Liam and Oscar F (Year 4 & Year 3) who took part in Hildenborough Road Races recently. Both did very well, Liam did particularly well to come 2nd in the race.

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SUPERSTAR CORNER CONTINUED



Well done to Jack (Y6) and Maximus (Y5) who took part in the Hildenborough Road Race on Monday 5th May. They showed such great determination to complete the running course and were proud to represent Stocks Green Primary School.



Well done to Dylan (Y4) who was awarded spirit of rugby in U9 for the season and Darcey (Y3) who was awarded coaches player of the season in U8.

They also took part in the Tigers Challenge in Minehead and both their teams did very well. Dylan's team finished second in their group. Darcey's team played their last game of Tag.



Well done to Aoife (Y3) who was the second girl to finish in her age group in the Hildenborough Fun Run.

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SUPERSTAR CORNER CONTINUED



Well done to Henry (Year 3) who competed in the Hildenborough road races (Y3 and Y4) and came 7th overall - the highest place Y3 in the field.

He also attended the St George day parade last weekend with his Cubs troops.



Well done to James (Y6) who was selected to represent his rugby club (Tonbridge Juddians RFC) at the UK's largest rugby tournament in Minehead. James' team came 2nd out of 48 teams who took part including teams from Ireland, N.Ireland, Wales & England. It was a fantastic experience for James, who is already looking forward to next season.

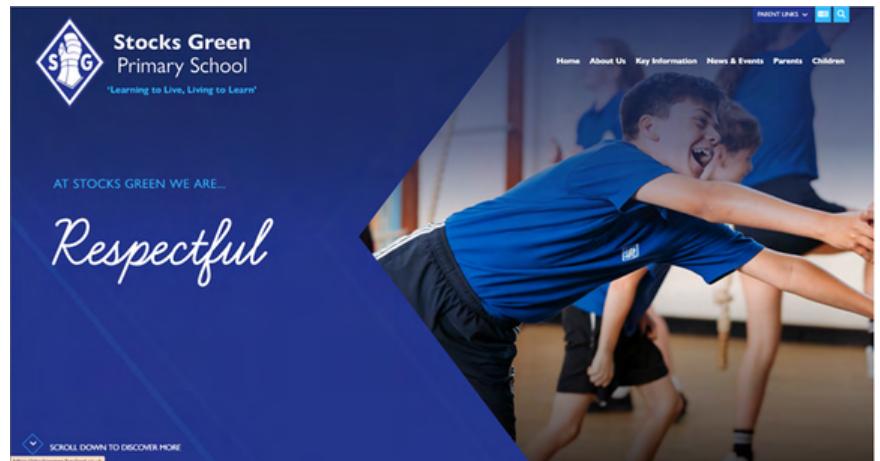


Well done to Izzy, Holly, Carlotta, Emily, Immy and Summer from Year 2, took part in a dance show at the EM Forster theatre and performed a Mouse Waltz ballet. They are part of the D2Dance Academy.

SUPERSTAR CORNER CONTINUED



At the Hildenborough Road Races Isabella M (Yr 4) achieved 3rd place in the female category Y3/4 race and Marcus M (Yr R) achieved 3rd in the Reception & below race.



IMAGES OF UPCOMING PROJECTS

