



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2021-22/23

11th March 2022

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"Spring is the time of year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade."

Charles Dickens, Great Expectations

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been very busy planning for residentials and trips across the school. There is a great deal to do, as you can imagine, in order to make sure everyone has a really positive experience, is challenged and has lots of fun on their residential. It is super to be able to get the children out and about again on trips and we have great plans for the Spring and Summer. Details will always reach you first via the newsletter so please remember to read it every Friday to keep up to date.

Football - The Devon Championships

Mr Branch took some of our pupils from Years 5 and 6 to compete at the Devon Schools Football Championships in Newton Abbot yesterday. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school and had the most amazing tournament. Here is the match report from Mr Branch - it makes impressive reading!



Stokenham U11 boys took part in the Devon leg of the annual English Schools football tournament at Newton Abbot. The winning team would then go on to represent Devon school in Bristol. We had a brilliant start, beating a school from Exeter 1-0 with a fortuitous own goal thanks to excellent pressure from Luke. In game 2, after going ahead thanks to a well taken goal from Luke, we fell behind to a quick brace much like PSG in the Champions League and ended up losing 2-1.



The team rallied and had an excellent showing towards the end of the tournament, with Finley in goal proving a solid wall with the indomitable Henry in front of him. This allowed others to push forward, despite going down by 3 goals to a very strong Plymouth team, Lenny scored two and could have had a hat-trick. Luke again popped up with a goal, but we were pegged back again by some very strong finishing.

*The boys were an absolute credit to the school and won many travelling fans of other schools over with their play and attitude on the pitch. **In the end we finished third, that's third in Devon!** A strong first showing in county tournaments. Thank you for the parents who helped get us there and for the PTFA for supplying the wonderful new kits.*



Yummy Cakes Today - Year 6 Fundraising Biscuit Sale

We did it again with our truly scrumptious biscuits and cakes in Year 6! Thank you so much to everyone who brought in contributions and for those who catered for dietary requirements, this certainly brightened up a rainy Friday! The class have raised £72 which is absolutely fantastic and will help towards funding their Leaver hoodies.



Explorer Dome Science Day - Friday 11th March -postponed for now!

Well, unfortunately due to the providers being poorly, our Explorer Dome Science day has been postponed. We are liaising with the team to reschedule. In the meantime, our children have still conducted various science themed projects in their classrooms today and throughout the week.

Around the school this week

The Reception class were delighted that the rain eased so that they could enjoy learning and playing in the mud kitchen and nature area again. They created a range of delicious dishes for their friends using sticks, herbs and leaves, serving them at the new picnic bench with cutlery and crockery. Prior to going outside, the class explored and described different herbs including basil, mint and parsley, identifying whether they recognised and liked the smell and where they had eaten it before. A firm favourite was the basil, which the children said reminded them of pesto pasta.



In Year 1, for D and T this term, we are looking at the artistic works of Abigail Brown. For this week's lesson we experimented with joining different fabrics. We used cellotape, staples and PVA glue to join the fabric and discussed which one we thought worked the best.



This week Year 2 have started their new topic in RE. They are learning about Judaism, finding out who is Jewish and how they live. This week they were looking at images you will find in a Jewish home, matching these to their correct names and saying what the objects would be used for. They had great fun sorting out the pictures and their names.



In Year 3 this week we have been investigating reflection through a "sky-eyes" exercise. We explored the concept of where light comes from, how it travels, what it is and how it reaches our eyes. We then looked into why some surfaces reflect light. The children certainly enjoyed having the double vision of seeing the sky and the floor at the same time!



Year four have had a lovely week making pancakes in their forest school session, creating switches in DT and travelling along a river in their English lesson.



Red Nose Day - Friday 18th March

Let's wear something Red! Next Friday is Red Nose day and we must all wear something red! Stockings, socks, hair clips, ties - it all works. Our monetary contributions will be donated to the Red Nose day Charities.



Bags 2 School day - Monday 21st March



Bag2School is a free fundraising scheme, established in 1999, for anyone wanting to raise funds using a resource EVERYONE has got in their wardrobe - unwanted clothes. They operate throughout the UK; collecting your unwanted textiles then redistribute to other countries of Eastern and Western Europe, Africa and Asia. All to benefit the Circular Economy. **Our Bag 2 School pick up will be at 9am on Monday 21st March.**

Reception Vision Screening - Friday 25th March

The Royal Eye Infirmary will be visiting Stokenham on Friday 25th March to see our Reception children and conduct the annual Vision screening. Parents will receive an information letter regarding the vision screening programme direct from the Royal Eye Infirmary.

Blue Peter Book of the Year update

Blue Peter have announced the winners of the Blue Peter Book of the Year which, you may recall, we took part in judging. The Last Bear by Hannah Gold won best fiction book, and Invented by Animals by Christiane Dorian won best non-fiction. Our Blue Peter badges for our pupils who took part in judging will be on their way soon! In other book news Mrs Cross has won 2 copies of Struan Murrays books for the school library, thank you Barnes Children's Literature Festival!



The Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show

Now in its fourth year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4-19 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel with selected artworks being displayed on-line and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. Submissions are now open and our school is registered.



Artwork can be submitted online by students or on their behalf by a teacher, a parent or a guardian by 30 March 2022. We really hope that some of our children will participate in this event - please see the poster attached to this newsletter or head over to The Royal Academy website at

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

Helping Ukrainian Refugees - please see below a message from Natalie Cordrey - a parent

There are thousands of Ukrainian refugees entering Moldova, which is a very poor country. The people there are welcoming but barely have enough clothes for themselves, let alone the refugees. The situation is dire. CR2EE (Christian Response to Eastern Europe) is a well-established charity that has been sending help to Moldova for many years. They already have the transport and logistics set up to send goods there swiftly. They are a small, but amazing charity. They will also welcome any financial donations.

If you would like to help Ukrainian refugees by sending clothing please collate as many clean, good quality clothes (adults and children's), both for winter and summer, bedding, blankets and shoes. **For the next 3 Tuesdays (15th/22nd/29th), Natalie will park in her grey Yoga Field & Sea van near the school gates once the school run is over (9.10-9.30am) to collect your donations.** You can contact Natalie on 07500 032781 for any questions.

Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a restful and peaceful weekend

With best Wishes

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'T. Coulthard'.

Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

Congratulations

Every Friday we hold a special assembly when we celebrate the children's achievements in school and share successes in their interests and activities outside school.

Awards this week go to:

Alba
 Finlay D
 Archie
 Grace
 Lexie
 Jayden
 Barnaby B

Writer of the Week	Mealtime Award
KS1 - Erica KS2 - Rylan	Livia, Amber & Hailey-Rose

After School Clubs Timetable

Monday	After School Year 1 & 2 Mindfulness Colouring Club After School Year 5 & 6 Arts & Crafts Club After School KS2 Tag Rugby Club
Tuesday	After School year 5 & 6 Girls Self Defence Club
Wednesday	Lunchtime Year 1 & 2 Recorder Club After School Year 1 & 2 Story Club After School KS2 Choir After School Year 4, 5 & 6 Netball Club
Thursday	After School year 5 & 6 Sports club - cancelled until 17th March Karate with Caroline
Friday	

The Week Ahead - Menu Week 2

Monday 14 th March	Forest School Reception and Year 4 John Sipple Drum Lessons Holly Molyneux Music Lessons After School Year 1 & 2 Mindfulness Colouring Club After School Tag Rugby Club After School Year 5 & 6 Arts & Crafts Club
Tuesday 15 th March	Girls Self-defence with Caroline
Wednesday 16 th March	Year 1 & 2 Lunchtime Recorder Club After School Year 1 & 2 Story Club After School KS2 Music and Choir Club After School Year 4, 5 & 6 Netball Club
Thursday 17 th March	After School Year 5 & 6 Sports Club - cancelled Karate with Caroline
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day - See above Deadline for Year 5 Residential Deposit

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Monday 21 March	PM	KS1	Bags 2 School - See above Throlf Festival at Modbury - TBC
Wednesday 23 March	PM	6	Federation Swimathon at Quayside - TBC
Thursday 24 March	PM	ALL	PTFA Film Night - TBC
Friday 25 March	PM	R	Royal Eye Infirmary Visit - see above Deadline for Y3 & 4 Residential Deposit
Thursday 31 March	All Day	6	Visit to Exeter Cathedral - letters sent out Friday 11 March
Tuesday 5 April	PM	KS2	Rock Up & Run at Kingsbridge - TBC
Thursday 7 April	PM	ALL	Last Day of Term
Friday 8 April			Non-Pupil Day

Easter Holidays

Monday 25 April	AM	ALL	First Day of Summer Term
Wednesday 27 April	AM	Recp & 6	Tempest Photography - Group Photographs
Monday 2 May	All Day	ALL	Bank Holiday - No School
Thursday 12 to Friday 13 May	All Day	4	Residential Trip
Monday 16 to Friday 20 May	All Day	5	Bikeability Course - details to follow
Monday 30 to Friday 3 May	All day	All	HALF TERM
Monday 6 June	AM	All	Back to School
Wednesday 22 to Friday 24 June	All Day	6	Residential
Thursday 30 June to Friday 1 July	All day	3	Residential
Tuesday 19 to Wednesday 20 July	All Day	5	Residential
Friday 20 July	PM	All	Last Day of Term

PE Time Table

Monday	Year 2
Tuesday	Year 5
Wednesday	Reception and Year 1
Thursday	Years 1 through to 6
Friday	Year 3 and 4

Coronavirus Update

As we gradually ease in to some sense of 'normality' we still need to remain cautious. In school we are following the necessary requirements to keep our pupils and staff as safe as can be:

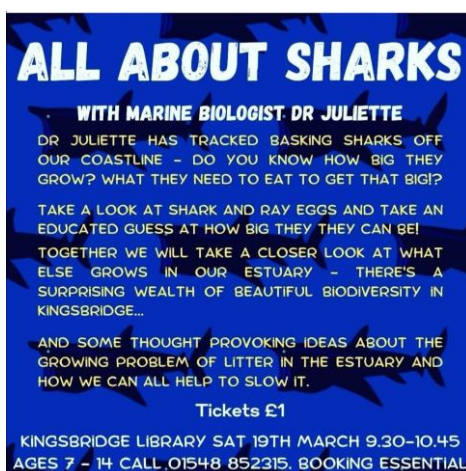
Control measures to remain in schools to reduce risk:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

Self-isolation:

- If someone develops symptoms or has a positive test result the guidance still advises people to stay at home to avoid passing the infection on to others.
- Many people may no longer be infectious after 5 days and so as previously, if people have no temperature and negative LFD tests on day 5 and 6 the risk of them being infectious greatly reduces and so can safely return to normal routines.
- Close contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, and contact tracing has ended.

Community News



ALL ABOUT SHARKS

WITH MARINE BIOLOGIST DR JULIETTE

DR JULIETTE HAS TRACKED BASKING SHARKS OFF OUR COASTLINE - DO YOU KNOW HOW BIG THEY GROW? WHAT THEY NEED TO EAT TO GET THAT BIG?

TAKE A LOOK AT SHARK AND RAY EGGS AND TAKE AN EDUCATED GUESS AT HOW BIG THEY CAN BE!

TOGETHER WE WILL TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT WHAT ELSE GROWS IN OUR ESTUARY - THERE'S A SURPRISING WEALTH OF BEAUTIFUL BIODIVERSITY IN KINGSBRIDGE...

AND SOME THOUGHT PROVOKING IDEAS ABOUT THE GROWING PROBLEM OF LITTER IN THE ESTUARY AND HOW WE CAN ALL HELP TO SLOW IT.

Tickets £1

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AGES 7 - 14 CALL 01548 852315, BOOKING ESSENTIAL