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17.5.24

A MESSAGE FROM MS. RICHARDS

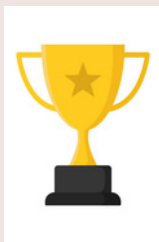
It has been a very busy week and we are all so proud of how the children have taken the SATs assessments in their stride. They have worked so hard and their perseverance showed in their calm approach to each paper. The days didn't necessarily start in a calm way however, as Miss Pitts assured us that dancing and singing really loudly sent lots of oxygen to the brain so the children (and staff) could be seen dancing the "Macarena" and heard bellowing out "We will rock you" over a pain au chocolat and a slice of toast!!!

A big vote of thanks also goes to the rest of the children in school, who showed their support by being flexible over breaktimes, moving classrooms and generally being really positive.

Well done Team Stanhope!

Ms Richards 😊

ATTENDANCE



This week's attendance winners are Oak class with 100%. Well done Oak

Great work!



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS



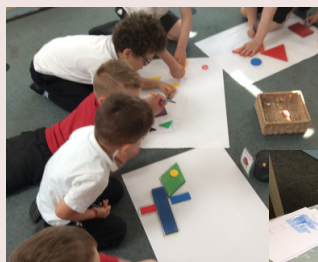
EYFS UPDATE

Nursery

The highlight this week has been watching their butterflies emerge. It has been fascinating. The children are hoping to let them free early next week if there's no heavy rain..



YR 1/2 UPDATE



Year 2 have been making clocks to help to tell the time. They have also been colourmixing and painting sunflowers - in the style of Van Gogh.



Reception

Reception have been exploring shapes. They have also been producing their own artwork - just like Monet!



YR 3 UPDATE

Year 3 - investigated how water is transported in plants. They dissected plants to look for the xylem tubes as they learnt about transpiration.



YR 4 UPDATE

The children in Year 4 have been learning about Greek mythology this week, and have particularly enjoyed reading the story of 'Jason and the Argonauts'. To enhance their learning, they used the drama techniques of 'freeze-frame' and 'hotseating' to explore the characters and story further. The children really enjoyed this and showed that they had some brilliant acting skills!

MORE HIGHLIGHTS...



Year 5 have been busy making wire sculptures this week - this looks like very fiddly work!!

Year 5



YR 6 UPDATE

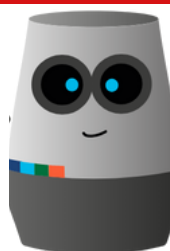
A massive well done to our Year 6 children for all of their efforts in preparation for their SATs. They showed determination and confidence all week and we are extremely proud of them! The progress that they've shown since the beginning of the year is amazing! We were also very excited to reveal to them that they will be putting on a performance of Wonka at the end of the school year. Rehearsals will begin next week, and the children are very excited to get started.



SOMETHING HELPFUL...



SWIGGLE



I have recently been made aware of a tool to help with safeguarding children when they are using phones or other devices. I have checked with the Tackling Emerging Threats to Children team and they are happy to promote this. It is a customised Google Safe Search, which helps to only show appropriate results when a child uses a search engine (even if they spell phonetically!) and it is completely ad-free. The other great feature it has is a 'screen cover' at the top of the screen, so this encourages children to cover the screen if they do see something upsetting or perhaps something they don't like or something they weren't expecting. The screen cover then prompts the child to speak to an adult for support.

Swiggle is free to use - anyone can just search [Swiggle.org.uk](https://www.swiggle.org.uk) and it should come up and work perfectly. However, you can also install it as your browser's preferred search engine (which is great to do on devices at home) - [Overview - Swiggle.org.uk](https://www.swiggle.org.uk).

There's further information for parents/carers here: [Information for Parents - Swiggle.org.uk](https://www.swiggle.org.uk)

Swiggle was created by the SWGfL (which is a member of the UK Safer Internet Centre) however, it is important to remember that Swiggle (or any other 'safe search' tool) is a tool and is a brilliant way of teaching good online safety habits to our children and adding an extra layer of protection - but, none of these tools can be guaranteed to be 100% effective, so other filtering/monitoring mechanisms should also still be in place.

I thought I would share this with you as this may be something which you might want to try out. The parent who first drew my attention to this has installed it on their child's phone following training they received.

KEY DATES

- 21.5.24 - Nursery open morning
- 24.5.24- School breaks up for half term.
- 3.6.24 - INSET day - school closed to pupils

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...AND FINALLY



What a fantastic achievement!!!!

We are so proud to announce that Natasha, one of our Year 6 pupils has won the Nottinghamshire County U13s 100m with a fantastic time of 13.51 seconds. She told us that she has only recently taken up this event and is already a force to be reckoned with. Not only did she win the county championship, Mr. Kenney also informed us that her time places her 17th nationally.

We will all be keeping our eyes on her future progress - we may even have a future Olympian here at Stanhope.

Congratulations!!!

THANK YOU FOR READING



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