



**Staplehurst School Newsletter -
No.31- Summer Term**

News from the Senior Team



Dear Parents and Carers

This week you will have seen on twitter the great learning during our STEM days; following two highly productive days the children were then able to evaluate their designs based on the criteria that was set out in their initial brief - I am delighted to report that we have many future engineers at Staplehurst!

Next week is 'keeping healthy week'; all children will be participating in a range of sporting activities across the week, culminating in our sports day and jubilee picnic on Friday - lots to look forward to.

Visitors: Today we hosted a visit from our Area Education Officer, Nick Abrahams. It was lovely for him to see first hand the many strengths of our school. Of course, our children were impeccable - superb manners and fantastic learning happening in every classroom.

Congratulations: Mr Amos has been a superb teaching assistant at our school for many years, and has worked really hard to fulfil his ambition to become a teacher. We are delighted to announce that he will be completing his teacher training with us next year.

Hopefully the sunshine will be back with us over the weekend - enjoy!

Miss Davenport and the Senior Leadership Team

Parent Forum

As always there were really good suggestions about how we further develop our school, and some areas that we can clarify for you:

Swimming: currently our year 6 are swimming during the summer term; this will continue next academic year.

Houses: Pride points are collected and totalled over the week; the winning house has a non uniform day at the start of each term. In addition, children have an opportunity to win weekly pride points based on their individual effort and determination - the winners are announced weekly in assembly and receive the class PE kitbag to use with a friend the following week.

Secondary School Places: Following the closure of High Weald there remains confusion over secondary school catchment places. Further clarification will be requested from the Local Authority.

Trips: With less COVID restrictions school trips will continue to be booked; we aim to build and develop the range of experiences our children have next year and during their time at Staplehurst.

Community Information: Thank you for sharing great links and opportunities for us to work with members of the community; while we cannot follow up every lead, your local knowledge helps us to make strong connections in some key areas, which is really appreciated.

Pride Certificates

David Lazar	EYG	This week in maths David has demonstrated excellent number work, doubling not only numbers to 10, but also beyond 10. David also regularly continues his number work at home as well as during independent activities. Well done David!
Darcie-Rose Forward	EYKB	Darcie-Rose has shown great determination this week with her writing. She thought really hard about her Billy Goats Gruff speech bubble and amazed us with all of the sounds she could hear in the words she was writing. She also thinks carefully about how she forms her letters, not only in handwriting sessions but also in her own free writing too. Fantastic Darcie-Rose!
Florence Paxman	1C	This week we have been writing our own version of Patten's Pumpkin and Florence has produce a beautiful piece of writing using full stop and capital letters. She also used some interesting time openers and amazing adjectives! Well done Flo!
Celine Brazil	1S	Throughout this term, C�line has worked exceptionally hard in Phonics. She is determined to succeed and is always ready to participate her ideas in her group. Celine recognises the special friends and blends the sounds successfully to read different words. Well done, Celine.
Jessica Britz	2SS	Jessica has worked extremely hard during our STEM days. She has demonstrated excellent team work and supported her partner with each step of the process. Jessica worked with great determination and remained focused on the task in hand. The final result was a fantastic bridge design that met the design brief. Well done Jessica!
Daniel Mayes	2S	Daniel has shown real improvements with his behaviour this week. He has been focussed during his learning and setting a good example. Throughout STEM, Daniel played a pivotal role in his teams successful building of a bridge. Well done Daniel!
Reggie Taylor	3S	This week Reggie demonstrated fantastic team work skills during our STEM project. He was able to work collaboratively with his team, ensuring that everyone was included and keeping focused on the task, and he communicated with his team at every stage to make sure that their bridge met their design brief. Brilliant work Reggie!
Ollie Ashby-White	3G	Ollie continues to be a polite and caring member of the school community, he always ensures people are happy and included. This week I was especially impressed with Ollie's attitude and determination during our STEM project. He worked superbly as a team and was able to make adaptations to his bridge to ensure it would withstand the weight. Well done Ollie!
Lilly McPherson	4W	Lilly always demonstrates all our PRIDE values and this week she showed her leadership qualities too, during the two STEM days. She worked well in a team and confidently explained to the class the decisions made by her team when making their bridge. Keep it up Lilly!
Isabelle Stainton	4C	Isabelle is working incredibly hard in all curriculum areas. Her attitude to her learning is very positive, which is reflected in her progress with times tables and the written work she is producing in literacy. She worked well as part of a team during our STEM days, in producing her successful bridge. Well done!
Edward Haye	5K	Edward showed fantastic teamwork over the two STEM days this week. He used his previous knowledge to support his team members, and persevered through any problems that arose. Edward has also been a great friend to different members of the class, especially at break and lunch times. Well done Edward!
Mia Durden	5R	Mia has shown herself to be an excellent team member during our STEM project. She showed resilience when things went wrong and determination to make her bridge work. Well done for being so supportive!
Noah Manning	6S	Noah worked incredibly hard during both of our STEM days. He demonstrated resilience during the build phase of our project to ensure his bridge met the design criteria. He also demonstrated excellent communication and teamwork skills when working with his group. Great work, Noah. Thank you for helping to make the project such a success!
Isabelle Beaumont-Collins	6T	It's been great to see Izzy coming into class with more determination and resilience - her positive attitude and engagement has helped her with some great learning this term. She's been showing much more enthusiasm and confidence when sharing her ideas and I'm so proud of how hard she has been working on her Rose Blanche writing this week.

Jubilee Art Competition



Jubilee Art Competition

School Council are running an art competition next week to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

We would like all children to create a portrait of the Queen (as creatively as they like!) and bring it in by Thursday 26th May to be judged.

There will be three age categories.

Category 1: Reception, Year 1, Year 2. Category 2: Year 3, Year 4.

Category 3: Year 5, Year 6.

There will be a winner for each category.

Please put your name and year group on the back of your finished piece.

Good luck!

Year 5 - Kent Test Information

If you would like to enter your child for the Kent Test, registration for children due to **start secondary school in September 2023** will open on Wednesday 1 June 2022 and close at midnight on Friday 1 July 2022.

Assessment is normally done through testing during the autumn term. This year, the tests are due to take place on **Thursday 8 September 2022** for pupils in Kent primary schools, and on **Saturday 10 September** for other pupils.

The link below will take you to the registration page:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test#tab-1>

[Kent Test - Kent County Council](#)

Registration for the Kent Test for children due to start secondary school in September 2022 is now closed.. Assessment is normally done through testing during the autumn term. This year, the tests took place in September 2021.

www.kent.gov.uk

We kindly request that you email our school office (office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk) of your registration so that we have a complete register of those sitting the Kent Test before we return to school in September 2022.

STEM Project 2022 Civil Engineering - Building Bridges

This week saw the staff and children enjoy our annual school wide STEM Project, this year with a focus on building bridges. Children in all year groups took part in researching, designing, building, testing and evaluating their own bridges to meet a set of design criteria.

In EYFS children were asked to create a bridge that the Billy Goats Gruff could use to cross the river and evade the sneaky troll.

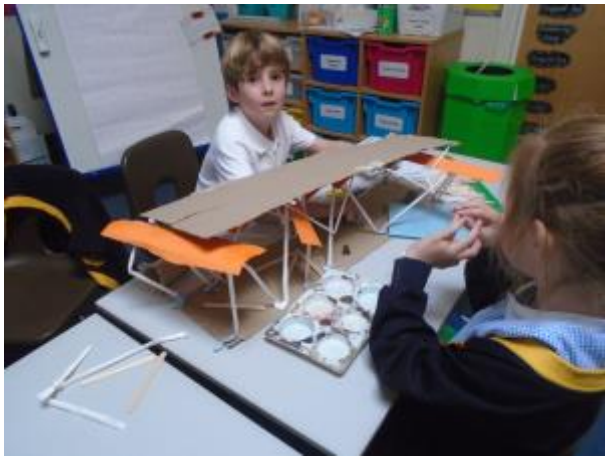
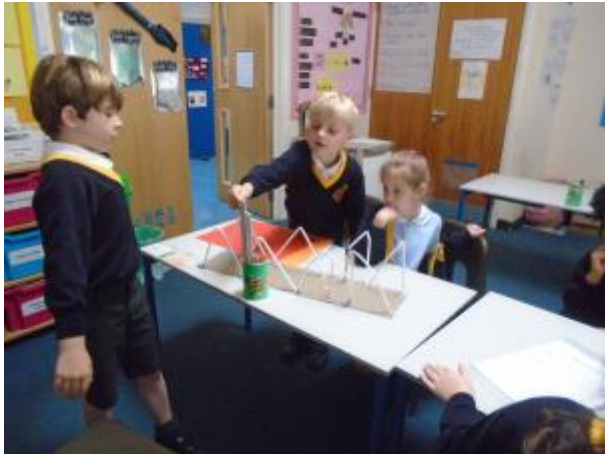
Years 1 and 2 were asked to create a bridge that an Early Years child could use when playing with their toy cars.

Years 3 and 4 were asked to focus on strengthening techniques and build a bridge that could hold the weight of a baked bean can (or more!).

Years 5 and 6 were asked to build bridges with moving parts, such as might be seen across rivers that allow larger boats to safely travel underneath. Year 5 worked using hydraulics and Year 6 with electrical motors and gear systems.

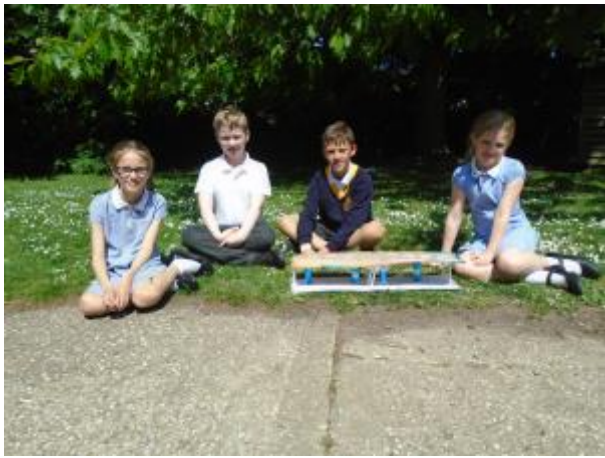
The children worked in teams and beautifully demonstrated their skills in working collaboratively and supporting one another. Each team had a Log Book to complete as a space to collate their ideas and provide a high quality piece of work showing the entire process of the project. The end results of which have been absolutely fantastic! I am sure you will agree that the children have worked so hard and learnt so much about the world of civil engineering this week, and join me in celebrating their successes. Just take a look through the photographs to see what wonderful work they have achieved.

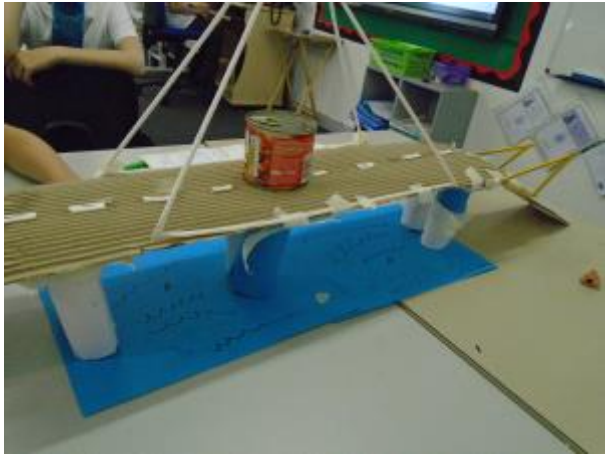


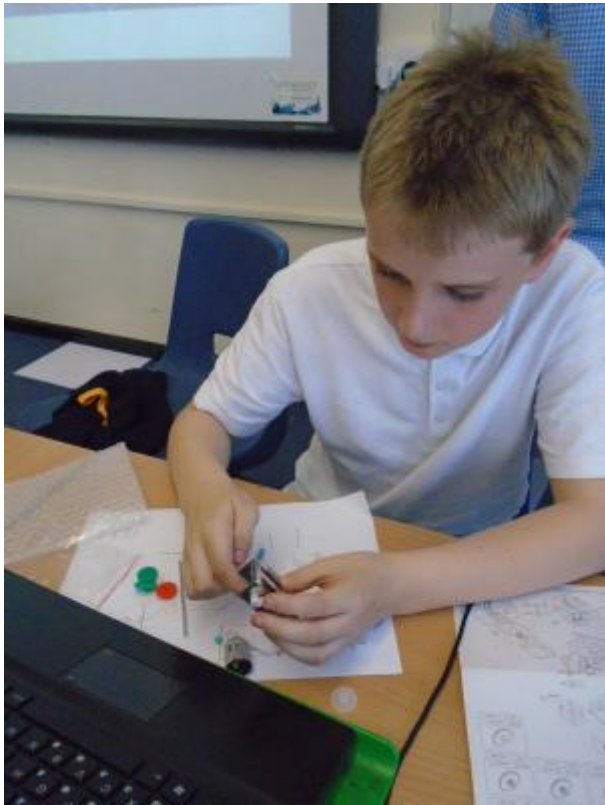
















EYFS



YEAR 1

The children in EYFS enjoyed taking on the roles of design and construction engineers during our STEM project this week. We looked at different types of bridges, identifying those we had seen in London, as well as discussing where else we had seen different bridges. After reading the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff, we looked at the design brief for the challenge. The children designed their bridges on paper before selecting the materials they would use. Many children chose to use construction equipment, while others chose boxes, lolly sticks or straws. Once the bridges were complete, we used the goats to test the strength, size and suitability. The results varied, but we began to suggest ways we could improve our work next time.

As well as the STEM challenge the children have enjoyed other activities based on the story, including making plasticine trolls, writing speech bubbles and making goat masks to retell the story in their own words.

To link with the work we have been doing on Traditional tales, we have looked at how many of the stories feature a home. The homes looked different to our modern homes so we looked at some artefacts from the past and compared them to modern versions. The purpose of some of the artefacts was more difficult than others to identify, especially the bed warmers!





Year 1



In Maths Year 1 have been learning how to make equal groups, and then count the groups to see how many groups we have. We started with 20 counters or blocks and made them into equal groups of 2, 5 and 10.



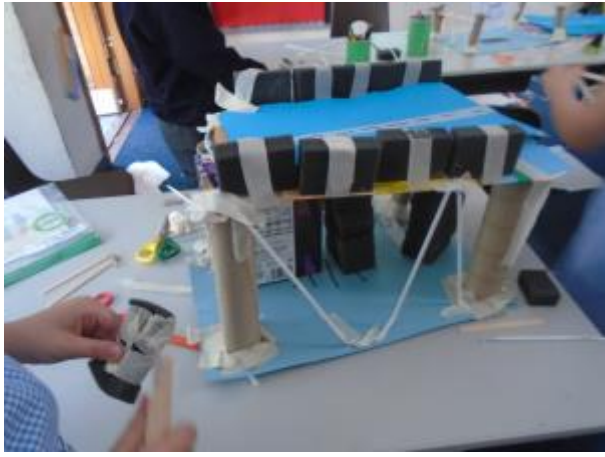


Year 2



Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their STEM project. This year they became budding Civil Engineers and were tasked with building a bridge that could support the transportation of a toy car. They researched different types of bridges, designed their own and carefully constructed using this knowledge. Children used different joining and strengthening techniques. The bridges were then tested and evaluated.





Year 3



YEAR 3

Last week, Year 3 had their D.T day, the children spent the day making their own pitta breads with a healthy filling for lunch. They weighed out their ingredients, kneaded their dough and prepared their fillings. They were able to draw on all of the knowledge they have learnt about healthy and varied diets, learn some new skills as well as consolidate skills learnt in Year 2 and evaluate their products at the end of the afternoon.







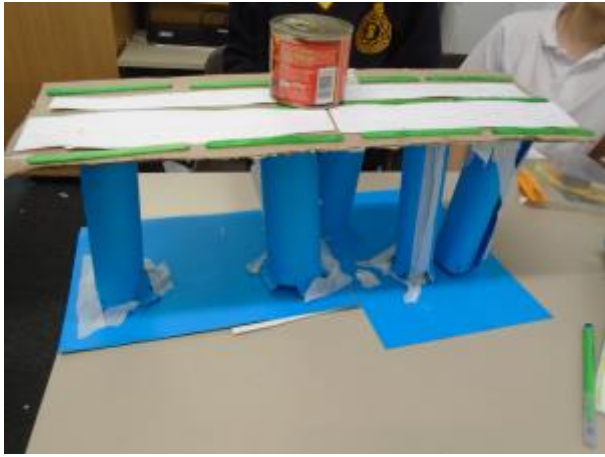
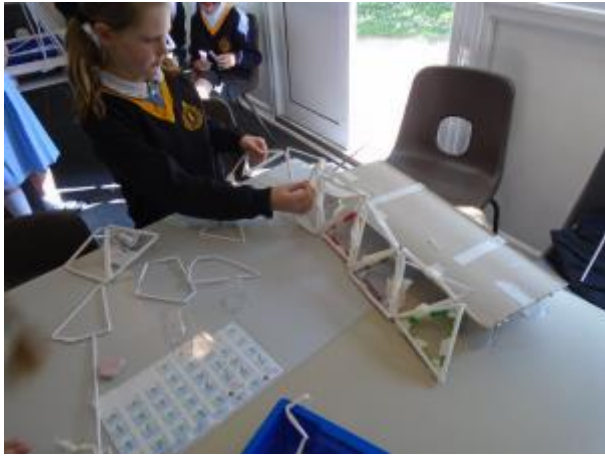
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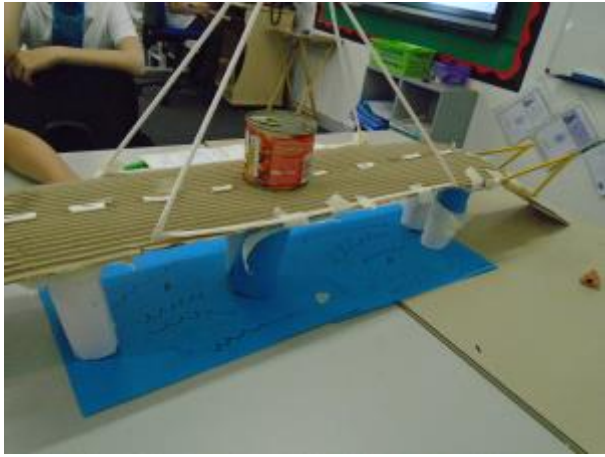


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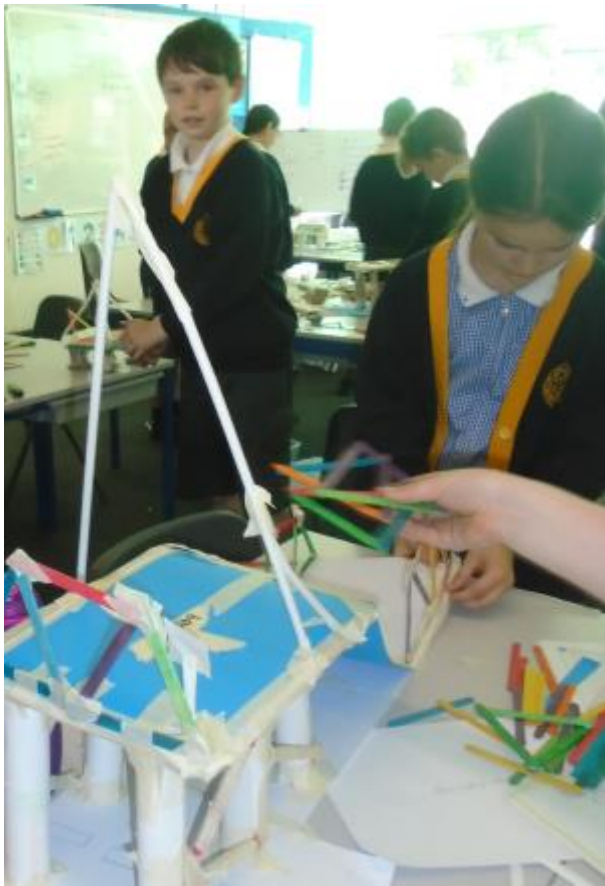
In year 4 the children have really enjoyed our STEM days. They built a bridge with a focus on strengthening techniques. During the two days they have researched, designed and built their bridges. The children presented their designs to the rest of the class discussing the reasons for their choice of materials and how they strengthened their bridge.













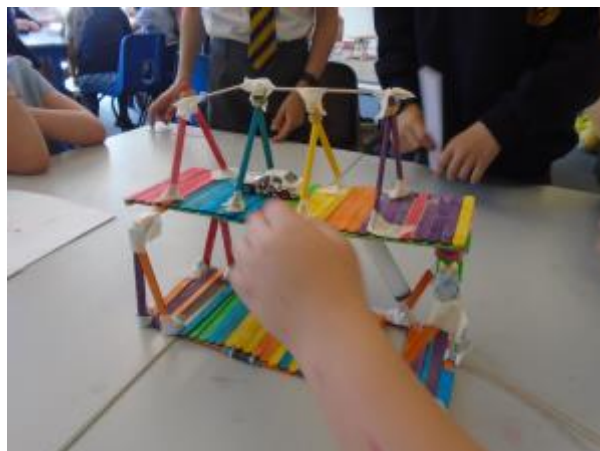
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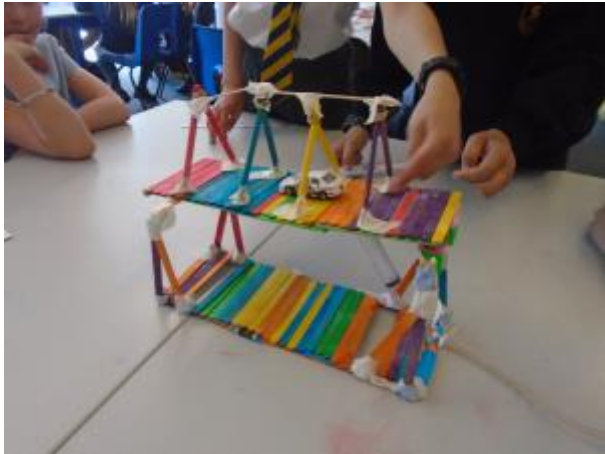


YEAR 5

During our STEM days this week, Year 5 were tasked to build a hydraulic powered moving bridge. We tested out moving systems with syringes and tubing, and built our bridges from lollipop sticks. In the afternoon of our second STEM day, we tested our bridges, and were pleased to see that a few of them did manage to lift successfully!

As well as STEM this week, we have been practising our athletics skills ready for Sports Day next Friday. We tried out javelin, shot put and sprinting, as well as relay races. Bring on next week!





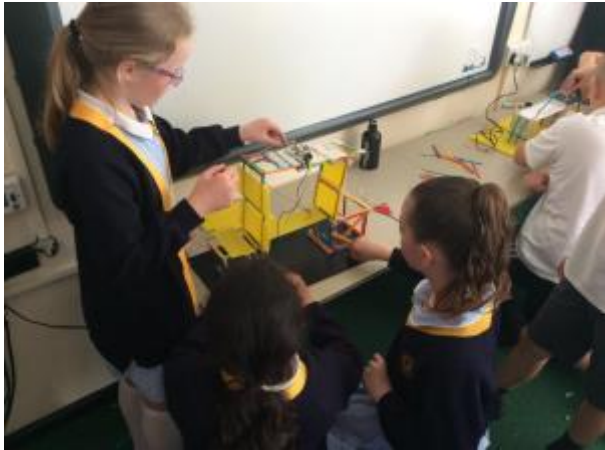
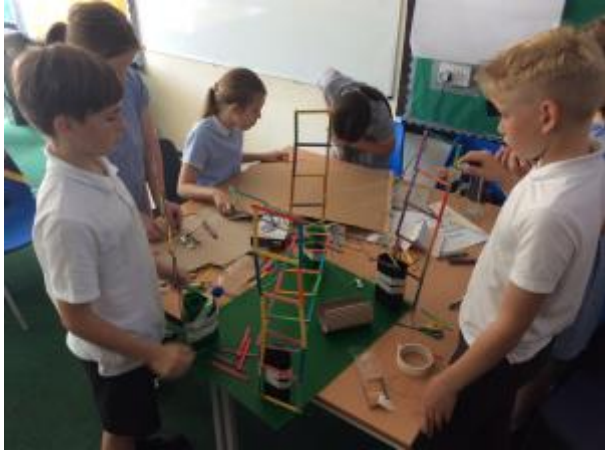




Year 6











On Thursday after school, Year 6 dance club performed their latest routine 'Soldier' to a live audience. Their contemporary routine was inspired by their current topic: World War II. The routine

was choreographed by the members of dance club and they certainly did themselves proud as they performed it! Miss Stanfield would like to pass on a huge well done to everybody involved!







Key Dates



22nd May - Year 6 Kingswood Trip

23rd May - Keeping Healthy week

27th May - Sports Day

27th May - Break up for Half Term

6th June - Pupils return to school

13th June - World Week

25th June - Summer Fair

21st July - Break up for Summer Holiday

Year 6 Key Dates



Thursday 9th June - Safety in Action

Monday 11th July - Afternoon Production

Tuesday 12th July - Evening Production

Thursday 14th July - Chessington World of Adventures

Monday 18th July - Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 19th July - Tonbridge Park Picnic Trip

Tuesday 19th July - Year 6 Leaver's Party

Football Five Star Holiday Course

Football Five Star holiday course set for May Half term:

Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st May 2022 9.45am-3.30pm at the Jubilee Sports Field Staplehurst TN12 ODS

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