



NEWSLETTER

Issue 12

Motivate Educate Nurture



As we come to the end of another busy academic year, it is with great pride that I can look back at the many achievements of the children. They never cease to amaze us as they continue on their learning journey, developing their ability to challenge and be curious about the world and the drive to be brilliant. Our school values, curriculum, amazing staff and the stimulating indoor and outdoor spaces, have allowed for positive, engaging and inspirational learning experiences. Some highlights of the year have been the many trips and visitors, productions and services, celebrations, music events, house teams, extra-curricular activities and charity events.

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 do hope you have managed to read the results of our parent survey as this celebrates the strong partnership built.

Finally, 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, all of the staff would like to wish you all a fantastic fun filled summer holiday

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Matthews

Head of School

House Captain Update

Thank you to the House Captains who have led their houses this year and organised lots of fun events.

Points for the year – it was so close!

Ash – 1831

Birch – 1864

Oak – 1865 WELL DONE TEAM OAK



Year 6 Leavers

It was an emotional Leavers Assembly as we said goodbye to our Year 6's that have contributed to making Stanton School the amazing place that it is. Lots of memories, some top tips for secondary school from the 'The funny life of teachers' and special awards.



Click [here](#) to watch the Leavers Video 2023



Each year we award cups the Dallyn cup for sporting achievements, the Parsons cup for contributions to music & the Plumber cup for service to the community. Congratulations to this year's winners, very well deserved.

End of Term Service



This year's end of year service was a lovely celebration of the achievements of our amazing pupils and an opportunity to bid a fond farewell to our leavers. A special thank you to Reverend Glead for leading the service and the Gauzebrook Group of Churches for their kind gift of a bible to our Year 6's.



Key Stage 2 Production

Wow what a show! Key Stage 2 marvelled us with their spectacular performance of 'Robin & the Sherwood Hoodies' 🏹 The final performance was well polished, funny and touching and delivered to an appreciative crowd. All of the characters in the play shone in telling the amusing story. From amazing acting to superb singing and dance moves - it was an absolute showstopper. The audience were in stitches and everyone supported each other to do their best- Well done!



Keeping Children Safe at Stanton

This term Year 6 visited Life Skills in Bristol to learn how to assess risk and cope with difficult situations by taking part in realistic, interactive activities. They didn't realise that the emergency services on the end of the phone were in fact the teachers reading a script. The children really felt it has helped prepare them for their next steps.



Online Safety Update from the UK Internet Safety Centre



With the summer holidays fast approaching children and young people will have more free time to spend with friends, family and online. For some, this will be spent using the internet to keep in touch with friends, catch up with the latest apps and online trends, and playing their favourite games. To find out more click [here](#)

I can and I am Bus Visit

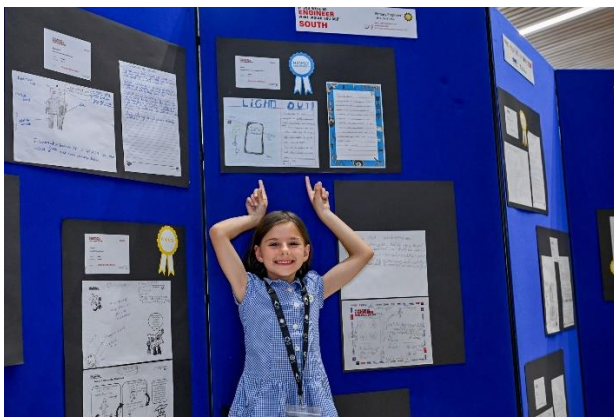


Thank you to James Shone, who came to share his inspirational story with the children about how he was a headteacher but then suddenly diagnosed with a brain tumour that changed his life forever. And led to him founding the charity to inspire confidence in every individual to enable them to know who they are and what they are able to do, rather than focusing on what they can't.

KS2 learnt some valuable tools to help improve self-esteem and maintain good mental health. A huge thank you to [I Can & I Am](#) for their inspirational presentation, pizza making and wellbeing workshops all on the double decker bus.

STEM PROJECT

Congratulations to our two winners who travelled all the way to Southampton University for the Primary Engineering Awards Ceremony. Lots of super memories to treasure!



Sporting Update

Such an action packed term to bring to an end a superb school year. Rhine began by participating in an orienteering festival on the first day back, putting their map reading skills to the test and trying to manoeuvre as quickly as they could to their various checkpoints. One of our three teams actually were runners up out of a number of schools: a great achievement and a really interesting day out. To end the week, Rhine class took part in a golf festival led by Year 6 children from local schools and indeed some of our Year 6 children had gone earlier in the day to learn how to coach the younger children and run the various golfing activities. We have recently acquired some junior golfing equipment and will be offering an afterschool club in Term 1.



Our next sporting event, was a fabulous trip to St. Mary's school in Calne for the annual lacrosse tournament. We are lucky enough to be invited to this event, as we are known to be a lacrosse playing school. The children were coached in the morning sessions by students from St. Mary's, who are expert lacrosse players, many of whom play at school's county and international level. Many of them remarked at

the skill levels the Stanton children had already acquired. In the afternoon (of an extremely hot day), the children broke into 4 mixed teams to play against other schools. Each team was very successful and managed to win most or all of their games, whilst maintaining a respectful sporting attitude towards their opponents. The day finished with an ice pop each and a chance to cool down under the shelters.



Next up was Sports Day! The Year 5 and 6 children impressed us all with their creativity, patience and organisation as they designed and ran the activity stations in the morning for the younger children. In the afternoon, all the houses competed brilliantly with the children showing off their skills in the running races and also wowing the crowds with favourites such as the sack race, egg and spoon and skipping. Young and old also got to demonstrate their skills on two wheels with the balance bike races and the fiercely contested 'slow' bike race. The teachers and parents also enthusiastically got in on the act with six rounds of adult sprints! In the end it was the children in Ash house who celebrated lifting the brand new sports day trophy. There is a link to some sports day pictures here

<https://www.facebook.com/stantonschool/videos/2205655819627378>.

Forest School

Firstly, please can I say a HUGE thank you to the people who have volunteered their time to help with Forest School this year. Without you, we would not be able to run Forest School and I think you have seen for yourselves how much the children get out of this time. So thank you so much.

This term Nursery and Reception have been visiting our new Forest School each week and are thoroughly enjoying finding some of the new wildlife that has entered this area. As we continue to develop and grow the Forest School it will be fascinating to track these changes and build additional habitats to encourage biodiversity.



Other classes in the school have visited Stanton Woods, taking part in Team games and activities, requiring creative thinking, strategising and great communication. It has been a lot of fun and a wonderful end to the term.



In September, Forest School will take place for Reception and Year 1 on Wednesday afternoons, beginning on September the 13th until October half term. We rely on volunteers for Forest School to go ahead, so if you can help on any Wednesday afternoon, please email Mrs Breen at darlingclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk

FOSS roundup of 2022/23

Wow, what a busy year it has been! It seems so long ago that we had our postponed Rainbow Hour in the school hall amidst a storm, and finally on Sport's Day we were able to properly enjoy the Colour Run that we had all waited so long for, but with appropriate weather conditions and a fantastic coffee van!

Our aim this year was to replenish our bank account funds after spending most of it on our fabulous school library. We've had to work hard this year to make sure there are enough funds for all of Mrs Breen's dream ideas for the new Forest School area. We have already transferred some of our new funds over to the school, so you can be assured that the money we raise has an impact on our school community as soon as it can.

Looking down the list of all the events and activities that FOSS have organised this year, we have taken the approach of involving the children and your families in all the fundraising activities. We feel it's so important to involve the children as much as we can and we love their enthusiasm as they try new things and share the experiences with their friends. It is so rewarding to see. We always try to create a balance between events that raise funds and events which are fun for everyone.

Thank you to you all for your support and kind words over the year. It does mean a lot to us.

We will be holding our AGM in late September, but for now, we're going to take a rest and refresh ourselves for more action next year.

Best wishes

Yvonne, Simon, Chantal, Sarah, Victoria, Lucy, Katie, Helen and Emma



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help at any of the events or activities below, and thank you to you all for coming along and taking part in them. Look what we have achieved together!



Darling Class Update

TOPIC: Sea Life

This has been a fantastically broad topic, which has enabled the children to explore the different animals that live in oceans, how we stay safe at the beach, what jobs people have at the beach and of course, go on pirate adventures.

Whole Class Builds

As the year comes to a close, it is times like these when we see how bonded the children have become, what amazing friendships they have made and how they have mastered the art of working together.



PE

We have had so much fun in PE this term playing games, racing and practising our ball skills. Sports day was amazing fun and we were all so proud of the children's efforts and attitudes.

The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch

An oldie but a goodie, sharing this story with the class ignited the imaginations of us all, from wonderfully imaginative ways to stop the seagulls from stealing Mr Grinling's lunch to creating lighthouses with zip wires attached! What was really wonderful was that the children had their own ideas and came back to add to their lighthouse creations over the course of a week.



Pirate Fun Day!

I think the highlight for most of us was our Pirate Fun Day. The children (and adults too!) embraced their inner pirate for an afternoon on the seas, searching for stolen treasure, walking the plank and feasting on pirate grub! Definitely a day that made some magical memories.



Forest School

This half term we have been enjoying our new Forest school area, hunting for minibeasts, creating butterfly feeders, treasure maps and nature bracelets.



Stay and Read

Our Stay and Read afternoon was a great success with lots of parents able to join us to share stories and have some pirate related fun. We read pirate stories, sang pirate songs, made pirate ships, drew maps and made photos of our faces into pirates! We really do love reading in Darling Class.



Rekenreks

This term Reception have been introduced to rekenreks. These tools really help the children to see numbers and how they are composed and decomposed, thus developing strong mental strategies for addition and subtraction.



Amazon Class- Term 6, Brilliant Brunel

We've had a super final term in Amazon Class to finish an incredible year. We launched into our topic with a visit to the Steam Museum where the children learnt about life on the railways and about the life and achievements of Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We took part in a workshop, dressing up as different engineers from the past and boarded and drove trains in the museum.



We used our learning throughout this term to create our Brunel fact files, whilst learning about different bridges and tunnels. We worked together to build bridges to hold a weight. Bridges and tunnels also inspired our artwork this term, using perspective drawing to sketch the Box Tunnel and watercolours to create different bridge silhouette paintings.

In English, we explored the fantastic book 'The Barnabus Project' by the Fan Brothers. This is the story of the Barnabus and his friends who are 'failed projects' that live in bell jars underground the 'Perfect Pets' shop. Barnabus and his friends were not perfect enough to make it into the pet store and so they are kept hidden from view in the underground lab until the day they finally escape and find happiness in the outside world together. The children created their own failed projects characters by mixing two animals together, drawing them in the bell jars and completing a Project File for their animal. We then wrote diary entries as our new characters and finished our English unit by sculpting our animals and homing them in their very own bell jars!



The children have been developing lots of practical maths skills this term from mass to volume, time to positions and space. Year 1 loved getting hands on with some estimating halves and quarters of volume!

In music, we have loved learning to play the ukulele, building upon our musical skills and learning new notes and rhythms each week.

In PE the children have enjoyed practising for Sports Day learning new skills such as skipping, sprinting and relay racing. We were so proud of the children's achievements at Sports Day this term and hope that the children enjoy keeping active during the summer break.

We've enjoyed so many wonderful stories this term, visiting the library and reading whole class chapter books like The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl. We also excelled in our SSQ Summer 50,000 Pages Reading Challenge, reading the most pages across the whole school! Our reading award was enjoyed by all when Mr and Mrs Whippy visited with their ice cream van to serve ice cream and books! We are so proud of all of the children for such a wonderful year filled with happiness, growth and learning. We would like to wish out Year 2 children all



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move into their new class next year and we look forward to welcoming our Year 1 children back to Amazon Class in September. We hope that you have a super summer, making very special memories together.

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



Wow, it has been a super busy term in Rhine with trips, production and lots of learning. This term we carried out a local study and we fortunate to have a visit from local historian Mr Stone who excavated Stanton Manor to find Roman remains. On one of the hottest days this term he gave us a guided tour around the village and shared so many fascinating facts about the village, included how it got its name. The fact the children found most interesting was that during WW2 fake cows were placed on the hangers on the airfield to make it seem like they were fields. We also had a follow up visit from the company who are planning to build a solar farm in the locality.

In English the children have been completing their mystery stories and did a very impressive job building in red herrings and cliffhangers into their writing. The other big project this term has seen them working on a joint English and Science report into 'Light.' In pairs, they have created PowerPoint presentations to introduce light and explain that it travels in straight lines. They have explained how light bounces into our eyes to enable us to see, used scientific terminology such as transparent, translucent and opaque and described how shadows are formed. Not only has this allowed them to deepen their understanding of this topic, it has allowed them to practise their typing, proof reading and editing skills and consolidate their understanding of how to effectively use PowerPoint. They have really enjoyed then delivering their presentations, which include pictures and links, to their classmates.

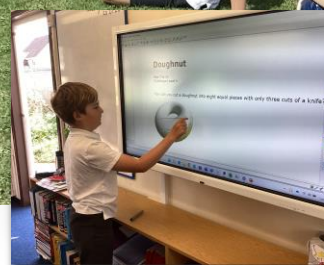
In RE, the children have been learning about the views of creation from the book of Genesis, and as a contrast also the other major global religions' views on creation. They have also learned about the Big Bang and Theory of Evolution, which has led to some impressive and well-informed discussions amongst the class. We also visited Malmesbury Abbey to take part in a Lifepath event where we had the chance to reflect on our choices and think about

In art the children studied Cityscapes and looked at work from a selection of artists including Yvonne Jacquette an American painter and printmaker who is famous for her aerial cityscapes and her night views of New York City. The children then had great fun designing their own cityscapes.

In Computing, children have been learning about gathering data and storing it into spreadsheets. We have used Excel to store data that the children have gathered, and then display it into different forms with pie graphs and bar charts as well as learning to sort data alphabetically or numerically. The Digital Leaders gave a presentation on staying safe while using Roblox, which (if you aren't familiar) is a popular online gaming platform where people can create and play games.



Rhine Class love solving problems, so we celebrated our last maths lesson of the year with a doughnut problem. Then enjoyed real doughnuts on the field – a great end to the term!



Dates for next term

Date	Class	Activity/Event	Notes
Monday 4 th September	TERM 1 STARTS – PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES OF DAY 8:45am and 3:15pm		
Monday 18 th September	Darling – Reception only	Maths Workshop - 9am	More details to follow
Friday 22 nd September	All	Harvest Festival – 2pm	More details to follow
Monday 25 th September	Amazon – Year 1 only	Maths Workshop – 9am	More details to follow
Monday 9 th October – Thurs 12 October	All	Parents Evening 3:30- 5:30pm	More details to follow
Thursday 19 th October	End of term		

Please look out for Back to School Reminders the week before we return.