



**Staplehurst School Newsletter -
No.38- Summer Term**

News from the Senior Team



Dear Parents

Here we are with only four days, yes four school days left before the end of the academic year. There is still so much happening, and we will squeeze every moment out of every day. This has been a wonderful week; we have all coped admirably in the summer weather and had lots to celebrate! Due to the predicted weather on Monday and Tuesday, we have put measures in place and are considering if planned trips will go ahead. You will be informed by the end of today if we feel it is necessary to cancel.

Year 6 Performance

It was an absolute pleasure to see our year 6 children performing Grease this week to parents and the whole school. They have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and relished the opportunity to be on stage. Thank you to everyone who attended and of course the wonderful year 6 teachers for supporting our children to be so successful.

Celebration of Learning Afternoon

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend Wednesday's celebration of learning and collect your child's end of year reports; if you have any queries or feedback, please do this via the year group email. Next week children will be able to take their books home, except for year 5, as we store those until 11+ appeals have been completed.

The Final Week

We look forward to welcoming you to the end of year celebration assemblies for every year group; this is an important opportunity for us to reflect on such a successful year of learning and to recognise the achievements of all our children.

We break up on **Thursday 21st July at 3.15pm.**

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Davenport and the Senior Leadership Team

Hot Weather Warning

As you will have heard in the news, temperatures are set to soar next week, in particular on Monday and Tuesday.

There are no plans to close school or to shut early on either of these days. To make sure the children and staff are as comfortable as possible we

have made sure that the windows and doors are open in the classroom, that there is access to a fan and that there is access to drinking water.

Please ensure that your child is sent to school with the following:

- A refillable named water bottle
- A hat
- Summer uniform
- Please make sure sun cream is applied before school

We will not encourage any vigorous games and the children will be encouraged to play in the shade where possible.

Pride Certificates 15th July 2022

NAME	CLASS	REASON
Beatrice Wright	EYG	Beatrice consistently demonstrated our PRIDE values, particularly positivity and determination. She attempts all activities with enthusiasm, determined to do her best. She continues this at home, producing fantastic home learning. Well done Beatrice.
Aspen Turner	EYKB	Aspen has showed great enthusiasm for our farm topic this term. She talks confidently about her knowledge and experiences and has even brought in books from home to share with the class, which we have really enjoyed! Thank you Aspen.
Poppy Bourner	1C	This week Poppy has shown the PRIDE value of Independence in everything she does. She has been answering questions directed at the class and getting on with tasks with limited prompting from adults. Well done Poppy.
Honormay Wood	1S	Throughout this term, Honormay has demonstrated all of her PRIDE Values. Honormay approaches all learning opportunities with a positive attitude and is determined to work at a high level. She also always shows respect and kindness to her friends, which is brilliant to see. Well done, Honormay!
Amelie Dyke	2SS	Amelie has worked incredibly hard throughout the term and this hard work is reflected in her humanities essays. She has recalled many facts well, published her work to a high standard and edited her mistakes independently. Well done Amelie!
Freddie Hill	2S	This week Freddie has shown great determination and resilience when publishing his essay writing. Despite facing some challenges, Freddie has remained focussed and produced some wonderful pieces of work.
Iris Pritchard	3S	Iris has demonstrated such positivity towards her learning across the term. This week she worked with such determination when publishing her geography essay, and as a result has produced a beautifully presented piece of writing showcasing all of the knowledge she has learnt in the term. Well done Iris!
Freya Ashley	3G	This term, Freya has demonstrated a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards all of her learning. This week, she has taken particular pride in the publishing of her history essay, focusing on her handwriting. As a result of her fantastic attitude, she has produced a wonderful piece of writing demonstrating her vast understanding of the Romans. Well done Freya!
Lenny Fuller	4W	Lenny has made progress with his reading this term and is now reading more independently. This week, he also showed resilience and determination when writing up his geography essay. Well done, Lenny.
Ruby Penfold	4C	Ruby has made super progress with her reading this year. She has gained in confidence in reading allowed and has made very good progress through our selection of reading books. Well done!
Katie Downing	5K	Katie consistently works hard and demonstrates the school PRIDE values, especially determination. She has written a fantastic geography essay this week, and published her work beautifully. Well done Katie!
Olivia Brazil	5R	Olivia has shown great determination this week when she has been writing and publishing her geography essay. She has really shown off her volcano and earthquake knowledge. Well done Olivia!
Gerry Gallagher	6S	This week Gerry demonstrated determination during his swimming lesson. He approached the final session with confidence, listened carefully to his instructor's advice and, as a result, achieved his swimming target: to put his head in the water. We are all very proud of you, Gerry! Well done!
Rosie Hull	6T	Rosie always models the very best learning behaviours in class and around the school she is an outstanding role model. She listens attentively and shows high levels of engagement, respect and effort in everything she does. I was particularly impressed this week when she stepped in at the last minute to cover for somebody who was unwell during our production of Grease.

EYFS



YEAR 1

We have had another busy week in EYFS with something new each day! On Tuesday we joined the rest of the school to watch the Year 6 production of Grease, which we all enjoyed. In recent weeks, as part of our preparation for Year 1, we have begun to join other year group assemblies and the children have really impressed staff with how well they can sit and listen as part of a large group.

On Wednesday we welcomed our parents into the classroom to share our learning. The children enjoyed looking back on how much progress they have made since starting school. We are looking forward to celebrating our learning with our parents on Monday at our celebration assembly.

The highlight of our week was the samba drumming workshop. Our drumming teacher from 'the Beat Goes On' took us on a journey to Brazil to join the carnival as the samba band! We learnt to play various drums along to a samba beat, ending with a samba parade around the hall. Thank you to the PTA for funding the workshop, it was thoroughly enjoyed by the children.





Year 1



Year 1 have had an exciting week this week. The children finished their history essays and the teachers have been amazed at their learning of **'How have holidays to the seaside changed?'**

We also had a fantastic opportunity to watch Year 6 perform Grease which we loved.

The highlight of our week has been our Samba Drum workshop where Fred from Beat goes on took us on an imaginary trip to Brazil, where the children learnt how to beat a variety of drums using the Samba beat. We even went on a parade with our drum, as if we were at a carnival in Rio!



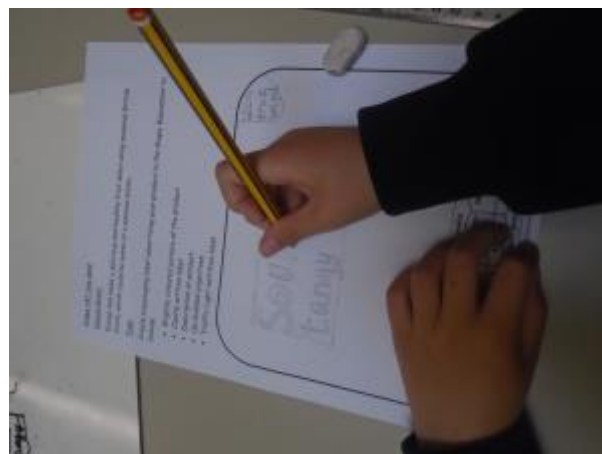


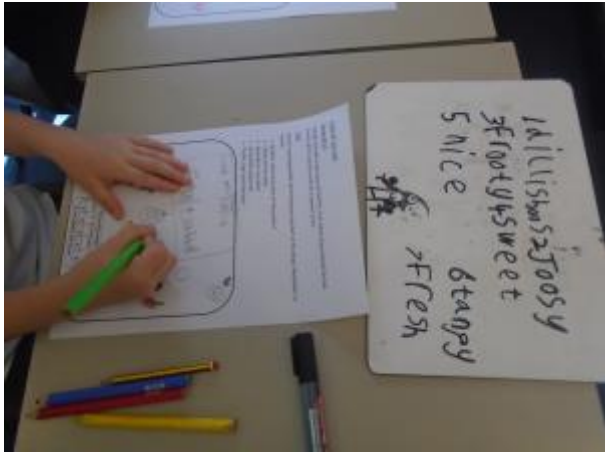


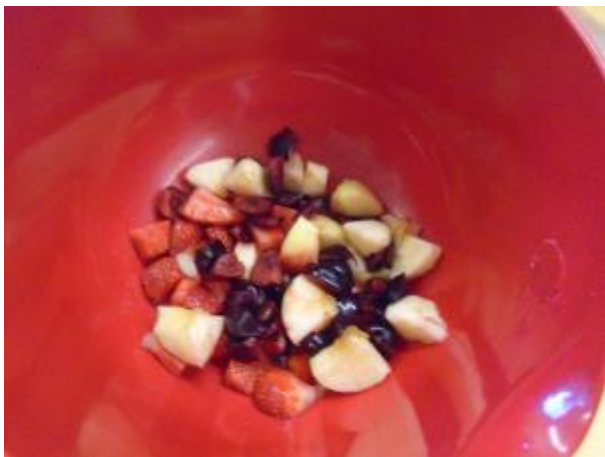
Year 2



This week Year 2 have enjoyed a D.T day. For this, they created their sensational fruit salads. They used their designs to choose which fruits they would use and applied the skills they had learnt for preparing them. These included grating, slicing, coring, peeling and chopping. Year 2 also learnt the importance of good hygiene when preparing food. The end results were delicious! In addition to making their fruit salads, they thought carefully about what their product packaging might look like. They thought of exciting adjectives to tempt customers to eat their product as well as exploring the nutritional value in existing products.

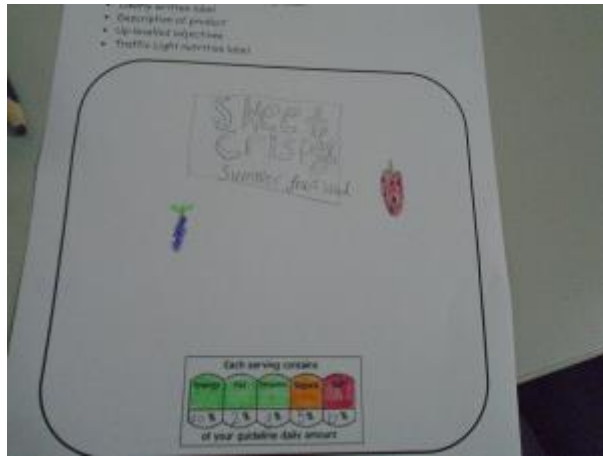












Year 3



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This week in Maths, year 3 have been learning all about weighing mass and using scales to see if an object is heavier or lighter than another object. We made predictions whether an item would be heavier or lighter than 1kg and then tested it using scales and a 1kg weight.



Year 4



YEAR 4

Year 4 practised their throwing and catching skills in the shade this week. They worked as a team to get the ball around the circle using underarm and overarm throws they have learnt throughout the year. As it was so hot, they also spent some time completing a meditation exercise at the end of the session.





Year 5



YEAR 5

Year 5 have been writing and editing their geography essays this week, to answer the term's question: What impact do mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes have on human life? The children pulled on the knowledge that they had gathered over the weekly lessons, considering the positives and negatives and advantages and disadvantages of living in areas affected by mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. Well done to Year 5 for finishing their last essay of the year!

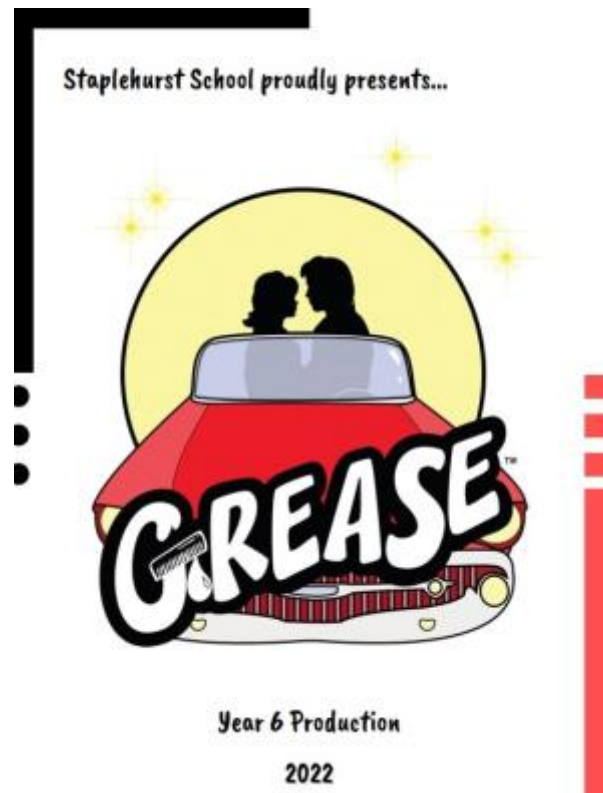




Year 6

This week Year 6 put on an 'electrifying' performance of Grease! We are immensely proud of the children for working as a team to put on such a spectacular show. It was fantastic to see them

performing on stage, and taking on a roles within the technician team, and we would like to thank them for making the performances such a success! They brought joy to every audience!













Cast List:

Cast—Act 1	Cast—Act 2	Chorus
Sandy – Elizabeth Sander Danny – Abby Marley Jim – Felix Warner Marlo – Savannah Broad Steve – Austin Clarke Rowdy – Violet Sims Josh – Cady Pflughaupt-Smith Rudy – Lily Turner Miss Lynch – Gerdie McInerney Koukie – Sofia Anderson Stevie – Edward Hughes Roger – Mia Newgard Danny – Hannah Berding Gus – Gerry Gallagher Eugene – Olivia El-M Madaf Fufufun – Riley Boldbeck	Sandy – Leah West Danny – Emma O'Connell Jim – Ella Williams Marlo – Neely Vincent Steve – Diego Escobedo-Lopez Rowdy – Anthony Smith Rudy – Ella Anderson Koukie – Emily Carter Miss Lynch – Ryan Hall Koukie – Ted Dwyer Sandy – Olivia McNeill Roger – Samuel Ford Danny – Charles Killalee Eugene – Sara Trapp Madaf Fufufun – Leah Trapp Joseph's Cousin – Austin Warner Joseph's Dad – Noah Manning Tom Boyd – Alec Miles	Right Chorus – Emily Bronckow, Ava Bragert, Cadie Carpenter, Ella Hartman, Denny Marlow, Lilyana KOTK, Sunny Hillling, Oliver Sage, Izzy Brummett-Cullum, Felicity Blackman, Noah Moore Tech Team – Mia Swanson, Freddie Tealing, Maddie LaFrance With special thanks to... <small> All photographs courtesy of various students and teachers. Technical advice and support from Mrs. Trapp and Mr. O'Connell. All text in this document is the property of the school and is not to be reproduced without the school's permission. </small>

Extra-Curricular Clubs



Wow what a year of extra-curricular clubs we have had! Our children have been offered a huge variety of extra-curricular clubs and the attendance has been brilliant. I am sure you will join me in saying thank you to all our staff members and external providers who have volunteered to plan and deliver these clubs throughout the year.

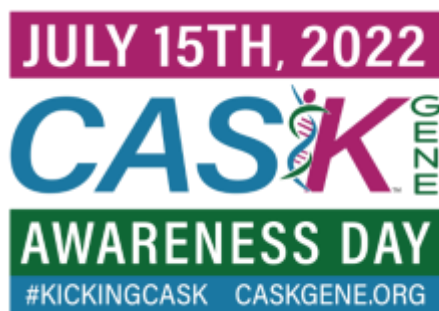
There are no clubs in the final week of term.

Next year, we hope to offer even more, watch out in September for our new offer!

Many thanks,

Mr. Smith

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