Stocks Green Primary School

'Learning to Live, Living to Learn'

Newsletter - Friday 16th October

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It has been a a busy couple of weeks here at Stocks Green Primary School, but a couple of weeks full of joy and focusing on what really matters to our school - our sense of community.

Talking to teachers and parents after our recent Parents Evenings, it was clear how valuable these opportunities are to build the connections needed to work in partnership to support all the pupils at our school. Our school runs on this partnership and it was brilliant to see these relationships being cultivated.

Parents often ask me what the number one thing they can do to support their child is. My answer is always the same: spend time reading with and to them. The language acquisition that takes place when you read books that are above their own ability to read is astounding. Alongside this, getting children to repeatedly read the same book multiple times, or a passage, will quickly show you the value of fluency in moving children's reading and learning forward. So, if you want to support your child's learning across all subjects, spend lots of time reading to and with them over the upcoming half term - you will not regret it!

I spent quite a bit of time in classes earlier in the week and it has been lovely to see how children are showing determination to work on their presentation and show their best presentation across a range of different subjects. This is an area that we are all focusing on as a school.

The PTA hold their annual AGM on Monday 19th October. I cannot overstate the incredible work that they undertake for the school. They have undertaken some significant fund raising over the last 12 months and we have been holding off on spending the money whilst we finalise some projects. However, we have some very exciting plans for the future and this funding will be absolutely vital in being able to provide the wider development projects that we have in mind.

Whilst discussing funding, I wanted to say a heart-felt thank you to everyone who has signed up to the voluntary fund. We outlined to parents that this funding would be used in part to fund our continued work with the Sports Partnership and I am pleased to report that we have been able to renew this support through your generosity. They have already been into the school to train our Sports Leaders, run the dodgeball tournament and will be running PE lessons at various points throughout the year. We are so grateful that you have enabled this partnership to continue.

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THANK YOU - BIKE BUS TEAM

I just wanted to take the time to say a huge thank you to the Bike Bus team who work so hard to provide a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to enjoy a safe ride on the way to school. They were particularly busy last week with cycle to school week. Our Bike Bus team is a team of volunteers who give up their own time to organise and bring the children to school. Thank you for all you do for our school community.

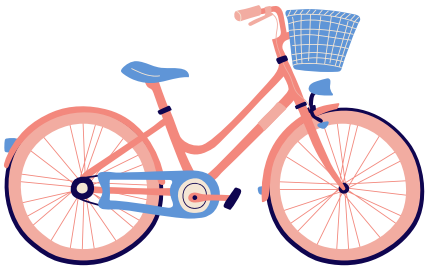


MESSAGE FROM THE BIKE BUS TEAM

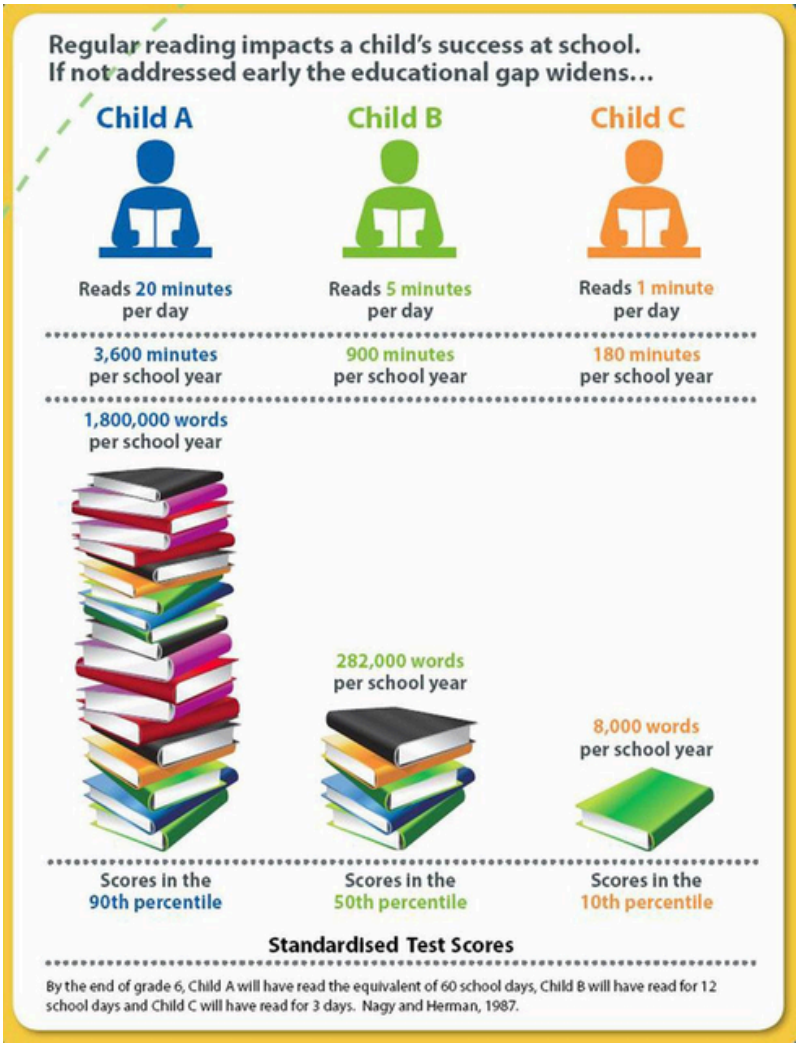
Thank you everyone for the brilliant CYCLE TO SCHOOL week last week. Cycle to School Week encourages pupils to choose cycling as a fun, healthy, and environmentally-friendly way to get to school. It aims to foster a love for cycling among children, promote physical activity, and, helpful to all, reduce the cost of the school run and traffic congestion around schools. So many children cycled to school, there was lovely weather for the most part, and we consistently had over 10 children a day on the bike bus, culminating in an estimated 26 on Friday 🥳🚲🚲🚲🚲

It was particularly lovely to see so many little ones on their balance bikes coming into school too.

If you would be interested in joining a bike bus (bubbles! music!) from Powder Mills direction do send your details in to Ms Francis G.FRANCIS@stocks-green.kent.sch.uk







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OPAL

As we head into the Autumn term, we want to reinvigorate our OPAL playtimes after an incredibly wet and wild winter that forced us to shut the field for a period of time! We have been talking to the children in our play assemblies and through the School Council. They have identified some donations that they would love to add to our offer. If you are able to source any of these for us, we would be so grateful! Our OPAL offering really relies on donations from parents and the local community.

We also have some big plans for continuing to improve our outside environment over the coming terms and hope to share these changes in due course.

Donations we would currently love:

- dressing up clothes
- car seats
- suitcases
- coat hangers - for our new costume corner
- ride on suitcases
- wheelchairs



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SPORTS LEADER REPORTS

Dodgeball

On the 28th of September, our Year 3's and 4's took part in a tournament against multiple different schools including Claremont, St. Mathews and Hildenborough. Stocks Green was determined to do their best and represent our school with pride. Our first game was against Hildenborough and we won 36 - 22.

Our next game was against Claremont and we won 23 - 21. Our team scored some amazing throws and had great tactics. Before we knew it, the game had ended and the results were in. 1st place was a draw between Claremont and Stocks Green.

Thank you to the school's partnership for organising the tournament.

Football

On Tuesday 29th September, our school football team [Finn, Stanley, Serik, George, Charlie, Ewan, Sahir and Ralphi] played an away match against Hadlow primary. During the first half, our defenders were holding strong and we were winning our midfield duel; leading to our first goal, where Ralphi expertly dribbled the ball around the Hadlow goalkeeper. Later on in the half, we substituted a new goalkeeper and a new defender. With them on the pitch, we managed to score our second goal; where Ralphie crossed it into George for a tap in.

In the second half, Hadlow started strong making some fierce attacks, but our defenders were always there to block their shots and pass to our attackers, who make bold attempts to score. To finish of the match Ralphi took a kick in dribbled it around their defenders and scored. By the end of the match, the score was 3 nil to Stocks Green.

Thank you to Mrs Scott for organising the match.

PREFECT REPORT

This week at Stocks Green Primary School has been full of fun and creativity. We had an amazing visitor named Kate, who did the Life Space. During Life Space, she talked to each class about, feelings, health and connections with friends and family.

Meanwhile, Year 5 have been doing some wonderful learning in geography about biomes and different vegetation belts. After lots of incredible planning, Year 5, finally finished their explanation text, which was about how do dragons breath fire.

Recently Year 1, have been making pumpkin cakes, by using the pumpkins the Year Rs planted themselves. Impressive, I hope they saved some for me!

Year 2 have been busy with their RE work about the Jewish celebration Shabbat. Also, they have been learning how to use a key on maps in Geography.

While the rest of the school were having fun doing their lessons, Year 6 did Bikeability. The class was split into three groups. Groups one and two have all finished level one and two. They even got a chance to go on the road! What an achievement!

At the moment , Stocks Green have been working on their gymnastic routines. Preparing for the up coming intra house competition on Tuesday.



YEAR 4 FRENCH

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YEAR 1

YEAR 3 LIFE SPACE WORKSHOPS





YEAR 5 ART

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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/DAFM81PhRVw/8VzWtjH8GL43QK9p2eK6uA/view

- 19/10/26 - YEAR 6 TRIP TO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT
- 20/10/26 - INTRA-HOUSE SPORTS
- 22 & 23/10/26 - BIKEABILITY
- 23/10/26 - FLU VACCINATIONS
- 23/10/26 - END OF TERM
- 2/11/26 - INSET DAY
- 3/11/26 - START OF TERM 2 FOR PUPILS
- 4/11/26 - PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS
- 9/11/26 - OPEN WRITING LESSONS
- 10/11/26 - PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS
- 11/11/26 - YEAR 5 AND 6 AT ST JOHNS FOR REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

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.

9/10/26: Leo R - Year 4
16/10/26: Hanga K - Year 3

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:
9/10/26: Olivia H - Year 6
16/10/26: Erin C - Year 4

Our 'Above and Beyond' certificates are awarded to those pupils who have gone 'Above and Beyond' with their learning and attitudes in class all week.

Above and Beyond Winners 9/10/26:
Year 1: Lyra P
Year 2: Howard T
Year 3: Ava S
Year 4: Sophie H
Year 5: Jack W
Year 6: Isabel L

Above and Beyond Winners 16/10/26:
Year 1: Ciara C
Year 2: Chester T
Year 3: Freddie M
Year 4: Elena G
Year 5: Ralphi B
Year 6: Kacey C



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Well done to Amy (Y3) who recently made her Brownie Promise upon joining 7th Tonbridge Brownies. During the induction, she confidently recited the Brownie Promise perfectly



Well done to Archer (Y4) who had a brilliant first full-contact rugby tournament in Medway! He played his heart out, making some fantastic tackles and scoring tries. Next up is another tournament in Tunbridge Wells this Sunday, but first, he gets to be a ball boy alongside his teammates for the Sevenoaks 1st team on Saturday.

ZONES OF REGULATION

Each week in school we talk about a different Tool to help children regulate their emotions. This is our 'Tool of the Week'. We will be sharing the Tools we are using in school in the newsletter. This will enable parents to talk about them at home with their children too, so we can have a joined up approach to helping children to regulate their emotions.



Well done to Jake (Y5) & Otis (Y1) (alongside big brother Finn) and Euan (Y6) & Ella (Y5) who volunteered at a water and gel station at the Tonbridge Half marathon at the weekend.
They were great sports giving up some of their weekend to support all the runners, handing out water and gels and cheering them on.

Practice

When you have to do something you just don't want to do, imagine how you will feel when you're done. It's like finding the treasure at the end of the rainbow.

You can ask yourself:

- *What's my goal?*
- *How will I feel after I get it done?*
- *How will my hard work pay off?*



WHY TO TRY:
Reminding yourself of the reward at the end of the rainbow or the good feeling you will have once you are finished can motivate you to persist, to keep going, or to reach your goal.

Try to find a moment each day of the week to practice the tool.

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YEAR 4 FRENCH