



Stocks Green Primary School

'Learning to Live, Living to Learn'

Newsletter - Friday 23rd January

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Three weeks into January and I am convinced we have not seen the sun once! Luckily, the sunny disposition of the children remains as they continue to enjoy their learning and grow within our school community.

In assembly this week, we focused on 'doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do.' We talked about how no matter who was watching or what was going on around us, doing the right thing is always the right thing to do. We looked at examples of how keeping our school environment clean and clear of litter is always the right thing to do. This moved onto a exploration of how litter can impact on the environment and cause wildlife all sorts of issues as it travels into the environment and the children were all shocked by the damage it could cause in the oceans.

We also looked at other examples around the school about how being kind is always the right thing to do. We also looked at inclusivity and how being welcoming to new members of our school community is always the right thing to do and how we can make people feel welcomed and supported.

We also talked about how everyone can help in our school by supporting tidying up in classrooms or ensuring that everything was put away carefully during OPAL play. Following on from this assembly, it made me really proud to hear about the actions of some of our pupils.

At lunchtime, we have had to shut more and more of our field as it has become unusable due to the incredible amount of standing water. The children were all really disappointed that we might have to close off the swing area and bunker temporarily. So, a huge team of them helped wheelbarrow woodchip across the waterlogged field to help dry out areas and reduce the mud. This made me so proud that these children wanted to make the play experiences of everyone else better and that they gave up their time to support Mr. Endersby to make this happen.

This really shows why 'doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do' is so important and how, when we work together, we can make the school a better place for everyone. I would really encourage all parents to help us reinforce this message around doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do with their children, as together we can make such a difference.

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PUPILS HELPING TO MAINTAIN OUR ENVIRONMENT

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PREFECT UPDATE

This week at Stocks Green the children have been up to lots of exciting business.

In Year 4 they have been learning about how to make a set of instructions by making a jam sandwich. In English. In maths they have been learning about number facts.

Year 3 have been doing some very exiting lessons. In history, they have been learning about a Stone Age village called Skara Brae that was uncovered by a storm and sand in very high winds.

Year 5 have been uncovering the secrets of adverts about horrible histories. In science they have been learning about thermal insulating.

Year 1 have been having fun in PE learning a dance routine. In English they have been learning about Beegu- a book about a lost alien on earth trying to find her home planet. In science the Year One's have been looking at their senses through fascinating experiments.

Year 6 have been learning about ratio in maths. In PE they have been practicing short dance sequences and OAA (Outside Adventurous Activities).

Overall, Stocks Green have been having lots of fun this week. Goodbye and have a great week!



YEAR R LEARNING

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OPEN MATHS LESSONS

Following on from the very positive feedback we received around our 'Open Reading Lessons'. We will shortly be hosting some 'Open Maths Lessons.' These will focus on a key area of maths that each year group often finds challenging, or which we get asked about by parents. During the sessions, we hope that you will learn some valuable techniques that will enable you to better support your child at home. Do come and join us for the session if you feel this would support you. As previously, we do have to cap the numbers at ten parents per session, due to capacity in the classrooms.



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YEAR 1 EXPLORING SENSES

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YEAR 2 HISTORY AND SCIENCE



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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/DAFM8lPhRVw/8VzWtjH8GL43QK9p2eK6uA/view>



26/1/26 - YEAR 4 TONBRIDGE SCHOOL - DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY - FOOD TECH



WEEK BEGINNING 2/2/26 - OPEN MATHS LESSONS



9/2/26 - INTRAHOUSE SPORTS



10/2/26 - SAFER INTERNET DAY



13/2/26 - END OF TERM 3



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23/2/26 - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS



24/2/26 - SCHOOL OPEN FOR PUPILS



25/2/26 - YOUNG VOICES AT THE O2



SUPERSTAR CORNER

Well done to all our hardworking superstars from the last three 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.

9/1/26: Eleanor K - Year 2

16/1/26: Joshua T - Year R

23/1/26: Beau L - Year 4

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:

9/1/26: Elsie P - Year 1

16/1/26: Holly J - Year 3

23/1/26: Darcey O - Year 1

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 9/1/26:

Year 1: Rose P

Year 2: John G

Year 3: Leo R

Year 4: Yeshna C

Year 5: George B

Year 6: Darcie M

Above and Beyond Winners 16/1/26:

Year R: Raffy M

Year 1: Archie C

Year 2: Amy L

Year 3: Charlotte D

Year 4: Aimee H

Year 5: Lila S

Year 6: Finley C

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LOCAL EVENTS

Stocks Green prides itself on being a part of the local community of Hildenborough. We have been asked to share information about some events going on in the local area.

Sackville School has asked me to make you aware of two opening mornings coming up:

Saturday 31st January: 10am-12noon

Tuesday 10th March: 11am-12.30pm

Please contact the school directly if you would be interested in attending.

Tonbridge Model Railway Club will be holding its annual model railway exhibition on Saturday 21st February.

Details are:

Saturday 21st February

Model Railway Exhibition

Angel Centre, Tonbridge, TN9 1SF

Open: 10.00 to 17.00

Adults: £8.00; Children under 16 free (when accompanied by adult)

Public refreshments.

60 stands including over 20 layouts plus two hands-on for children

Hobby trade support.



SUPERSTAR CORNER

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

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 23/1/26:

Year R: Zachary L

Year 1: Clara S

Year 2: Lucas H

Year 3: Summer C

Year 4: Jake P

Year 5: Asenat A

Year 6: Isla C



Well done to Yeshna (Year 4) who performed in front of 250-300 people last week.



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Young Cooks!

Do you have what it takes to be crowned the next Young Cooks Champion?

Are you aged 6 - 18?
Do you have a flair for flavours and a passion for cooking?

You are invited to take part in our **Young Cooks cookery competition** with the winners receiving a share of £500

In addition, a finalist will be selected to cook at a **Showcase Lunch** at The Dog in Wingham and may have the opportunity to attend a **master class!**

Closing Date: 31st January 2026

Scan or visit for more details & entry

 **SEK Schools** 

sekgroup.org.uk/support/sek-schools/young-cooks-competition



Sebastian Nelson (Y5) had an outstanding performance at the Tonbridge Swim Club Annual Championships, winning 3 gold, 5 silver, and 3 bronze medals, and finishing 2nd overall in the Boys 9–10 age group. He also achieved 10 Kent qualification times, narrowly missing an 11th by just 0.23 seconds. As a result he will soon be competing at the Kent County Annual Swimming Championships at the London Aquatics Centre.



Last term, Chloe (Year 4) achieved her Level 5 Achievement certificate awarded by Weald Gymnastics. Well done Chloe!

