



APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER



STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Successful Learners, Confident Individuals & Responsible Citizens,
with a Sense of Pride in all we do.

BABIES AT SPJS!

The children have been very excited following the arrival of several duck eggs last week. We have been keeping a close eye on them all day with our "duck-cam". We were lucky enough to catch sight of one of the eggs actually hatching. Some of the children were able to see this for themselves on the whiteboards in their classrooms. What an amazing event for us all to witness. The little ducklings are getting stronger every day and as you can see, are looking super cute!



This week, all the children have had a chance to meet the ducklings up close, and give them a little cuddle if they wanted to.



OUTDOOR LEARNING

In Outdoor Learning we celebrated Earth Day, on the 22nd April, by thinking about our limited resources and all the different ways we could help save our planet. We had some brilliant ideas from each year:

- Switching lights off when we're not in the room.
- Turning taps off while we are brushing our teeth to save water.
- Recycling paper and cardboard.
- Stop littering.
- Using less plastic.
- Leaving a bit of our gardens wild.
- Growing our own vegetables and planting trees.
- Walking to school and using our petrol cars less.

The children made some wonderful posters to raise awareness of Earth Day.



6S enjoyed watching the sunshine turn some light sensitive paper with their pretty plant decorations.



3P enjoyed Earth Day by going up to the allotment and helping look after our vegetable patches and harvested some rhubarb, chives and lemon mint

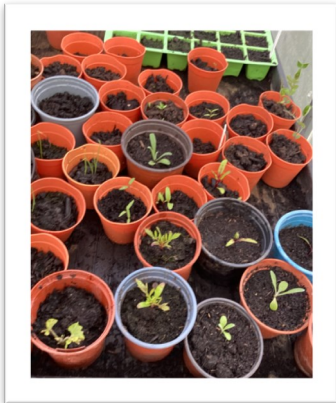


Exciting News!

We have a great tit nesting in the bird box. Here is the Mummy and a few chicks:



5J helped transplant some seedlings that were planted before the Easter holidays. Hopefully these will grow big and strong to avoid being eaten by the slugs and snails at the allotment.



Y3 VISIT TO THE MOSQUE

On Tuesday 23rd April, Year 3 had the opportunity to visit the Muslim Cultural & Welfare Association Centre in Carshalton where they learnt more about the Islamic faith. In addition, they saw the inside of the mosque and learnt about how it was used, both as a place of prayer and as a community centre to support a range of needs and groups.

The children engaged in activities, crafts and quizzes to help them learn more about Islam and were able to look at (and even

try on) some of the special artefacts found in or brought to a Mosque.

It was a wonderful morning and the children showed their Sense of Pride by listening carefully, asking questions and participating enthusiastically whilst they were there. They also walked sensibly and maturely to and from the centre. Thank you to those of you who came with us on this trip. It was a wonderful morning!



YEAR 5 TRIP TO HAMPTON COURT PALACE

Year 5 had a fantastic day at Hampton Court Palace. We were transported back to the 1500s and enjoyed learning about King Henry VIII through a workshop led by a Tudor Scottish Ambassador, William Maitland. We were able to explore Henry's great hall and apartments and snuck into his kitchens - where they would whip up delicious meals for his famous feasts!



This is what some of Year 5 said about our trip:

"The minute I stepped into Base Court, I thought I was actually there - back in the Tudor times! I loved walking through the great hall and hearing about what happened in there. It really was the best trip ever! Thank you teachers for planning and taking us on the trip." **Summer K 5J**

"Hampton Court Palace was as big as I thought it would be! It would be a dream to live there! First, we got given a headset that led us through a tour of the Grand Hall that was bigger than my entire house! Then we went through the kitchens which is where they made all the food for Henry's parties. Henry loved having parties as he loved showing off - he wanted other people to be jealous of him. We finished our trip with a

workshop, analysing different sources and discussing them with our group. We need to remember that there are always two sides and that some sources can be bias." **Sophie W 5J**



"When we arrived, I was fascinated by how large the palace was! I couldn't believe we were standing where the Tudors once stood. What surprised me the most was the amount of kitchens King Henry VIII needed. We had an interesting workshop talking about the King. Henry VIII had an outrageous temper - did you know that he beheaded up to 57,000 including two of his wives?" **Nitya S 5J**



YEAR 3 WWII WORKSHOP



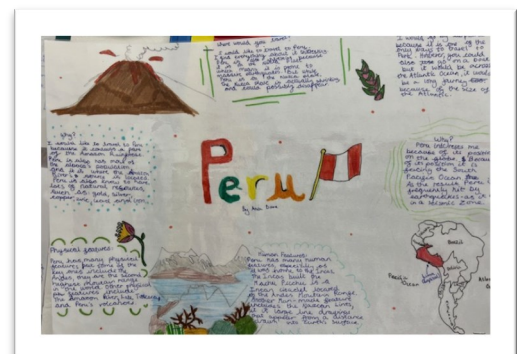
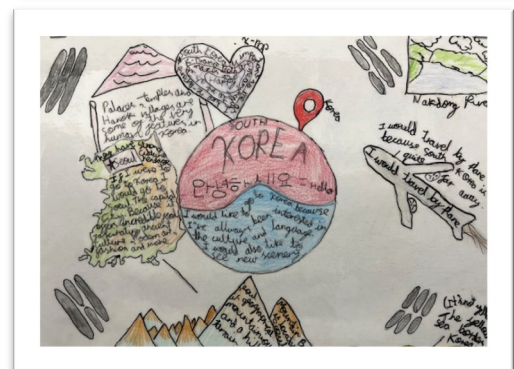
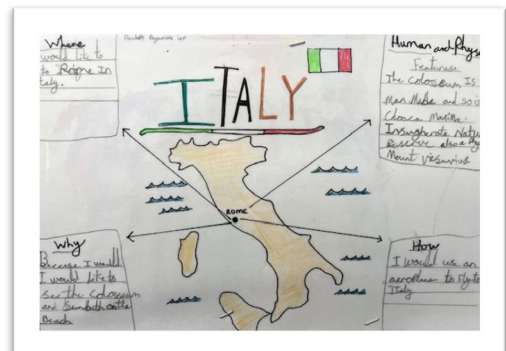
We were so lucky to have Time Travel's WWII workshop come to our school. It was very interesting and so much fun. We got to make a splint bandage and try them out on each other.

We got to put out incendiary bombs. During the session, we were visited by an ARP Warden who gave us lots of information about his role in the war. We also got to handle lots of artefacts and try things on. The whole day was just brilliant and we all learnt a lot about WWII and enjoyed the hands on activities.



GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Before Easter, children were given the opportunity to enter a geography competition about their dream destination. Entries needed to give an overview of the country or city, including some examples of physical and human features, as well as explaining what made it appealing to them. The children worked extremely hard and their dream destinations and reasons for choosing them were interesting and varied. However, Hawaii proved a popular place! It was fantastic to see so many children don their geography caps and take part. The winners will be announced in assembly next week.



SUMMER MUSIC CONCERTS



On Wednesday 24th April, Year 3 and 4 musicians took part in our annual music concert. Over 40 children performed to a packed audience.

There were performances from the choir, as well as children playing their musical instruments. We were entertained by pianists, violinists, guitarists, drummers and a French horn player. The music ranged from classical, to jazz and pop. Every musician should be extremely proud of their performance.



EILIDH 4J

We were absolutely thrilled to hear about Eilidh's recent sporting successes!

On 21st April, she took part in the mini marathon - completing the 2.6km course in 12.41 minutes and finishing 51st out of 500 in her wave!



Eilidh has also taken part in a swimathon arranged by Westcroft triathlon club. She had to swim as many lengths as she could to raise money for charity. She managed an astonishing 106 lengths (2650 metres) and helped the club to raise over £1200 for cancer research UK. This is amazing. Well Done Eilidh!



BOYS' FOOTBALL

Despite having only a few matches left of the season, team SPJS have continued to impress! Our latest match, the quarter final of the borough cup, resulted in a **5 - 3** win against Tweeddale with goals scored by Raiyan, Jack, Jude & Rayan. The boys are now focusing on their next challenge - a cup semi-final against Green Wrythe where we are hoping for another victory - go team SPJS!



Y3 CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

On Thursday 25th April, 20 Year 3 pupils took part in a Cross Country Competition organised by Sutton Schools Sport Partnership. The children ran approximately 750m against children from schools across the borough and also



had the opportunity to enjoy an orienteering challenge after their races. We were extremely proud of the children: how they ran, how they behaved and how well they cheered for their team mates! All of them managed to complete the race and 2 of them even managed to win medals as Efa came third in the girls race and Bob came first in the boys race. Most importantly, they had a lot of fun! This fantastic event has inspired some of them to continue running so we look forward to seeing how they do in the future.



DIARY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2024

Thur 2 May	Y5/6 Music Concert 6.30pm
Fri 3 May	New Summer Project Guidance sent to parents
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Fri 10 May	5J Class Assembly 2.40pm
Fi 10 May	Swimming Gala at Westcroft - Evening (selected children)
Mon 13-16 May	SATS Week for Y6
Fri 17 May	Y6 Fun Day
Fri 17 May	PTA Disco
w/b 20 May	Art/DT Week
Wed 22 May	Art and Design Family Evening 5.30pm -7.30pm
Thur 23 May	Pre-Loved Book Sale
Thur 23 May	Break up for half term 3.20 and 3.25 as usual
Fri 24 May	INSET Day - school closed for pupils
w/b 27 May	Half Term Holiday
JUNE	Value of the Month: Responsibility
w/b 3 June & 10 June	Y4 National Multiplication Tests
w/b 3 June	Y6 Bikeability Training (week 1)
Mon 3 June	Parent/Staff Meeting re Annual Black History Celebration 2.20pm
Mon 10 June	Y6 Residential - Osmington Bay
Tues 11 June	Y6 Activity Day to High Ashurst
Weds 12 June	Choir - Big Sing Event am
Wed 12 June	Y6 Activity Day - Pottery in School
Thur 13 June	Y6 Activity London & Theatre
Fri 14 June	Books to be sent home: English and history
Fri 14 June	3P Class Assembly
Tue 18 June	Y3 Brighton Trip 3J + 3P(A-F only)
Thur 20 June	Y3 Brighton Trip 3S + 3P(G-Z only)
Fri 21 June	Y6 Worry Ninja Transition Workshops am
Fri 21 June	Primary Borough Athletics Competition pm at David Weir
Sat 22 June	PTA Summer Fair
w/b 24 June	Y6 Bikeability Training (week 2)
Mon 24 th June	Sports Week - Olympian Visit and Workshops
Thur 27 June	Y4 Fairfield Halls Performance - Ukuleles
Fri 28 June	Y6 Worry Ninja Transition Workshops pm
Fri 28 June	Sports Day am
JULY	Value of the Month: Sense of Pride
Mon 1 July	Archery Para Olympic Visit and Workshops
Wed 3 July	Y6 Sutton Schools Induction Day
Wed 3 July	Optional Projects Due In

.....Summer term Diary Dates Continued

Wed 3 July	Y3 New Parents Information Evening 6pm
Fri 5 July	Y6 Worry Ninja Transition Workshops am
Fri 5 July	3S Class Assembly
Thur 11 July	New Y3 Getting to know you evening 3.20-5pm
Wed 17 July	6.30pm Performance to Parents
Thur 18 July	Opportunity for parents to see Teachers re Reports (by request)
Thur 18 July	Y6 Performance to parents 6.30pm
Mon 22 July	Children to Meet New Class Teachers
Tues 23 July	Y6 Leavers Disco (6-7.30pm)
Wed 24 July	Awards Assembly for Children
Wed 24 July	Term Ends for Pupils Y3/4 at 1.40pm; Y5/6 at 1.45pm



TERM DATES for 2024/2025



AUTUMN TERM 2024

Monday 2 nd September 2024	INSET DAY - School Closed
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	INSET DAY - School Closed
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Term Starts for Pupils
Friday 25 th October 2024	INSET DAY - School Closed
w/c 28 th October 2024	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 4 th November 2024	Start of 2nd half term for pupils
Friday 20 th December 2024	Term Ends for pupils

SPRING TERM 2025

Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET DAY - School Closed
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Term Starts for Pupils
w/c 17 th February 2025	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Friday 4 th April 2025	Term Ends for Pupils

SUMMER TERM 2025

Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Term Starts for Pupils
Monday 5 th May 2025	BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed
Friday 23 rd May 2025	INSET DAY - School Closed
w/c 26 th May 2025	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Term Ends for Pupils

TT ROCKSTARS & SPELLING SHED

Well done to all these children who have worked really hard with their times tables in April.



CLASS	NAME
3S	Udhbhav B
3P	Lara L
3J	Rudy F
4S	Franc K
4P	Saoirse M
4J	Rahul J



Children in Year 5 and 6 have Doodle Maths or Doodle English to complete each night rather than TTRockstars.

Well done to the following children who have over a new 50 day streak:

Grace X, Emily A, Harry X and Ethan P

We are very proud of you!

**TOP THREE PUPILS IN EACH CLASS-
MOST AMOUNT OF STARS FOR APRIL**

What a fantastic achievement!

Spelling Shed

Well done to the children who have made the most effort in the last seven days:

CLASS	NAME	SCORE
3J	Anzhou Y	10,121,376
3P	Alek E	4,215,118
3S	Udhbhav B	11,055,788
4J	Benny P	949328
4P	Noah T	3,011,462
4S	Lilly-Rose H	484,876
5J	Alexander SM	24,249,914
5P	Keira C	3,029,026
5S	Eshana M	1,390,238
Y6	Ania D	2,385,266

TOP SPELLING GROUPS

	CLASS	SCORE
1	5J	23,288,486
2.	3S	21,096,473
3.	3J	17,321,810

YEAR 5	
Gaurava G	395
Thurston H	394
Alexander S-M	378
Theo G	1596
Keira C	461
Vincent S	366
Tamsin F	667
Eshana M	461
Harry X	414
YEAR 6	
Jasper W	884
Adhruth S	842
Ruweyda H	442
Chiara C	381
Eben D	338
Annabelle M	290
Chico L	1097
Dhiya P	581
Ania D	556