



**Staplehurst School Newsletter -
No.33- Summer Term**

News from the Senior Team



Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a great first week back to the final term of the year; there is much to learn and of course much to celebrate as we head towards the end of an academic year! Curriculum overviews for this term will be available on the website from Monday. As always, please ask your class teacher for further guidance and support if required. This term we are enriching our curriculum offer by celebrating 2 important topics: Traveller History Month and Pride. Children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of both topics through storytelling, music, and assemblies.

Transition Plans For September 2022

Next week we are beginning to prepare our children for transition to the next year group, and/or phase. We know that for some children this is an anxious time and would like to work with you to ensure that this process is seamless for all.

To better support our children, we have looked closely at transition in our school and developed a phased approach, incorporating a variety of opportunities for the children and parents to familiarise themselves with new staff, classrooms, and expectations. A letter was sent home today detailing what this will look like for your child.

Exciting News: Due to the increase in children wishing to join us in Reception we will be having an additional class from September; this phase will continue to be led by Mrs Golding.

Key Dates for Term 6

- Transition to new classes begins from next week: parents and children will be informed of their new class teacher and teaching assistant for September 2022 and there will be transition activities taking place weekly (details provided in the letter sent today)

- End of year open afternoon event; **Wednesday 13th July**: this will be an opportunity for you to collect your child's report and review their learning from this year
- End of Year celebration assemblies: **week beginning 18th July** (times TBC)

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Davenport and the Senior Leadership Team

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month



June is Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month. On Monday we had a whole school assembly to introduce the celebrations. We talked about why it is important to celebrate the culture and diversity that our Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities bring. This year we are focusing on music, in particular country music, as we want to celebrate the rich culture and story telling traditions that come through their music. Each year group will be learning a particular song, and we are then performing our songs to each other in an assembly at the end of June. These performances will be filmed and put on our website so you can see/hear our hard work and efforts!

Pride Certificates 10th June 2022

NAME	CLASS	REASON
Alice Harvey	EYG	Alice demonstrated many of our our PRIDE values this week, particularly when welcoming and looking after a new member of our class. She has also made some fantastic contributions to our class discussion work this week. Well done Alice!
Connor McBean	EYKB	Connor is a credit to the class. He knows exactly the behaviour expectations at Staplehurst School and follows them all. Not only this, but he is kind and considerate, always looking out for the other children. This kindness has been noticed by many members of staff! Well done Connor!
Archie Ambrose	1C	Archie has made huge improvement in his listening and participation in lessons. He follows instructions and completes work with an increased amount of accuracy. Well Done Archie. It's been lovely to see your enthusiasm.
Isabelle Clark	1S	Isabelle has started this term with an excellent attitude to learning. In Maths she has worked hard to understand fractions and has demonstrated a good understanding of finding a half and a quarter of an amount. Well done, Isabelle.
Jasmine Joyce	2SS	Jasmine has begun this term with an excellent attitude to learning and a willingness to demonstrate her knoweldge and understanding of a topic, particularly in our new History topic of Castles. Jasmine takes the time to clearly explain herself using high level vocabulary and in a way that the class can learn from her. Well done Jasmine!
Jessica Duke	2S	Jessica has begun this term with a brilliant working attitude and a great positivity. She has tried exceptionally hard with all tasks and has been a role model to all children. Keep it up Jessica!
Reggie Edwards	3S	This week Reggie has shown fantastic enthusiasm towards his maths learning. We have been so impressed with how Reggie has given things a go and has asked for help when he found things a little tricky! Keep up the brilliant work Reggie!
Jemima Syred	3G	Jemima consistently demonstrates all of the pride values. She is an asset to the class and a role model to those around her. Jemima has shown independence and determination in her learning, she approaches every thing she does with enthusiasm. Well done Jemima!
Scarlett White Shemain	4W	Scarlett has had a great week and shown a really positive attitude to her learning. She has sequenced and planned a story in English and also made an excellent start to writing a version of the story. In Science she has shown a strong understanding of how to use classification keys. Well done!
Abiel George	4C	Abiel demonstrates a positive attitude to her learning. She has written a good introduction to her story this week and is confident in telling the time using the 24 hour clock. Well done!
Imani Muhura	5K	Imani impresses us every day as she demonstrates PRIDE values in everything she does. Her knowledge, enthusiasm and positivity on the school trip was incredible proving to be an amazing representative for our school. Imani works incredibly hard in all aspects of learning and is a pleasure to have in class. Well done Imani!
Jimmy Vincent	5R	Jimmy was a fantastic role model on our trip this week. He showed respect to all adults, showed determination to learn as much as he could from the museum displays, and supported his classmates. An excellent representative of Staplehurst School. Well done!
Mia Hawgood	6S	Mia showcased our pride values consistently whilst we were at Kingswood. She approached every single opportunity with infectious enthusiasm and excitement. Her courage and determination really impressed the instructors. Well done, Mia. We are very proud of you!
Freddie Tarling	6T	Freddie has worked really hard this week, particularly in his English writing where he has been producing a recount of his week at Kingswood, writing from different perspectives. He has taken on board feedback and used his planning to ensure that he has thought carefully about the best tone and register to convey his character. It has been fantastic to see Freddie stepping up as a role model and demonstrating the school PRIDE values this week.

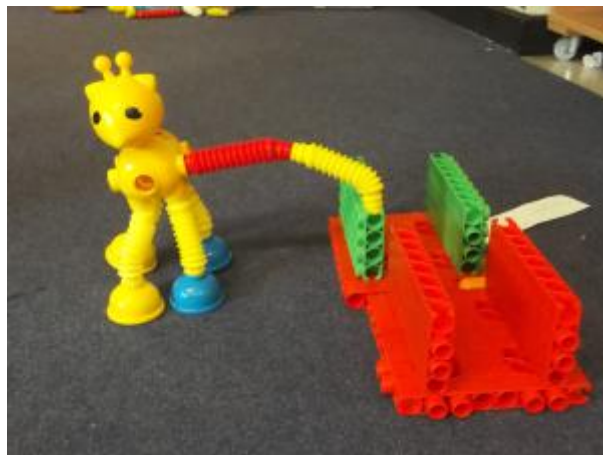
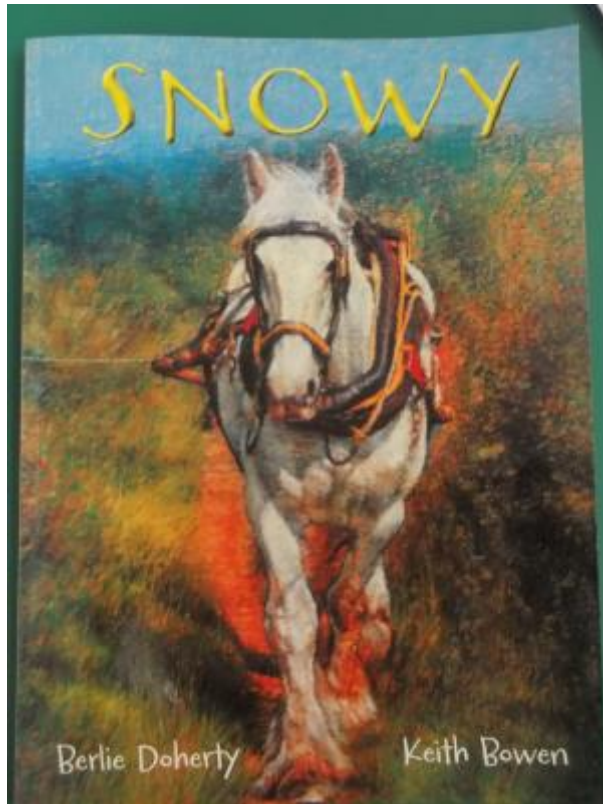
EYFS



YEAR 1

This week in EYFS we have enjoyed reading the story of 'Snowy' by Berlie Doherty. In the story we met Rachel who lives on a narrow boat and Snowy the working horse who pulls the narrow boat. The children wrote some lovely character descriptions of Snowy, describing her 'feathery feet' and the bells and ribbons she wore. During child initiated, some children drew and labelled Snowy as well as building models of Snowy pulling the narrow boat along. The children were fascinated by the film we watched of other working horses from the past. We saw horses transporting police and firefighters as well as delivering milk and collecting coal down the mines. We then linked to the parades many of the children had enjoyed watching over the Jubilee weekend and the horses taking part.

This week we welcomed children from local nurseries who will be joining us in September for a 'stay and play' session with our current children. We were proud of how our children played with and supported the new children. It was also lovely for them to see some of their pre-school staff and for the staff to see how our children have grown and developed since starting school.



Year 1



Year 1 started their exciting new topic in science - What are plants? Before half term we planted a bean seed. The seeds were looked after by our teachers over half term and we are amazed to see how much they grown!







Year 2



This week year two have been introduced to plants in their Science learning. To find out the ideal conditions for plant growth we set up an experiment with four conditions: water and sunlight, water and no sunlight, no water and sunlight and no sunlight or water. We even placed the seeds in the dark cupboard. Over the next few weeks we will be monitoring the growth of the seeds,

Our second experiment of the week will answer the Year 2 enquiry question 'Do plants grow the same amount each day?'. After making predictions the children have begun to measure and record daily growth. One bean had grown 0.5cm in one day! We have also noticed signs of germination on the other beans.







Year 3



YEAR 3

This week Year 3 enjoyed a fun afternoon beginning to play tennis with Miss Bennett. The children learnt how to hold the racket correctly, they passed the ball to each other over the net and focussed on hitting the ball accurately. We were really impressed with how well the children played!





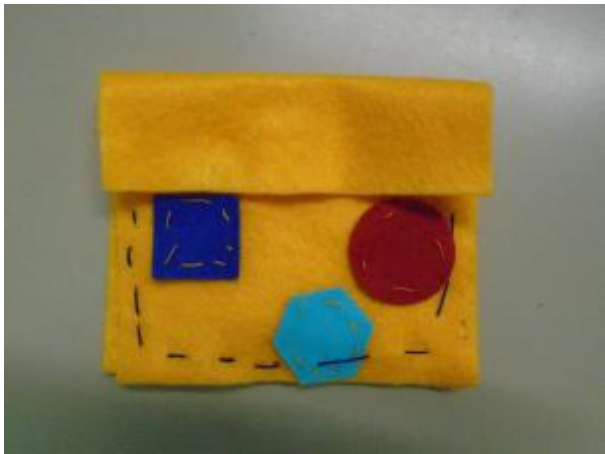
Year 4

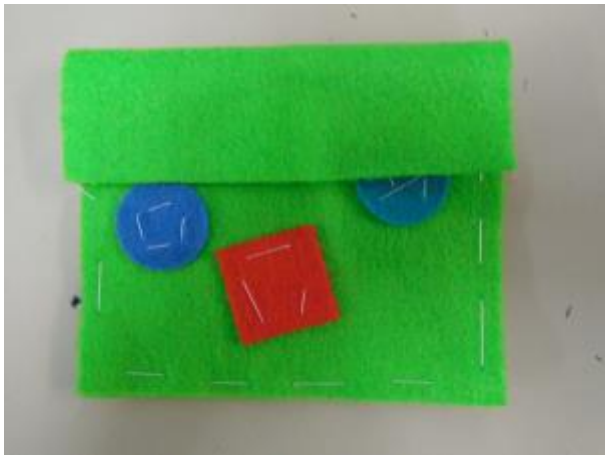
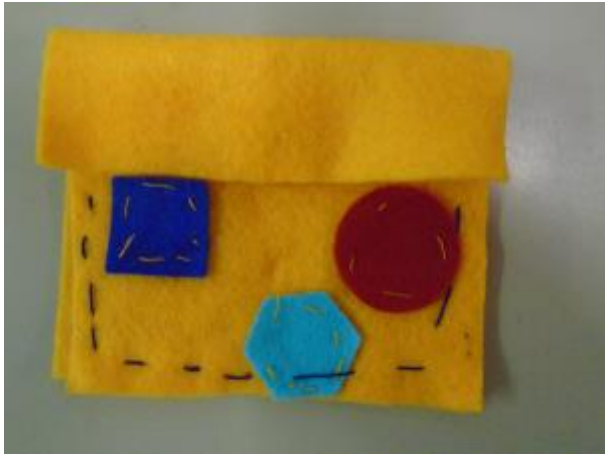


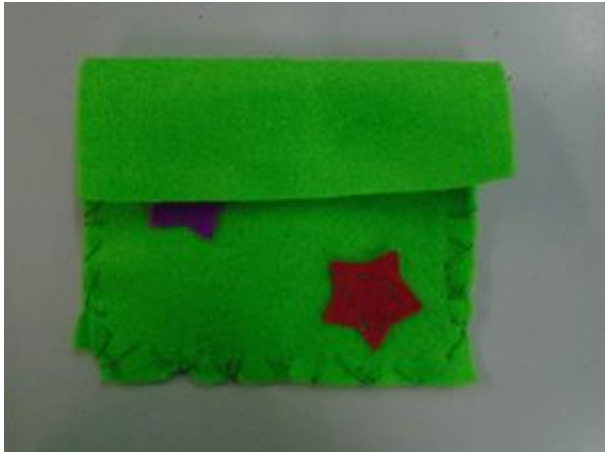
YEAR 4

This week our Year 4 pupils have finished their money containers they have been making. They have used felt as their main material, joining pieces together using running stitch, back stitch and whip stitch. After many attempts at making knots to secure their work they are proud of their efforts.











Year 5



YEAR 5

This week, Year 5 went on a school trip to Maidstone Museum to learn about the Industrial Revolution. The first thing we did was a workshop about three main industries in Maidstone in the 1800s: paper, hops and sweets. We learnt about things like hopdogs, beer barrel tops, toffee tins and advertisements.

Then we had the chance to explore the museum. We saw hop pressing machines, paper making machines, and learnt about Maidstone's first workhouse in 1719. Other sections we visited include archaeology, natural history, prehistory (there were some excellent dinosaur models!), Japan and Ancient Egypt (where we saw an actual mummy, which was amazing).

It was a brilliant day and the children were impeccably behaved. We would all like to go back again!











Year 6







On Thursday our Year 6s ventured to Maidstone to take part in **Safety in Action**. Safety in Action is an interactive event designed to support children in understanding some of the dangers they may face as they become more independent and prepare for transition to secondary school.

The event was supported by many organisations including Salus, Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, RNLI, Kent County Council and UK Power Networks.

Throughout the afternoon the children were involved in a number of scenarios designed to simulate and provide information about a variety of topics including:

- Fire Safety
- Water Safety
- Electrical Safety
- Rail Safety
- Road Safety
- Online Safety
- Personal Safety
- Emergency Life Support

P.T.A Events

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL PTA

RAINBOW RAFFLE

We are busy planning our Summer Fair for Saturday 25th June.

In preparation for our raffle, we are asking you to help us make some exciting hampers that will be raffled off on the day.

On Friday 17th June there will be a non-uniform day. In return for this we are asking for donations for our rainbow hampers. Each Year group has been allocated a colour and your donation can be anything in that colour you want it to be.

For example, it could be food & drink, stationary, candles, crafts, toys, toiletries or something else!

Early Years - Red
Year 1 - Orange
Year 2 - Yellow
Year 3 - Green
Year 4 - Blue
Year 5 - Purple
Year 6 - Pink





SUMMER FAIR
STAPLEHURST SCHOOL PTA 2022
SAT 25TH JUNE
12-3PM

Food & drink
BBQ | Turners Cider |
Crouch burgers | Veggie wraps
Cakes | Hot dogs | Fruit punch
Ice cream

Entertainment
Bouncy castles | Sit in a police car*
Music and dance performances
Water or wine | Fun games |
Rainbow raffle | Fire engine*

As well as stalls selling craft, jewellery
and Body Shop products

**STAPLEHURST SCHOOL
ALL WELCOME**

FREE ENTRY!

*Subject to operational requirements



This year we are operating the majority of our stalls with tokens. We will be selling these in advance of the fair and also on the day at our 'Bank' stall.

Advance purchase bonus.
We are offering £6 tokens for the price of £5 when bought before the day of the fair.

£1 free if bought in advance.

You can use tokens for these stalls

- Bouncy Castle** £3 for 5 mins
- Bouncy Slide** £3 for 5 mins
- Water or Wine** £2 per go
- Beat the Goalie** £2 for 3 shots
- Hook-a-Duck** 50p per go
- Tin Can Alley** 50p for 3 balls
- Splat the Rat** 50p for 3 rat runs
- Lob-a-Choc** £1 for 3 throws
- Stocks** £1 for 3 sponges



On the day of the fair we will also have a BBQ, a rainbow raffle, a cake and refreshments stall, an ice-cream van and some guest stalls which will be cash/card payments. We will also have music & dancing from local groups and some emergency vehicles (subject to operational requirements)

Staplehurst Library Competition



Kent **Libraries**



Staplehurst Library is 50 years old!

Celebrate with us on 16th July and enter our free competitions for a chance to win prizes!

- **Pre-school** – colour our bookworms
- **KS1** – colour our book
- **KS2** – design a card for a book character
- **Under 16s** – write a short story chosen from the following:
 - The library seemed empty
 - “Fifty!” echoed around me
 - It’s gone
 - That book changed my life

All entries to Staplehurst Library by
1pm on Saturday 25th June.

Please ask in the library for more information



Facebook: Maidstone Libraries



The Shepherd's Pantry



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Community Fridge can be found in the Cafe Room at Staplehurst Free Church in Station Road.

It is open to everyone and our policy is to encourage anyone who would like to support it, to simply,

“Give what you can and Take what you need.”

Two areas that we are really passionate about are

caring for each other and

reducing food waste but we are definitely not alone in this.

We are so grateful that Sainsburys and other amazing, supportive local businesses,

(you'll see them mentioned on our Facebook site and the Facebook Staplehurst Helping Page), regularly donate excess food and items that would otherwise be classed as waste.

These, along with kind private donations from the community, are enabling everyone to access food and provisions when needed in a very relaxed, dignified way, but at the same time, helping to reduce waste.

In recent times we have been pleased to chat with some folk in neighbouring communities who have expressed an interest in seeing something similar set up. Brilliant!

Of course, we are always happy to inform about the Community Fridge and recently, we had the privilege of a visit from the lively Staplehurst Beavers who came along to learn about the Fridge - but they really bowled us over by choosing items to donate themselves.

How fantastic was that!

Thank you everyone for your support on behalf of:

The Shepherd's Pantry

Community Fridge

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