

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another incredibly busy week at Staplehurst School - ending with our successful Red Nose Day; thank you to everyone who participated and we are pleased to announce that we have raised £319.46 which is superb.

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent forum and to Mr Williams-Jones for discussing our knowledge-rich curriculum. As always we value your views, and we would like to encourage you to complete the parent view OFSTED survey at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



As you know, I wrote to you this week as I was very upset about the parking situation outside of school; thank you for the significant improvement today – let's keep this up as the safety, and well-being, of our pupils is our number one priority. I will now be working with our Year 6 Learning Ambassadors to promote safe travel to and from school.

Have a good weekend and we will see you all on Monday.

Our very best wishes.

Miss Davenport & the Senior Leadership Team

KEY DATES/INFORMATION

Uniform: Winter uniform until Term 5

Class Photos: 11 May (Tuesday)

End of Term: 1st April (Thursday)

Students return: 19th April (Monday)

Important Reminders:

Social distancing

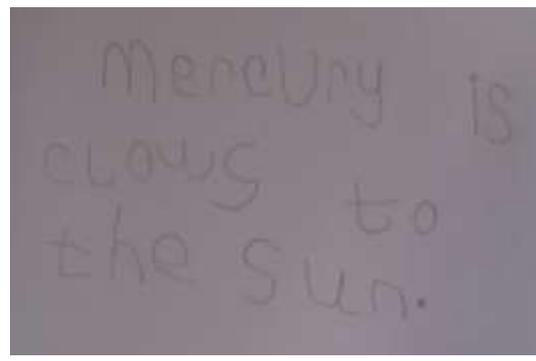
- Parents will need to enter the main gate and follow our one way system as normal.
- Please maintain social distancing at all times.

Nut free school – Staplehurst is a nut-free school. Please kindly do not send any snacks/food items with your children containing nuts.

Collection of Children: all children need to be collected from the school playground at the end of the day unless they are attending clubs have permission may walk home by themselves (years 5 & 6). No children are permitted to wait for parents who are collecting siblings at the back gate

EARLY YEARS

Early Years are really enjoying learning about space and this week we have been finding out about the solar system. We have started writing our own planet information books and learning actions to help us to remember the different planets. In maths we have been comparing 2D and 3D shapes and looking at their properties. We investigated which shapes we could use for building rockets. This week we have also been developing our agility and team work in PE, jumping over hurdles and using the agility ladder, whilst carrying bean bags on our heads!



YEAR 1

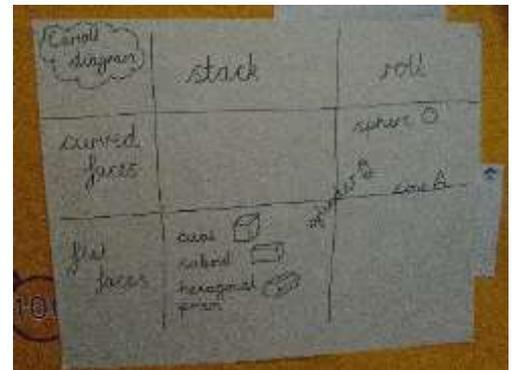
Year 1 have made themselves into human balance scales. We compared the mass of objects we found outside. Can you tell which object is the heaviest?

Year 1 have been using the balance scales in class to find out which objects are heavier and which are lighter.



YEAR 2

This week Year 2 are finishing their shape topic by sorting 3D shapes. We used our learning of their properties to help us sort shapes onto Venn and Carroll diagrams. Here are some shapes we have sorted on a Carroll diagram.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have been working hard to divide by partitioning numbers. They've used counters to support their understanding.



Year 3 have been writing instructions on how to capture the Iron Man, in order to get into character we spent some time acting out the scenes and discussing how he might be feeling.



YEAR 4

Year 4 Science

This week in Science we have been taking a closer look at vertebrates. We worked in small groups to classify the different types of vertebrates there are and also the creatures that fit within each group. There was plenty of great discussion among the groups about which animals belonged in each group and some great thinking! Well done Year 4.

**Year 4 Art and Music**

Year 4 have also been getting very creative this week!



Even though we are still not allowed to sing, we have been learning about rhythm. Using body percussion and noting down the beats to Queen's 'We Will Rock You'. In Art, too, the children are preparing to create a final piece inspired by Henri Rousseau. We have explored mixing colour and the colour wheel to help us find the shades and tints we need to paint our rainforests.



Jona was inspired by our Rainforest topic and wrote her own poem to show her learning.

YEAR 5

Year 5 thought about ratio in formulations in Science this week. We discussed why it was important to use the same ratio of ingredients when making a cake, and then investigated how the taste and colour of squash changes when you change the ratio.



Design and Technology - Year 5

After planning them last week, Year 5 began constructing their earthquake proof buildings this week in Design and Technology. They had limited resources and needed to be able to hold a 50g weight in a 3 floor building taller than 30cm. We await the finished buildings with baited breath!



YEAR 6

The children in Year 6 have been learning about medicinal drugs and the health and social implications linked to alcohol and nicotine. As part of this work, the children role played different scenarios before creating a comic strip examining the risks for the character they played.



In our reading sessions we've been reading War Horse. It's about a horse draughted into fight during the First World War. I love the different characters in the books, and the book is full of twists and turns and you never know what is going to happen next. Talking about WW1 has got me interested for our WW2 topic next term.



This term, I've been reading 'Goodnight Mister Tom'. It's about a young boy called William who is evacuated from his home in London to the countryside, where he is billeted with Tom. It takes him a while to settle in but he quickly learns to love and trust Mr Tom. I love this book because I'm really interested in World War 2 and can't wait to start our new topic after Easter. - Harry

PRIDE CERTIFICATE WINNERS

EYKR	Teddy has shown motivation with his writing this week, wanting to add more facts when writing his Mercury book.
EYG	Ross has demonstrated some excellent learning behaviours this week, concentrating and keeping trying when trying to complete a challenge activity.
1A	Jack has had a brilliant start back to school this week and has settled in really well. He has shown superb concentration and motivation particularly in maths as he has joined in the lessons by answering questions and giving clear explanations.
1SS	Isabella has been working hard in class and showing determination when faced with challenges. Mr Amos has been really impressed with her phonics and reading this week. Well done Bella!
2S	Neel has shown great motivation and determination in his writing this week. He has used his own ideas when writing his newspaper.
2O	Ameilia has shown fantastic motivation with her reading and her progress is clear to see! She is beginning to read familiar words without needing to use her phonics with is helping her reading fluency.
3S	This week Benjamin has been working extremely hard during literacy. Benjamin has thought of some fantastic ideas on ways to capture the Iron Man, and has used his plan brilliantly to help him write a set of very useful instructions.
3HS	John has worked extremely hard on phonics and handwriting this week. He's remembering finger spaces and make some wonderful vocabulary choices when deciding how to capture Iron Man. Well done John
4LC	Penny is a very keen learner, and thrives on developing her knowledge. She takes great pride in her work, and has been very proud of her formal persuasive letter writing this week.
4NC	Katie always sets a fantastic example to everyone. She is a keen and determined learner as well as a kind, compassionate and loyal friend. An asset to 4NC and Staplehurst School.
5W	Hannah has shown real motivation to learn this week. By listening carefully during lessons she has been able to produce some excellent writing in lessons.
5S	Sonny has made a motivated start to be back in school. He has been proactive in his learning and is showing effort and determination in all lessons, but particularly writing.
6F	Levi. For returning to school motivated to learn and for concentrating really hard on the tasks he has been set. Well done Levi.
6T	Gracie. Excellent contribution in class discussions, respectfully listening to others' views and carefully and confidently presenting her own points, considering others' perspectives.

Community News



Family Learning courses starting in May/June – Enrol NOW!

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start	End Time
ASH/106667//PP	Yoga to Support you and your Family	04/05/21	18/05/21	Tuesday	10:00	11:30
ASH/106626//PP	Exploring Behaviour Strategies Workshop	06/05/21	06/05/21	Thursday	09:30	11:30
SIF/109885//PP	First Aid for Families	10/05/21	24/05/21	Monday	08:30	11:30
SIF/109803//PP	Parenting- The English Education system	18/05/21	18/05/21	Thursday	08:30	11:30
SIF/109825//PP	Exploring Behaviour Strategies Workshop	17/05/21	17/05/21	Monday	09:30	11:30
SIF/106793//PP	Elmer the Elephant Day	22/05/21	22/05/21	Saturday	10:00	12:00
SEV/107187//PP	Dealing with Difficult times -Building Family Resilience	07/06/21	28/06/21	Monday	12:30	14:30
SEV/107181//PP	Autism Awareness	09/06/21	30/06/21	Wednesday	09:30	11:30

More courses coming soon...

To book a place on our FREE courses go to:
www.kentadulteducation.co.uk
 and click on Course Areas then Family Courses

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.

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SIT/106717/J/PF	Easter Paper Craft	06/04/21	06/04/21	Tuesday	10:00	12:00
SIT/106733/J/PF	Easter Paper Craft	13/04/21	13/04/21	Tuesday	10:00	12:00
SEV/106580/J/NC	Keeping up with Children English	19/04/21	17/05/21	Monday	12:30	14:30
ASH/106622/J/PF	Understanding your Teenager	19/04/21	24/05/21	Monday	19:00	21:00
DAR/106584/J/PF	Building Family Resilience	19/04/21	17/05/21	Monday	09:30	11:30
SEV/106586/J/PF	Parents to Employment	20/04/21	18/05/21	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
GRA/107145/J/N	Family Maths	21/04/21	21/07/21	Wednesday	12:30	14:30
ASH/106749/J/N	Family Language (ESOL)	27/04/21	25/05/21	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
SIT/106596/J/PF	Managing Children's Behaviour	27/04/21	25/05/21	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
SIT/106612/J/PF	Positive Parenting for New Parents - Let's Grow Together	27/04/21	25/05/21	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
SIT/106620/J/PF	Confident Parent Confident Child	27/04/21	25/05/21	Tuesday	12:30	14:30
SIT/106592/J/PF	First Aid For Families	27/04/21	11/05/21	Tuesday	12:30	14:30
ASH/106598/J/N	Keeping up with Children Maths	28/04/21	26/05/21	Wednesday	09:30	11:30
SIT/106610/J/PF	Managing Children's Behaviour	28/04/21	26/05/21	Wednesday	12:30	14:30
MAR/107013/J/P	Managing Children's Behaviour	29/04/21	27/05/21	Thursday	12:30	14:30
SIT/106624/J/PF	Confident Parent Confident Child	29/04/21	27/05/21	Thursday	12:30	14:30
SIT/106857/J/PF	Understanding your Teenager	29/04/21	27/05/21	Thursday	12:30	14:30

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