

Newsletter - Friday 14th February

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Over the last few weeks, we have begun our journey of teaching children all about their emotions and how to manage and categorise them using the 'Zones of Regulation'. It has been really lovely to hear about how children have started to describe their emotions in these ways at home and how children are talking so confidently about regulation. Over the last couple of weeks I feel like I have been in every zone and through every emotion myself, often on a daily basis. This has made me even more sure that our path to helping children learn how to manage their emotions is the correct one. I hope that you are finding the bridging activities useful to undertake with your children at home and I look forward to explaining the next stage of our project, including our 'Launchpad' provision, in the coming terms.

On a personal note, I would like to thank our fantastic parents for their patience and understanding whilst I have been going through a challenging personal time. The 'good to see you backs' and 'hope you are okays', lovely emails and flowers have genuinely meant the world to me, so thank you for your kindness and support.

As we hopefully reach the end of what seems like an endless winter, and can see the green shoots of Spring on the horizon, we will be doing a big sort out of our OPAL shed. So, please watch out for our donation lists in upcoming newsletters as we hope to restock ready for the better weather to come!

'SEE YOU SOONS' AND 'WELCOMES'

After 13 years incredible service to Stocks Green Primary School, Mrs. Norman has decided to leave the Stocks Green family. We wish to thank her for all her years of service and it was lovely to celebrate her many achievements in assembly last week.

As well as wishing Mrs. Norman well, we will also be temporarily saying 'goodbye and good luck' to Mrs. Scott. Mrs. Scott begins her maternity leave from today and we all wish her all the best as she embarks on her journey into parenthood.

Whilst it is always sad to be saying 'goodbye' to any of our Stocks Green team (even if it is temporarily), it does give us the opportunity to welcome new members into the group. Firstly, we will be welcoming Mr. K. Bradbeer to the role of class teacher in Year 4. Mr. Bradbeer is a vastly experienced teacher and I know the children have already enjoyed getting to know him on the Year 4 transition sessions.

We have also welcomed Mr. Wallis into our TA team. He will be working in Year 6 until the end of this academic year and I know he will be a huge asset to the school.



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SCIENCE WEEK

Mrs. Saganowska and Miss. Dargie recently organised a fantastic science week to inspire the children to take an interest in the study of science. Each class explored some fantastic lessons linked to their current science topic. The children also learnt about a specific scientist linked to their topic. It was really wonderful to hear them talking so positively about all their learning in an assembly. During the week, all the classes also got to take part in a science workshop exploring a range of experiments. You can see some pictures of the week below.



FENCING WORKSHOPS

Mrs. Newton, our curriculum lead, has been working hard on implementing the 'inspire' element of our Passport of Possibilities. This has and will involve bringing in some fantastic guests to engage with the pupils. Years 1 - 6 recently were inspired to take up fencing and learnt how to do so safely. You can see pictures of this below.







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INTRAHOUSE DANCE

Mrs. Newton also organised our termly intrahouse event. This is an opportunity for classes to take part in a sporting competition or perform in front of the whole school. It forms part of our 'perform' strand of our Passport of Possibilities. Each class worked hard on developing a dance using the skills learnt during their PE lessons. The children all performed with huge smiles on their faces and did their teachers and classes proud.











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PREFECT UPDATE

It's been another busy week at Stocks Green finishing off work before half term. In this article, we will tell you what we got up to in the busy week before the end of term.

With Mrs. Hodgson in reception, they have been learning all about 6, 7, and 8 in maths. They have been building camp fires and eating popcorn in Forest School and in phonics they have been learning the diagraphs 'S' and 'Z'.

Year I have been busy on the iPads playing one minuet maths for the first time. They have also been learning about the difference in weather at the equator, South and North Pole. In art, they have been creating Northern Lights using oil pastels.

In Year 2, they have learning about the Buddha and the Buddhists symbols in RE. In maths, they have been memorizing the two times tables. They have also been learning a song about the Great Fire of London in history.

Creative Year 3 have been writing non-chronological reports about their own creature in English and have been learning about the people who live in the rain forest in geography. While in maths, they have been learning about meters, centimetres and millimetres.

Year 4 has been writing news articles of a possible alien encounter at Stocks Green Primary School. They have also tested how far sound travels.

In Year 5, they have been focusing on Marie Curie in English and in geography they have been learning about tsunamis and earthquakes. In science they have been learning about forces.

With Mrs. Newton and Mr. E in Year 6, they have been writing information texts and in ZOR (zones of regulation) they have been making trippy emoji art. Thank you so much for taking the time to read this and we will see you after half term!

By Olivia C and Francesca

SPORTS LEADER UPDATE

This month has been very exciting for everyone! From dance and netball to football, every person has taken part in at least one of these activities.

Dance

This week the whole school has participated in showing what they have been doing in their PE lessons. They have been making a dance in their classes all the way from Year R to Year 6. On Thursday 13th February, there was a performance in the school hall. Everybody took part and had a great time.

Netball

Recently, there was a challenging match against Chiddingstone. The ending score was 4-6 to them. It was a well-played match. Stocks Green kept them at bay but they kept scoring.

Football

Last week our footballers participated in a football tournament against different schools. They won lots of matches but lost some. In conclusion, they came 5th.

We all hope you have a good half term.

By Amber and Sophia



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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/8Vz WtjH8GL43QK9p2eK6uA/view



14/2/2025: END OF TERM 3



24/2/2025: INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED



25/2/2025: FIRST DAY FOR PUPILS



3/3/2025: START OF BOOK WEEK



6/3/2025: WORLD BOOK DAY - DRESSS UP FOR PUPILS



26/3/2025: PURPLE DAY - YOUNG EPILEPSY
CHARITY EVENT



Well done to Imogen (Yr 3) got highly commended in her Latin dance exam, dancing the Cha Cha! What an achievement!

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:

24/1/25: Finley H - Year 2 31/1/25: Eden T-W- Year 5 7/2/25: Darcey O - Year R 14/2/25: Jack M - Year 6

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:

24/1/25: Joshua T - Year R 31/1/25: Elsie R - Year 4 7/2/25: Archer S - Year 5 14/2/25: Toby C - Year 4



Well done to Layla (Yr 2) who has achieved her green stripe in Taekwondo with Miles Martial Arts. She did a great job and worked really hard to perfect her pattern, fundamentals and theory. She did not give up and continues to intermediate level with determination and perseverance! What a great accomplishment!

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SUPERSTAR CORNER CONTINUED



A message from the tennis coach, Adam - 'A big well to done Archer & Jaime who took part in the Sevenoaks school doubles event on Saturday in a field of 40 boys in total. Although the boys didn't quite make qualification for the knock-outs, both conducted themselves brilliantly and were a credit to the school. The event runs up to Year 4, so the boys will look forward to coming back next year after learning a lot from this years experience!'





Well done Yeshna (Yr 3) who participated in a dance performance last weekend, which followed on from getting a distinction in her grade 2 singing exam.

Yeshna also had another fantastic result. She got a distinction in her piano performance! The examiner also gave her some fantastic comments on her mark sheet. Well done Yeshna.

Well done to Finn James in (Yr 4) who received a medal in January for winning the Maidstone League Winter Cup with his team Tonbridge Juniors Apache.









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SUPERSTAR CORNER CONTINUED



Well done to Jenson (Yr 1) who has been invited back for the rest of the season at Chelsea's pre academy. What a fantastic achievement!



Wednesday 29th January, Rainbow Club had two unusual guests! Two snakes, Noodle and Betty, visited the children in honour of Chinese Lunar New Year. Jenny (Yr 4) and Lizzy (Yr R), really enjoyed handling the animals (under close supervision)!



Well done Holly (Yr 6) who is dressed as Willy Wonka above. She performed with her Musical Theatre group as part of the Dynamic Dance Showcase 2025 at the Angel Centre on Saturday and Sunday and was complimented by all as being amazing! She also enjoyed performing a dance routine to Car Wash with her Street Dance group.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Message from Rainbows:

Do you need child care this half-term? We are running our popular club on 18th, 19th, 20th February 2025. Open from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. School day rate £30 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We will be baking, crocheting, painting and enjoying outside play. We like a quiz, silly bingo and DJ decks too!

For information & booking email contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com

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