



NEWSLETTER

Issue 7

Motivate Educate Nurture

THUMBS UP TO BE BACK AT SCHOOL



Welcome to your first newsletter of the academic year – and what a bumper edition you have in store!

It has been a wonderful start to the year with the school being full of learning and laughter. We are all very proud of how well all the children have settled into their new classes, expectations and routines with such energy and enthusiasm.

It has also been lovely to invite families in to see the classes, meet the teachers and join us for our reading workshop. I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting the classes, sharing their learning, joining in the carnival, acknowledging the Queen's lifetime of service and a whole school Harvest celebration.

Thank you for all your support this term and we wish you all a lovely half term break.

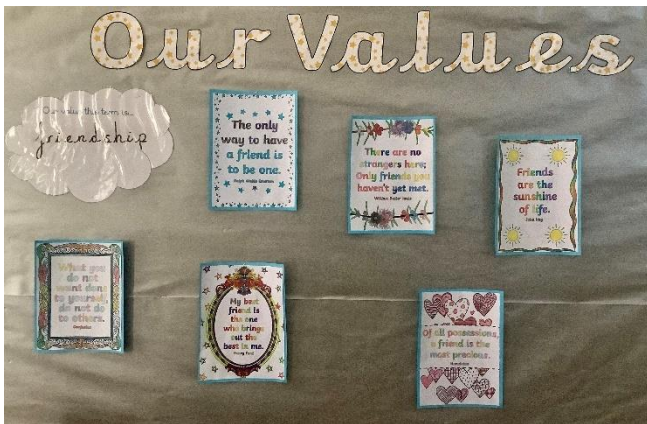
Yours faithfully,

Sarah Matthews

Head of School



Value of the Term - Friendship



At Stanton we have 6 core values which underpin our ethos. We believe that with these values in place, a child will be able to take the skills and knowledge they learn and use them effectively as they grow older.

This term we have looked at some famous quotes about friendship, learnt a song about friendship and thought about the qualities we would like to see in a friend.

Please visit our website to watch our [friendship video](#).

World Mental Health Day

This week in assembly, in recognition of World Mental Health Day, we looked at different ways to be kind to ourselves and others. I reminded them of how important it is to talk about things if you are struggling. In class the children made kindness cards and mental health first aid kits.



Keeping Children Safe

We are running our annual **essential safeguarding training for all volunteers** who help in school on Wednesday 9th November at 9am - please do come along if you regularly help in school or would like to volunteer. If you are a regular helper and you are unable to make it, please let us know so we can arrange another time.



School Council



Our school council have begun to think about what we can do as a school to stay healthy. They have also begun planning Anti-bullying week and will share details of this with you next term.

Carnival Time

It was a super start to term with the whole school coming together to learn about and celebrate carnival time. As a school that is passionate about reading, we enjoyed reading *Bisa's Carnival*, then used ideas from the book as stimulus for some creative carnival writing. We also took part in very loud and large samba workshop, made carnival cakes to sell and then the super fun finale - the procession at Malmesbury Carnival, where we were delighted to be awarded 2nd Place with our 'Celebrating Reading' – Float. Thank you to the parents & wider community for supporting and the amazing costumes, the staff - especially Mrs Anderson and family for organising and providing the float, and finally the children for representing the school with such enthusiasm. A lot of fun was had by all, and we have already been asked what we plan to do next year!



Harvest Festival



We were delighted to come together as a community, for our Harvest Festival in St Giles Church. It was filled with super singing and a wonderful display of thankfulness. Thank you everyone for your kind donations to Doorway.

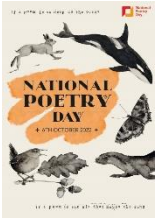


It was also lovely to welcome Rev. Sharon Glead into school this term. She will be coming into

school each term to do an assembly and take part in activities. Last week she popped on her wellies and accompanied the children to the big woods and then come to tell the school a little about what she does and enjoys doing in her spare time.



National Poetry Day



Congratulations to Aayush on his 'Off by heart' performance of Hot Food by Michael Rosen.

Well done to our runners up – Imogen T, Matilda, Mabel, Sophie, Patrick, Grace and Bonnie and thank you to everyone who took part. We loved watching your performances!



Staffing Update

We have welcomed Mrs Rosalind Brown to Amazon Class, as Mrs Todd is now on maternity leave. After half term we welcome Gemma Hyde who will be supporting in Amazon Class.

New House Captains



Well done to our three new House Captains. They have already had lots of great ideas including house assembly's next term. We look forward to hearing more about their plans.

Points for Term 1 - Well done Birch!

Ash – 178

Birch –183

Oak – 172

Forest School

We have been thoroughly enjoying our time in the woods this term, using all of our senses to explore the world around us and learn more about what is growing here and why. We have been observing the changes that are taking place as we move through Autumn and this has led to many interesting chats about why we have seasons and the impact this has on the trees and wildlife within the woods.

The woods has also been an important time for testing ourselves, both physically and socially, as we manage risks and learn to trust, play and work with one another.

Here is just a little snapshot of a few things that we got up to this term...

We sung woodland songs, made our own musical instruments to play and collaboratively created new verses.



We made clay bark prints – exploring features of the bark on different trees.



We tested our own strength and balance...



We created leaf art and began to learn a square lash knot to make picture frames...



We looked at the changing colours of leaves and why this happens whilst making beautiful Autumn crowns.



We asked questions about what we are noticing...



We have been building relationships, working together and having fun...



Next term woods will continue on a Monday afternoon for Nursery and Reception children and Wednesday afternoon for Reception and Year 1 children. If you are able to help for any the following dates, please contact me (Mrs Breen) at darlingclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk

| Monday | Wednesday |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 7 th November | 9 th November |
| Class trip to Westonbirt | 16 th November |
| 21 st November | 23 rd November |
| 28 th November | 30 th November |
| 5 th December | 7 th December |
| 12 th December | 14 th December |

Eco Council

This week the Eco Council met to discuss and plan the launch of 'Switch off Fortnight'. The Eco Council will be presenting an assembly to the school to raise awareness of how we can save energy and how doing so will help towards climate change and also save money too!

Library Sign Competition

Design a sign for the library door. Entry forms were sent home yesterday and should be returned after half term.

Look out for the Reading Round up next term.

Mrs Anderson



Sporting Update

The children have had a wide range of after school activities to get involved in including lacrosse, football, netball and dance. Rhine Class have also participated in a netball festival with other local schools and our Y6 children have learnt how to be young officials for netball and football. This year's sports leaders (sports crew) are Kaiden, Aayush and Alex who are helping to shape what opportunities there are for sports this academic year and what resources we buy. They also will help with demonstrations in PE and encourage others through their dedication in P.E. lessons and after school activities. Mr Carter – Head of PE.



Hi Team Stanton, firstly a big thank you to everyone who came to support our Rainbow Hour on a rainy Friday afternoon. We raised close to £1000 from the fair and the sponsorship money which is amazing! I want to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to plan and run the event, including the staff from Stanton, and thank you to everyone who donated cakes, tombola prizes and sponsorship money.

After the holiday, we have our AGM on Thursday 3rd November at 7pm to which you are all welcome, as we celebrate last year's achievements including our National PTA Award. In November, we will be organising a Christmas Jumper sale to raise some funds for the school. We will be asking for donations of good quality Christmas jumpers or tops that your child has grown out of when we come back after the half term holiday. Then, towards the end of November, we will have a stall after school where you can come and buy a Christmas jumper, to use throughout of December. Look out for more info on this soon! And don't forget our Rags2Riches collection on 2nd November too. Have a great holiday!

Yvonne and FOSS

Darling Class Update

How quickly this first term has gone and what a wonderful time we are having with your children, who have all settled in so well. As well as learning the routines of the school day, we have been learning a lot about each other and each other's families. If your child has not brought in a picture of their family and would still like to, we will always make time for them to share this with the class.

There is so much that we have done this term and hopefully you have been keeping up to date through our Class blog, so here we will touch on just a few highlights...

For many children a highlight has been designing and creating a home. In preparation for this we looked at homes from all around the world and chatted about they were similar and different to our own homes, there was a lot of interest in unusual homes, like igloos, tipis and castles. The children were extremely creative in their designs, using a range of tools and techniques for attaching different materials together and using fantastic vocabulary as they chatted while they worked.



We are having a lot of fun playing alongside one another, making friends and engaging in imaginative play together. This has been a joy to watch!



Getting out and about on the balance bikes. Fantastic for developing balance, coordination, control, listening to and following instructions, taking turns, learning about safety as well as great exercise!

Amazon Class Update

Amazon Class- Term 1, Castles, Knights and Dragons

What a wonderful start to the year we have had! We are all starting to settle in to our new routines and year groups, starting the year celebrating all things carnival! We enjoyed exploring the book 'Bisa's Carnival', with many of us taking part in the fantastic Malmesbury Carnival Parade and winning second prize!



As we moved in to exploring our new topic, the children have enjoyed understanding the meaning of dragons in

different parts of the world. We crafted our own fire-breathing dragons, explored different printing techniques to make our large-scale class dragon, and designed and sculpted dragon eyes. Using the book, 'The Dragon with the Blazing Bottom', the children had lots of fun writing recipes to help the dragon get his fire back.

We have also enjoying learning about castles from the Medieval Times, learning about the first Motte and Bailey castles and working together in teams to create our own castle models. We have learnt about the different castle features and their purpose and are very



proud of our fantastic double-page spread castle fact files. Using the wonderful book, 'The Castle the King Built' we have explored the different roles inside the castle walls, making job adverts to find the perfect castle

candidates!

We explored the story of King Arthur and the Sword in the Stone, creating our own armoured knights, linking to our learning in Science when we tested different materials suitable for making protective armour.

Finally we took part in celebrating National Poetry Day, learning and performing poems by the poet, Michael Rosen. We then innovated the poem 'Oh Dear!' and had so much fun creating funny rhymes!

We couldn't be prouder of Amazon Class's achievements this term.

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



Rhine Class Update

Rhine Class has embraced seven new members in their usual welcoming way and everyone has settled into the class routines brilliantly. The children started the term with a story and introduction to Carnivals which was further enhanced by a visit from a samba teacher who soon had the class banging in time to some wonderful beats and rhythms. Quite a few of the class even then went on to take part in Malmesbury carnival at the end of the first week.



Continuing our colourful topic we travelled to the

Bristol Hippodrome watching the performance of Joseph & his Technicolor Dreamcoat!



In Art we studied Julian Opie, one of Britain's foremost contemporary artists, who is interested in the human body and portraits. His style is characterized by thick black outlines and solid colours. Even though the self-portraits are simplified hopefully you can recognise our faces and our characteristic expressions.

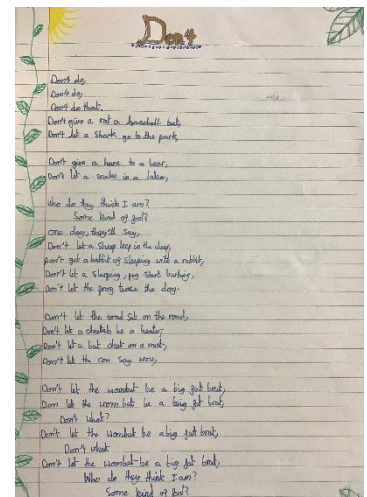


In Geography, this theme was taken further as we learnt about South America with a focus on Brazil, which was the setting for our book of the term,

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell. The children have so far used this text to inspire writing leaflets and journal entries and will complete a persuasive letter.

To celebrate National Poetry week we also learnt 'Don't' by Micheal Rosen and performed it as a class. After this we created our own Don't poems of things we are told we cannot do at school. They are quite humorous.

Our science topic of space has really captured the imagination of the children as they have learnt more about the planets in the Solar System, the revolution and rotation of Earth and other moons and planets and how this creates the seasons and day and night.



Dates for next term

| Date | Class | Activity/Event | Notes |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
| Mon 31 st Oct | Term 2 Begins | | |
| Mon 31 st Oct | Rhine | Lacrosse Club | 3pm-4pm |
| Tues 1 st Nov | Y2-6 | Dance Club | 3pm-4pm |
| Wed 2 nd Nov | All | FOSS – Rags2Riches | Please leave bags in playground |
| Wed 2 nd Nov | Y2-6 | Football Club | 3pm-4pm |
| Thurs 3 rd Nov | Rhine | Choir | Lunchtimes |
| Thurs 3 rd Nov | Amazon (Y1-2) | Gymnastics Club | 3pm-4pm |
| Thurs 3 rd Nov | Rhine | Netball Club | 3pm-4pm |
| Wed 9 th Nov | All | Annual Safeguarding Update for Volunteers | 9-10 am If you help in school, or would like to find out more then please come along |
| Mon 7 th Nov | All | Individual school photographs | Please wear school uniform |
| Thurs 10 th Nov | All | Diwali Celebrations | More details to follow |
| Fri 11 th Nov | All | Remembrance Service | Please join us outside the graveyard at 10:45am – refreshments will be served afterwards |
| Mon 14 th Nov | All | Odd Socks Day – to launch Anti-Bullying Week | More details to follow |
| We 16 th Nov | Open Morning – for prospective parents – Reception 23 | | |
| Mon 21 st Nov | Rhine | Trip to Living Rainforest | See email for details |
| Thurs 1 st Dec | All | Flu Immunisation | More details to follow |
| Wed 7 th Dec | Darling & Amazon | Nativity performance to parents | More details to follow |
| Thurs 8 th Dec | Darling & Amazon | Nativity Performance to parents | More details to follow |
| Mon 12 th Dec | Amazon | Trip to theatre to The Egg | See email for details |
| Tues 13 th Dec | All | Church Service at St Giles | More details to follow |
| Wed 14 th Dec | All | Christmas Dinner | More details to follow |
| Thurs 15 th Dec | All | Christmas Class Parties | More details to follow |
| Fri 16 th Dec | END OF TERM 2- Children can be collected at 2pm | | |
| Tues 3 rd Jan 23 | TERM 3 STARTS | | |

