



**Staplehurst School Newsletter -No.19
- Spring Term**

News from the Senior Team



Dear Parents and Carers

Yet another week has flown past at Staplehurst! We have really enjoyed the focus on well-being this week; today your child will bring home their well-being book to share with you, which I know you will enjoy discussing together.

Thank you to those parents who joined me for our Parent Forum; as always it is so important to hear your views and to plan how we continue to work in close partnership to develop our school.

Today we discussed and explored:

Reading: how and when we change our children's reading books in Key Stage 1; selection of free reading books in KS2.

Communication: the possibility of formalising the current informal use of WhatsApp groups for parents; the importance of timely information and an appropriate level of reminders.

High Weald Academy: key questions that you have for me to share with our Area Education Officer, Nick Abrahams.

Secondary Transfer: supporting our year 5 parents and children with visits/talks from local secondary schools in terms 4 & 5

World Book Day: the value of dressing up for the day, and our plans for this year.

OFSTED: how our inspection went and the possibility of exploring other curriculum enrichment opportunities e.g. forest schools

From these discussions the senior team and middle leaders will reflect on your feedback/questions and respond in term 4.

Many parents have been asking about the outcome of our OFSTED inspection; once the final report is published, we are looking forward to sharing this with you.

Next week we have parents' evenings; this is an opportunity to see your child's learning across the curriculum and discuss their progress. Please arrive on time at your child's classroom; as always Mr Williams–Jones, Mrs French and I are on site should you wish to discuss any matters with us.

REMINDER: INSET Day Friday 11th February 2022

Enjoy your family time this weekend,

Miss Davenport & the Senior Leadership Team

Goodbye and Good Luck

The word 'Goodbye' is written in a large, stylized, cursive font. The letters are primarily purple with a bright green shadow or outline effect, giving it a 3D appearance. The 'G' is particularly large and prominent.

Sadly, at the end of this term Mrs Sullivan will be leaving us. She has been a fabulous Family Liaison Officer at Staplehurst for the past 3 years and has contributed so much to our school. I know you will join me in thanking her for her time, energy and support that she has given many of our children and families - we will really miss her but wish her well in her future adventures. Mrs Sullivan is looking forward to spending some much deserved time with her grandchildren and family.

We are currently recruiting for a new FLO to join us in Term 4.

Children's Mental Health Week – 'Growing Together'

We always recognise the importance of wellbeing in our school. However, this week our children, staff and parents have been reminded of the ways in which we can support ourselves and each other with **Mental Health** and **Wellbeing**.

The theme for this year was 'Growing Together'. We know that when are mindful of the **5 Ways to Wellbeing**, we are able to support our emotional growth more fully.



This week our children have taken time to **Take Notice** of the ways in which they have grown and been successful in the past. They have used this resilience to make plans for future goals. They will bring home posters this week to remind them about the resilience needed to **Keep Learning**. Please display their poster with pride and maybe use the message to remind the adults and children in your family about the importance of wellbeing.



Our children have thought about how they choose to cope when they feel worried or anxious, and they gathered ideas to share across the school. In this way they have supported each other to grow emotionally.



Our staff have completed training this week, delivered by the Specialist Teaching Service, exploring how best to support anxious children. Finally, our parents have been invited to attend our training delivered by Mrs Sullivan and our Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner, exploring ways in which they can support their children at home.

Please also remember our links to support parents and families can be found on our school **Mental Health and Wellbeing** web page: <https://www.staplehurstschool.co.uk/school-info/mental-health-and-wellbeing>

You will also find the parent link below to the 'Place to be' resources we have used to support our learning in school this week:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

If you have any further ideas to support our children with their wellbeing, please do get in touch. Your ideas are always welcome.

With best wishes, Mrs French

Pride Certificates



Name	Class	Reason
Edward Swift	EYG	Edward has made fantastic progress since starting school. He is always helpful in the classroom, tidying up and helping others without being asked. Well done Edward
Annie Mae-Woods	EYKB	Annie Mae consistently demonstrates the school PRIDE values. She works independently and completes tasks to an excellent standard. She also shows other how they can try and work independently too. Annie-Mae also shows kindness and friendliness every day. She can be relied upon to have the smile or kind words needed to cheer anyone up who needs it. Even the teachers! You are a credit to the class Annie-Mae!
Ambrose Askew	1C	Ambrose consistently shows our PRIDE value of independence. He always settles down to work quickly and completes work to a high standard, particularly in maths where he shows real depth in his understanding.
Alfie-Paul Thirkell	1S	Alfie-Paul has demonstrated a positive attitude towards school this week. He has had a settled week and has also shown the PRIDE Value of respect in the classroom and on the playground. Well done, Alfie-Paul.
Evan SujoGeorge	2SS	Evan has worked incredibly hard in Maths this week. He has worked with a great level of independence and determination whilst also making valuable contributions to class discussions. Keep up the great work, Evan!
Willow Hawgood	2S	This week Willow impressed with her effort and independence in all lessons. Willow has not been afraid to try things by herself and has taken risks with her learning. Well done Willow, keep it up!
Hannah O'Day	3S	This week Hannah has shown great determination in our English lessons. She has contributed lots of valuable ideas to our group discussions and has used her plan well to construct a fantastic story ending. It has also been wonderful to see Hannah challenging herself further by including some fronted adverbials in her writing! Great work Hannah!
Harry Hate	3G	This week I have been incredibly impressed with Harry's positive attitude towards his learning. He has created a wonderful piece of writing in our English lessons. Harry has also made some great contributions in our geography lessons, where he produced an excellent flow chart all about the savannah biome. Well done Harry, keep it up!
Noah Richards- Cole	4W	This week Noah has shown real enthusiasm for his learning in Maths. He has made great progress in his understanding of fractions and worked hard to complete tasks. He also always enjoys sharing his great general knowledge with the class. Well done!
Jessica Main	4C	Jessica had demonstrated superb effort and resilience in literacy and maths this week. She has worked hard on learning about fractions and in writing a newspaper article based on our English text. Well done!
Remi Redford	5K	Remi consistently works hard, always persevering and never giving up. She is independent in her learning, and will make sure that her work is at the highest quality she can do. Remi is an excellent role model and ambassador to our class and the school. Well done Remi!
Lily Leppard	5R	Lily perfectly demonstrates our school PRIDE values at all times. She is a fantastic role model to her peers, showing great determination and excellence in her work. Her positive attitude to school is always a joy to see. Well done Lily!
Bluebelle Santer	6S	This week I would like to celebrate the fantastic progress Bluebelle has made in her reading fluency and comprehension. I am very proud of Bluebelle for working so hard during reading sessions and for increasingly contributing towards class discussions about different texts. Keep up the good work, Bluebelle! You should be very proud of your achievements.
Lylah Jones	6T	The whole of Year 6 loved coming to watch Lylah in her amazing performance of Grease this week. We were all amazed and loved every second of it - it's clear how much time and hard work you have put in to learning the routines and it was lovely to see you shine on stage!

EYFS



YEAR 1

As part of our whole school well-being week, EYFS have begun each day with some mindful colouring, carefully colouring our posters. We have discussed how we have grown and what we have got better at, as well as practising 'five-finger' breathing and using mindful labyrinth walks to help us feel calm and relaxed.

In maths this week we have been learning to combine two amounts using different manipulatives, such as Numicon, counters and cubes. We then had to verbalise our addition sentences. As well as addition, we are also continuing to develop our subitising skills, recognising small amounts without needing to count.



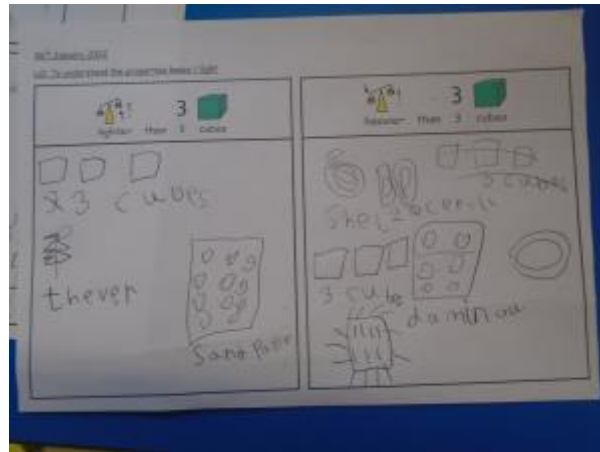


Year 1



In science, Year 1 have been learning about the properties of materials. We investigated how heavy some objects were using the balances. We recorded our findings.

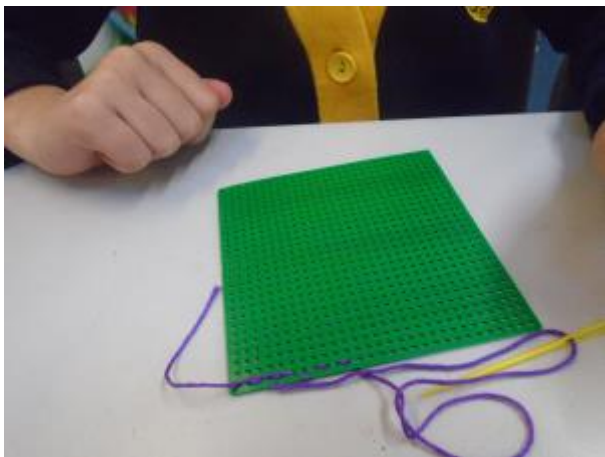




Year 2



Year 2 have been busy practising joining techniques, in Design Technology, in preparation for making our hand puppets next week. We have explored gluing, stapling and sewing as ways of joining 2 pieces of material together. For sewing, we have threaded needles and practised a running stitch. This was very tricky for some of us! We are all very proud of our determination and perseverance though!







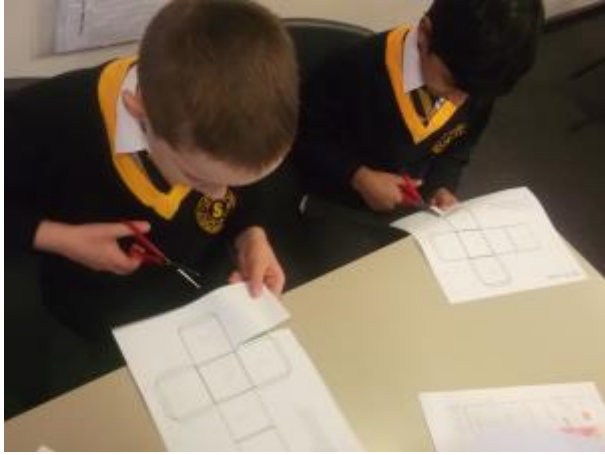
Year 3



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This week Year 3 took part in a D.T day where they created their own magnetic games using all of the skills and techniques they have learnt over the term. The children had to design a game to fit a design brief we were given and think carefully about how they could make their games both fun and long lasting. They had such fun using all of the equipment to make their games and are looking forward to sharing their games with everyone at home!





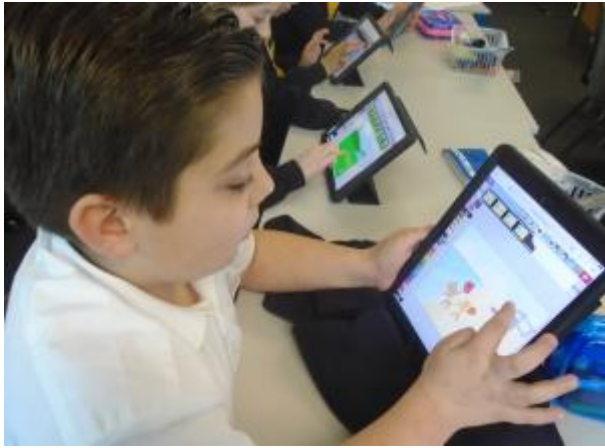
Year 4



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This week in ICT, Year 4 were practising animation skills. They used 2Animate to move an object across the screen, change backgrounds and add sounds. The classes had a lot of fun learning how to create an animated image.





Year 5



YEAR 5

As Staplehurst School is celebrating Wellbeing Week, Year 5 have been taking part in many different activities to help us learn how to support our mental health and wellbeing. We have created booklets looking at the skills we have and how we achieved them and defeated obstacles. Alongside this, we have had discussions about how we can look after ourselves if we are not having a great day. In particular, we enjoyed guided meditation and 5-finger breathing- after these activities, some of the children felt like going to sleep they were so relaxed!



1 - How we plan on growing our emotional wellbeing.



2 - 5-finger breathing



3 - Guided Meditation



Year 6



YEAR 6

On Wednesday afternoon, Cranbrook School welcomed our Year 6 pupils to watch their 'electrifying' production of Grease! The show was thoroughly enjoyed by all and made even more special as Lylah in 6T was also performing on the stage. We would like to pass on a huge well done to Lylah for her fantastic performance and for leading a 'Question and Answer' session in class all about the production. We have included some photographs of the Q&A session below in addition to some of our pupils' thoughts about the show.

"I loved watching Grease and I want to say a big thank you Cranbrook School for inviting us to be in the audience as it was astonishing! The hair and make-up was exactly like the film which was so impressive. One of the highlights was watching the car come out of the garage because it all looked so real and the steam surrounding it made it look mysterious and exciting! I would rate Grease 1,000 out of 100 – 5 star review!" ~ Lilly

"I loved the scene where the car came out of the garage. It appeared from double doors at the back of the stage with lights behind it and it looked really cool. I really liked watching the band performing on the stage. My favourite character was Eugene because he was really funny and made us all laugh!" ~ Oscar

“I loved watching Grease! The acting was amazing, the dancing was just like the film and the singing was incredible – their voices were phenomenal! The costumes were fantastic, and very vibrant, so everyone stood out on stage. There was also a band on stage playing the music LIVE and it sounded exactly like the soundtrack. Overall, I would rate the show 100 out of 10! 5 stars!” ~ Mia





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