



NEWSLETTER

Issue 6

Motivate Educate Nurture

As we come to the end of another busy and fulfilling year, it is with great pride that we can look back at the many achievements of Stanton. The children never cease to amaze us as they continue on their learning journey, developing their confidence, resilience, independence and drive to be brilliant. Our school values, the curriculum, amazing staff and the stimulating indoor and outdoor spaces, has allowed for positive, engaging and inspirational learning experiences. Some highlights of the year have been the many visits and visitors, productions and tournaments, and of the course the opening of the new library.

It has been lovely to open our doors to families and friends again and we hope to be able to invite you in more over the next academic year. Your continued support has been very much appreciated, a great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without you and your co-operation, consideration and understanding. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all children who are leaving us at the end of this year all the very best as they continue their educational journey. I know that they have all had a great start here and that they will go on to achieve great things, and I hope they will take with them many happy memories of Stanton.

We are all looking forward to seeing those who are returning to us in September, but in the meantime from all off the team would like to wish you all a fantastic fun-filled summer holiday.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Matthews

Head of School



House Points Winner - Well done to Birch

An amazing number of house points collected for each house – well done everyone – and Congratulations to Birch House who are the overall winner for the year.

Points for the Year

Ash – 1877

Birch – 2104

Survivor – 1869



It was a pleasure to have afternoon tea with two children from Rhine Class, who have achieved an amazing 100 House Points.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

A super farewell service full of memories, awards and the traditional 'Guess the baby'. After which they headed off for a fun climbing session followed by pizza and ice cream!



Outdoor Learning

We have had a lovely year enjoying our school grounds and local woodlands, using these invaluable spaces to access the curriculum to its full potential. Darling Class have made a superb sunflower circle behind our outdoor classroom, Mrs Harwood and the children have planted the vegetables and plants provided by Mrs Farquhar, nursing them into an abundant array of tasty veggie treats and with the help of the MOD, our pond area now has a healthy amount of grass rather than bushes to help support the wildlife in and around the pond!



It was also wonderful to bring our community together for our annual walk to the nearby woods. The children enjoyed exploring, building dens and climbing trees. In true Stanton spirit, the older children supported the younger ones as it was their first time. After a lovely morning in the sun, everyone cooled down with an ice pop under the trees. Mrs Todd



Sporting Update

The summer term has been our busiest yet for sports competitions, and for many of the children this has been their very first taste of competitive sports with children from other schools after years of restrictions to mixing. Following on from our success in reaching the county finals in hockey this year we also qualified from the cricket tournament in Chippenham as runners up meaning the Y5/6 children earned another day to test their skills against the best in the county at the Swindon County Ground. The team spirit and tactical awareness they had developed from the first tournament helped them to a: played 4, won 2 record which, whilst creditable, was unfortunately not enough for them to bring home the trophy. They were beaten by the eventual tournament winners but, despite this, they enjoyed a magnificent day out. There were some stand out performances from our Y6's throughout these games and also it was really impressive to see the Y5 children step up and play their part in the team's success.



Later in the term, it was time for the Y3/4 cricketers to play in their tournament. It was magnificent to see the game on game improvements as they learnt quickly on the job. In the end there were some nerve jangling moments (at least for the adults) as the Stanton team tied their 2nd / 3rd play off match and had to take part in a 'super over', to decide things. Henry and Bonnie hit some runs and communicated well to set up a challenging total for the other school to get, then it was confidently and skilfully bowled by Isabel who didn't give the opposition much to work with, leading incredibly to another tie! The organisers had to look back through the previous matches to see who had lost the most wickets to decide things and much to the children's delight Stanton earned 2nd place and medals all round.





The children also got to test their long-honed lacrosse skills against other schools at St Mary's school Calne. We split the class into 3 mixed teams and each group had 5 matches in their groups. There were some excellent all round displays and the children learnt so much actually playing as a team. Many of the children were playing against children 2 or even 3 years school years older than themselves, but this did not phase them and all three teams gave a great account of themselves. This tournament was a great warm up for the next national level event in Oxford where we sent a team to compete. Again, Stanton surprised the opposition teams when they learnt that we were fielding younger players against their entirely Year 6 teams, but those younger children were un-phased and gave amazing performances for the team with particular mentions to Grace and Freya. Despite a flat tyre on the way back the team had another superb day out that will live long in their memory.



Between the cricket and lacrosse tournaments we also sent two mixed teams to play in a golf tournament at Sheldon school. We had been having lessons from a coach from Chippenham golf club who really helped the children develop their swings and hand eye coordination. Incredibly, one of these teams qualified for another finals day though unfortunately due to so much already going on in term 6 we weren't able to attend. Nevertheless, it was another excellent day out and very enjoyable for the children to be able to participate in.



Year 6 also had the opportunity to attend the Chippenham games, this event is designed for the children to participate in a wide range of events including lacrosse, running, shooting, golf and lots more but also more importantly to mix with their peers who are also transitioning to the same secondary schools. They were divided into several different groups and had to make friends and work with the peers that they will see on those first days of term in their new schools. The Y6's had a great day out and were blessed with some wonderful weather.

Finally, between all these events outside of school we managed to host our own sports day with full attendance from parents for the first time in many years. This was amazingly well supported by parents and grandparents and a real reminder of what we have been missing as a school community. There were some stellar performances in the individual running races, the egg and spoon, sack races bike races and more, but special mention must go to the Y5 and 6 children who designed and ran some engaging sporting stations for the younger children earlier in the day. Ash house ran out overall winners and celebrated at the end with the sports day cup.



More photos can be found on our Facebook page



Hi everyone

What a year! It would have been our Rainbow Run and Summer Fair today, if it weren't for increasing Covid rates. It was a hard decision to postpone but I hope you are able to join us on 16th September instead.

But there has been a ray of sunshine, and I wanted to share a little success with you which we can all celebrate.

Something wonderful happened on Sports Day this year – we found out that FOSS have won a National PTA Award for all the efforts we made towards raising money for our new library at Stanton. A National award, £250 to FOSS and a trophy!

We won the award for PTA Fundraising Achievement of the Year 2022, which is not about how much money was raised but more about how a community came together with a shared purpose to make our school and our children's experience of school even better. We raised £10.5k in 18 months which is something we have never achieved before and left a legacy at Stanton for many years to come.

I'm extremely proud of all the FOSS Team volunteers for their hard work and determination – the amount of hours of volunteer time which has been invested in the library is immense. I am thankful to all those businesses who generously donate our raffle prizes. Thank you to all the parents who get involved by buying tickets, sharing our events with friends and family and encouraging their children to take part. And thank you to all the Stanton staff who make time in their busy days to support the events and activities that FOSS organise, by volunteering themselves or helping the children.

When you decide to buy a raffle ticket, or donate a tombola prize, or volunteer to run a stall at a Winter Fayre, or join the FOSS Team, you are playing an active part in our school community and together, we can achieve great things. Like a brand new library for the whole school to use!

Our FOSS pot of money is a bit empty now, as the pennies have been transformed into library shelves, seats, and many wonderful books! Our Rainbow Run in September is going to be crucial to start filling the pot back up for more exciting projects at school and experiences for the children.

See you in September, ready for the Rainbow Run on Friday 16th!

Best wishes

Yvonne and the FOSS Team



Our Library is Open!

I hope you enjoyed reading this year's '[Reading Roundup](#)' if you haven't had a chance yet it makes for exciting reading! **Don't forget the Summer Reading Challenge- we would love you to take part.**

Mrs Anderson

Darling Class Update

I cannot believe that we are approaching the end of the school year. It has been a privilege to have spent this year with your children, they are truly a class of wonderful individuals who have made the year exciting, happy and lots of fun. Although this is the last term in Darling for many of the children, it has been a term of firsts in many respects.

All of the children showed what confident young people they have become by performing 'The Little Red Hen' to the whole school, orally retelling the story from memory and with actions. They spoke clearly and cohesively, with a great deal of expression, with many of them clearly enjoying the limelight!



We also took a coach to Slimbridge, where the children took great interest in the birds that surrounded them, participated in bird investigations and had the opportunity to feed some of them by hand. Leaving school and going on a coach for the first time is a huge milestone and the children behaved admirably and were talking about the birds that they saw and what they remembered for weeks afterwards.

Our time at Slimbridge also inspired some of the other learning that has taken place this half term, including zip wire birds, lifecycles, flight and even a whole-class aeroplane creation.



We have continued to enjoy our time in the woods, pond dipping, making clay birds, exploring hapa zome, making seed bombs, bug hunting, creating transient art and encouraging our green fingers, planting and growing a sunflower circle and vegetables.

From all of the Darling Class Team, thank you for all of your continued support and we wish you a very happy holiday. To the Reception children you will be missed next year and Nursery children we very much look forward to seeing you in September.

Amazon Class Update

Amazon Class- Term 6, To the Skies and Beyond!



During Term 6, Amazon Class have zoomed off to space and beyond. We have found out lots of interesting facts about the moon, explored the first moon landing and compared the explorer missions of Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. During our space themed day, we learnt about the different foods taken to space and the challenges astronauts have when eating a meal without gravity, followed by sampling some real astronaut food! We designed our very own moon landing postage stamps and used computing to create a picture and piece of writing about famous explorers. We also enjoyed playing space rounders.

We explored the character Bob from the book, 'Man on the Moon' and were amazed to receive a voice message from Bob on the school answer machine, asking us to write newspaper reports about alien sightings on the moon! The children were also extremely proud of their double page spread Neil Armstrong fact files. In art, we learnt about the life of Vincent Van Gogh before re-creating his famous piece, 'Starry Night' to fit in with our topic. The children did a wonderful job. Amazon Class have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the library this term, borrowing books and engaging in excitable book talk. A fantastic end to the year!

Please visit our blog to find out more about the exciting things we have been learning during Term 6:
[Amazon Class Blog.](#)

Rhine Class Update



What a term, what a year! Rhine Class came together to put on the most fabulous production of 'Star Wars' in just under a week! We were so proud of everyone for learning their lines and supporting each other - it was magical to see you all develop into your characters and make them your own. Thank you to the parents too for the amazing costumes, we couldn't have done it without you.

As a finale to our topic 'Protecting the Planet' Rhine Class took part in a workshop learning about renewable energy sources and the arguments for and against a proposed local solar farm. They then were able to visit the site to carry out some fieldwork, which included sketching the area as it is at present and how it would change, as well as identifying local wildlife. Then back at school the children designed their own solar farms considering the human impact on the area. It was a great project that gave the children the opportunity to think carefully about how solar energy could be important to our future energy requirements.

We have continued to read lots and enjoy the new library and the children have also enjoyed reading books to their friends and the younger children.



Well done Rhine you have had an amazing year, full of new adventures and we look forward to more next year!

Dates for next term

Date	Class	Activity/Event	Notes
Thursday 1 st September	Term 1 Begins for Reception – Year 6		
Friday 2 nd September	All	Carnival Cup Cake Sale After school in the playground	Please bring donations into school Friday morning in a named container with a list of ingredients
Saturday 3 rd September	Selected	Malmesbury Carnival	Please see email and you should have received a slip of paper with details of costume
Monday 5 th September	Darling	Term 1 begins for Nursery	
Wednesday 7 th September	Rhine	Theatre trip to Bristol Hippodrome to watch Joseph	More details to follow
Friday 16 th September	FOSS Colour Run and Fete 3-5pm		
Monday 19 th September	Harvest Festival in St Giles Church – 1pm		
Wednesday 21 st September	Open Morning – for prospective parents – Reception 23		
Friday 14 th October	END OF TERM 1		
Monday 31 st October	Term 2 Begins		