



# TERM 4 NEWSLETTER

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## GROWING TOGETHER

*Together may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly*

The first half of the spring term continued to be full of opportunities for children at Stanton to grow and build on the successes of the autumn term. The children have achieved so much since September and it is a privilege to see and hear the learning and laughter throughout the school.

At Stanton, we recognise how important it is to nurture and develop young minds, that not only ensures they grow academically but emotionally. As part of Children's Mental Health Week 2022, the children enjoyed a range of activities to highlight the importance of looking after our mental health, including thinking about who helps us to grow. As a community, we know that challenges can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. We are very proud of the way children at Stanton are always willing to give new things a go.

It was lovely to spend a morning with Year 5 and 6 children and their Darling Class buddies cooking up some treats in the kitchen. I was so impressed as they showed great maturity to the younger children by showing them what to do but letting them do it.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming you in school this term with parents' evenings and our Reading Workshop on Thursday.

Your sincerely

*Sarah Matthews* - Head of School



## House Points for Term 3 - Well done to Survivor

### Points for Term 3

**Ash – 364**

**Birch – 368**

**Survivor – 392**



Ash



Birch



Survivor

### Value of the Term



### Staffing Update

We welcome Mrs Mary Harwood who has joined the Darling Class team. For full details and to find out more about the staff – visit [Meet the Staff](#).



### Valentine's Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated and bought cakes at our Valentine's Cake Sale. We raised £169!



### Jubilee Celebrations

We are busy planning our celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There will be more details to follow but we wanted to share some dates and activities. Next week we will be launching our Pudding Competition - children will be invited to design a Royal Pudding fit for a Queen. The chosen pudding will then be served at our Big Jubilee Lunch, which will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Each child will also receive a commemorative jubilee mug with their own unique stamp design. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you.



### Wrap around Care Update

Thank you to everyone for their feedback.

We are pleased to be now offering a staggered start at breakfast club. We are also looking at introducing other activities for ASC – more details to follow.



## Sporting Update

The Stanton Hockey team gave a great account of themselves at the hockey festival. Taking part in a tournament was a first for many and we were delighted that they were keen to challenge themselves with a new sport. The five-a-side team managed to rotate between the 7 squad members and maintain a cohesive display winning all four of their games and conceding just one goal along the way! There was great team work displayed, with all players contributing in attack and defence. There is talk of another tournament which the team could be invited to next month; watch this space.



Hi everyone, firstly a huge thank you to all of you who bought balloons and took part in our Virtual Balloon Race. We estimate that we have raised £562 and the winning balloon for Stanton travelled 77.04 km and ended up in Roma. Congratulations to 'Queen Emma' who wins the FOSS Book voucher.

We're excited to announce our "Hot and Cold" text raffles will run this term, with some fabulous prizes to be won! More info to follow as soon as we've finalised everything, but I can tell you now that the top prize in the 'Hot' raffle is an exclusive Hot Air Balloon trip, and for the 'Cold' raffle, tickets to see Coldplay at Wembley - yes, it's very exciting!! As usual, we are also making plans for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term -we know how much the children love this one. Best wishes, Yvonne and everyone on FOSS.

## Darling Class Update

Darling Class have had an exciting term, learning all about different jobs that people have in our community. We have solved mysteries like the police, made appointments like receptionists, applied bandages to help each other get better at the doctors, and helped to heal sick animals with the help of a visit from a vet. We have made models of the emergency vehicles that some of these people use and written questions to help us find out more. In maths we have been exploring number composition, learning our number bonds to five, developing our reasoning skills and making our own board games. Winter has not hindered our enjoyment of the outdoors and we have explored the different trees in our woodland using their bark for identification. We have looked at the different habitats of woodland animals over the Winter, made nests like oven birds, tried pond dipping and erected tarpaulins to make dens and a party tent. Please visit our blog to find out more about the exciting things we have been learning during Term 2: [Darling Class Blog](#).



## Amazon Class Update



We've had another wonderful term in Amazon Class with the children continuing to inspire us with their excitement and thirst for learning. The children have enjoyed learning the penguin song and also the names of the continents and oceans through music. We have explored the vast importance of protecting our oceans and the wildlife that inhabit these waters. The children were very passionate about finding ways to reduce plastic waste and have used collected bottle tops to plan and create an outstanding piece of artwork to raise awareness of this protecting our sea life.

We have demonstrated our artistic flair; creating ripped paper penguin art, sketching penguin chicks and modelling a little penguin for our very own march of the penguins. During our Arctic Afternoon, we worked in groups to take on the igloo challenge- building an igloo using sugar cubes. We also made snow goggles, used the laptops to create an Arctic scene and had a debate about living in the Arctic. So many of Amazon Class would like to sample living in this interesting part of the world, despite the freezing temperatures! In PE we have been enjoying dancing through the decades, trying some calming yoga and creating sequences in gymnastics.

We have immersed ourselves in a wealth of wonderful books this term, using non-fiction penguin texts to create our very own Emperor penguin fact files. We have also enjoyed learning the story of 'Loony Little The Ice Caps are Melting', based on the traditional story, 'Chicken Licken'. The children have re-written the story making it their own and demonstrating the fantastic efforts they have been making in phonics by applying these skills to their writing.

We have also enjoyed a wealth of other polar themed stories this term, from 'When Grandad was a Penguin' to 'Geronimo!' during our favourite part of the day- daily story time.

Please visit our blog to find out more about the exciting things we have been learning during Term 3: [Amazon Class Blog.](#)

During our topic next term, 'On Safari', Amazon Class shall be taking part in the '100 Miles in March' challenge to raise money for the charity WWF. From the 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> March, please send your child to school in trainers as we shall be running a part of our 100 miles each day. Look out for our fundraising link which shall be sent out shortly, as well as being available on the school Facebook page.



## Rhine Class Update

The children have excelled themselves this term with their commitment, creativity and continued hard work. They were so engaged in our topic 'Tomb Raiders' (who wouldn't with that title!) and relished the opportunity to learn about the Egyptian gods, pyramids and afterlife. This provided an excellent springboard for some creative writing – Great Giza Pyramid for Sale! Instructions on how to make your own Death Mask! As a finale to the topic the children (archaeologists) travelled back to Egypt in search of treasure. They were then able to piece together remnants to reveal an object from King Tut' tomb, to help them understand how artefacts can help us learn about the past.

If you had been close to the school on Friday afternoons you may have been lucky (!?) enough to have heard Rhine class practising and performing a song from their Music unit on Rock. Bon Jovi's Livin on a Prayer was our focus song, which we learnt to sing, as well as accompany on some of the instruments we have in school such as glockenspiels, recorders and even ukuleles. We introduced the children to many other songs from this genre, as well as dissecting the music to discover it's pulse and rhythm as well as chorus, verses and instrumental sections.

Also this term, the children have been developing their problem solving skills through computing lessons on coding. Children have been using websites such as Scratch and Turtle Academy to rehearse giving the appropriate codes to achieve set tasks.

Our Science focus this term has been on animals (including humans) and we have been looking at areas such as the skeletal and circulatory system, we have also covered nutrition and healthy eating during these sessions.

We have also really enjoyed our class reader, 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman about a boy who has a heart transplant, from a pig. This linked really well with our learning about the heart in science but is also one of the books on our Stanton Reading Spine. It was also lovely to see it inspiring the children to read other books by Marlorie Blackman.

PS- Don't forget we are studying Skellig next term and it would be helpful to have your own copy.

To find out more about our learning visit [Rhine Class Blog](#).



**Dates for the term – look out for Friday reminders!**

Date	Class	Activity/Event	Notes
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	TERM 4 STARTS		Art competition entries due in. Please put your name and year group on the back
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Darling & Amazon	Starting World Book Week celebrations with 'Spectacular Book Trees' in the woods	A magical woodland reading experience. Please come to school in woods clothing and bring school uniform to change into
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	All	World Book Day	Come to school dressed as a character from a book. Bedtime Stories 5:30-6:30pm – please see email to book a space  Reading Workshop for parents 5:30pm-6:30pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	All	Rags to Riches	Please leave bags in the playground before 9am or drop at the office beforehand
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Rhine	Swimming - Weekly during term 4	Please come to school in PE kit and bring swimming kit with goggles
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	All	World Book Week Art Workshop with Des Alner	Please come to school dressed in clothes you don't mind getting messy. Rhine Class to bring in apron or change of clothes in a separate bag
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	All	Jubilee Pudding Competition launched	More details to follow
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 3-4pm	Rhine Weekly	Lacrosse Club	No need to sign up again, new joiners welcome <b>NO CLUB Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Rhine	Trip to Hawk Conservancy Trust	Please see email for details
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March – Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Rhine – Year 6	Practise SATs Week	More details to follow
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	All	Spring Term Parents' Evenings	More details to follow
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Rhine – Year 5	Taster Day at Sheldon	Transport to follow
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Rhine – Year 6	Bike ability	More details to follow
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	All	FOSS Easter Egg Hunt	More details to follow
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>End of Term 4</b>	<b>Children can be collected at 2pm</b>