



Staplehurst School Newsletter - No. 17

News from the Senior Team



Dear Parents and Carers

Unbelievably we have completed week 3 and are half way through this term already! We are proud to say that despite some challenges with staffing, we have maintained consistent face to face teaching for all year groups and ensured that there has been minimal disruption to learning.

PRIDE Values:

Learning behaviours are very strong across our school. This term our focus is 'independence'; this is important because it promotes confidence and self-esteem as well as motivation and perseverance in school. It fosters self-reliance, allowing your child to feel they have control over their life and it gives your child a sense of importance and belonging which is essential for building social relationships and for contributing to the world. We explore and discuss this theme every Monday, and on Friday children celebrate their achievements in our celebration assembly. Every week we publish those children who have received their certificate.

I am delighted to report that Lilly (Year 6) has inspired other pupils across the school to produce some superb independent homework - keep up the great work and we will continue to share this in our Monday assemblies!

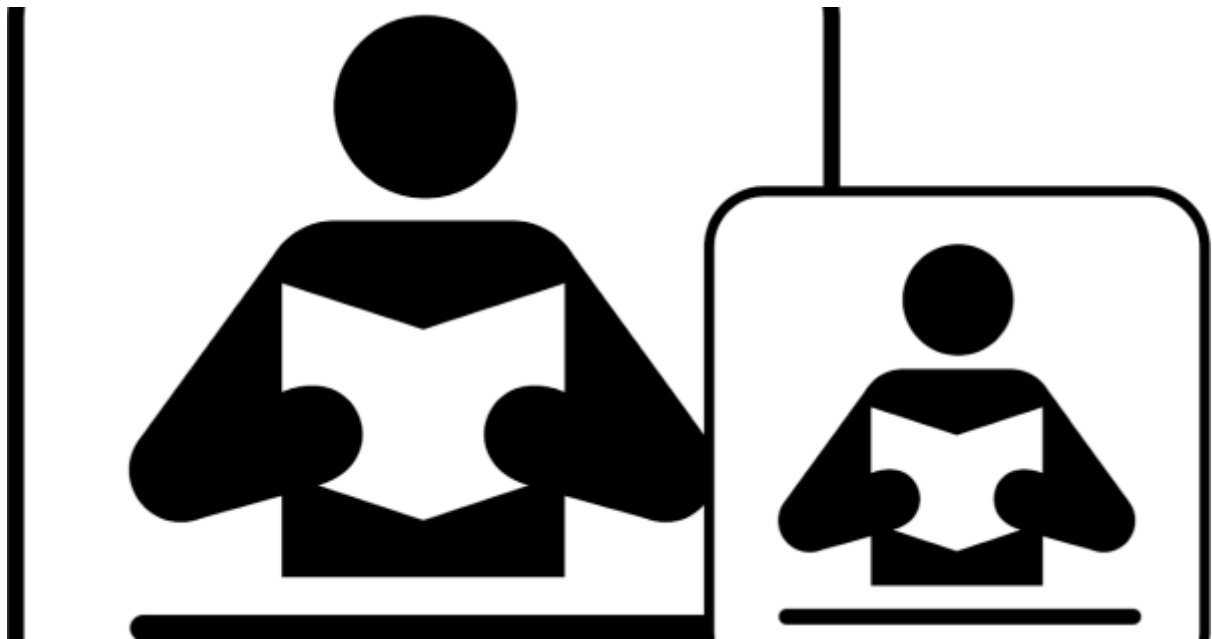
Best wishes

Miss Davenport & the Senior Leadership Team

Pride Certificates Winners

Name	Class	Reason
Willow Adkin	EYG	Willow has demonstrated our PRIDE value of independence this week during child-initiated learning, independently working at the maths table to find different ways of making 5. Great work Willow!
Willow Rowden	EYKB	Willow has shown a growing resilience and independence in her attitude to school recently, always remembering her smile. This week she impressed us with her enthusiasm for writing and perseverance when writing labels in the classroom. Well done Willow!
Dougie Ward	1C	Dougie has independently completed his English work this week. He has positively contributed to class discussions about saving the planet and shown excellent understanding of the issues that endanger our world. Well done Dougie!
Thomas Charge	1S	Thomas has been positive all week with his learning. He has also been determined to independently complete his work and has adapted superbly to class changes this week. Well done Thomas!
Mason Patrice	2SS	Mason has worked extremely hard this week on his hedgehog fact file. He has shown great enthusiasm when researching and writing his facts. When publishing, he carefully edited his work. Great work Mason!
Rosanna Brazil	2S	This week Rosanna has had a positive attitude towards her learning and worked extremely hard in all subject areas. Rosanna has shown improved independence in her work too!
Sebastian Smith	3S	This week Seb has been working extremely hard across all areas of the curriculum. He has shown great positivity towards his reading and real determination in his writing, making sure to follow his plan and include the main grammar focus. You have had such a fantastic week Seb, keep it up, well done!
Riley Cook	3G	Riley has demonstrated an extremely positive attitude towards his learning this week. He has been working particularly hard in English and has written a fantastic narrative, using fronted adverbials. Keep it up Riley!
Ben Heasman	4W	Ben has demonstrated great determination in writing a newspaper article. He has been able to identify the main features of a newspaper report and include them in his own work.
Shayan Hoque	4C	Shayan has worked very hard this week. He has thought carefully about writing his newspaper report, and taken pride in publishing his work. Shayan always tries his best and is a polite, friendly pupil. Well done!
Kieran Throssell	5K	Kieran has worked really hard this week, particularly in his English writing. He has taken on board feedback and used his planning to ensure that he has written a fantastic character description. Well done Kieran!
Eevie Coshell	5R	Eevie has worked really hard to improve her handwriting this term. She has made her letter shapes the right size and is joining neatly. Keep practising Eevie!
Gerry Gallagher	6S	It has been so wonderful to welcome Gerry to 6S as he is incredibly polite, positive and respectful. I am immensely proud of him for how hard he has worked in class and would like to celebrate the fantastic reading he has been doing. Keep up the good work, Gerry!
Elsbeth Anderson	6T	Elsbeth has moved through this year with such positivity. It's been brilliant to see her outstanding thirst for learning, high levels of effort and his relentless enthusiasm. Keep up the hard work and continue to challenge yourself! I've been particularly proud of the effort you have put into literacy.

Phase Leader update - Reading



Reading:

At Staplehurst we are passionate about ensuring that each child develops a life long love for reading to increase their knowledge and ability to read for pleasure. We urge you to encourage our children to read often and share the stories they have read with their friends and teachers and recommend excellent books so that others may desire to read these books as well.

EYFS



YEAR 1

EYFS have continued to enjoy our bird theme and we were pleased to see the birds have discovered and eaten the bird feeders we made last week. Our home learning task last week was to make bird feeders at home and the children shared some fantastic examples, using a variety of ideas. The children deserved the PRIDE points they received for completing and sharing their bird feeders.

This week we have enjoyed reading Owl Babies. We discussed how the owls in the story felt when Mummy Owl had left them and some children wrote the owls letters to reassure them that Mummy would return soon. They also drew the journey Mummy Owl took through the woods, labelling the things she would have seen on her journey.





Year 1



YEAR 1

This week in Year 1 during Science we have been testing whether objects are strong or weak. The children learnt how to control variables in an experiment. One of the variables we controlled was dropping a large rock from 10cm each time.





Year 2

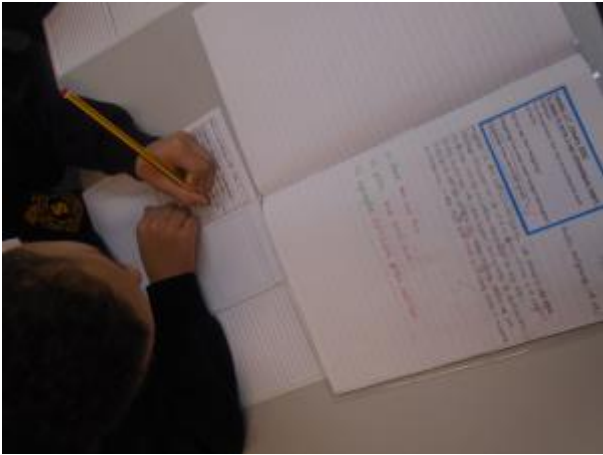
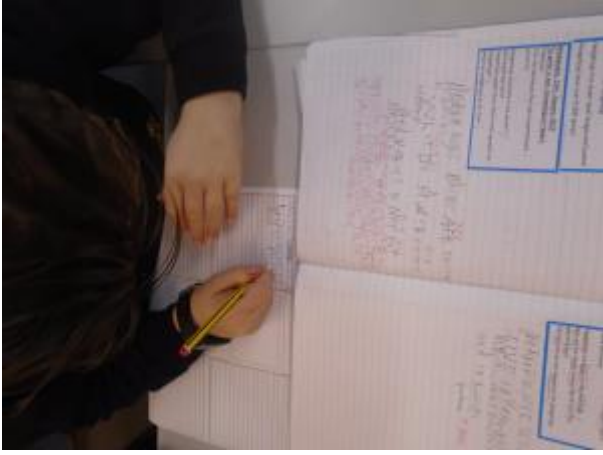
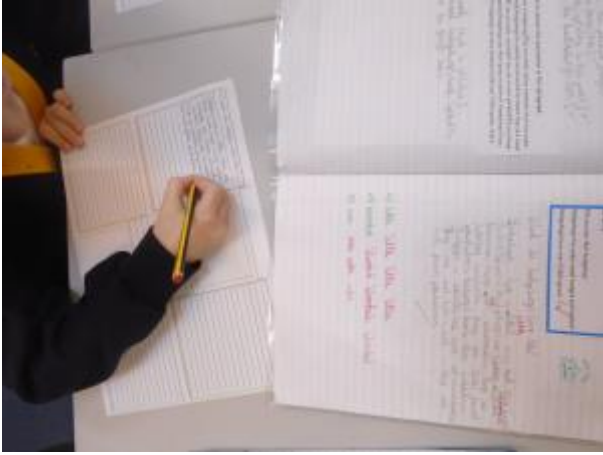


YEAR 2

This week we have been working hard on publishing our non-chronological reports about hedgehogs. We took inspiration from our class text 'The Hodgehog' by Dick King-Smith and researched about 5 different aspects of hedgehog life, including where they live, what they eat and what they like to do for fun. We were very surprised to discover that some hedgehogs like to climb trees and can even swim! We looked carefully at the features of non-chronological texts and considered where to place our title, sub-headings, text and illustrations. We are all very proud of the work we have produced.



1 - Amelie was so inspired by our work in school that she researched and wrote her own non-chronological report about cats!





Year 3



YEAR 3

This week Year 3 conducted an experiment to determine what causes an object to move faster or slower. We tested this by measuring how far a car would travel down a ramp, changing the surface to see if this had an affect. The surfaces we tested were: smooth, rough, foam and carpet, and we each predicted which surface we thought would make the car go fastest and which would slow the car down.





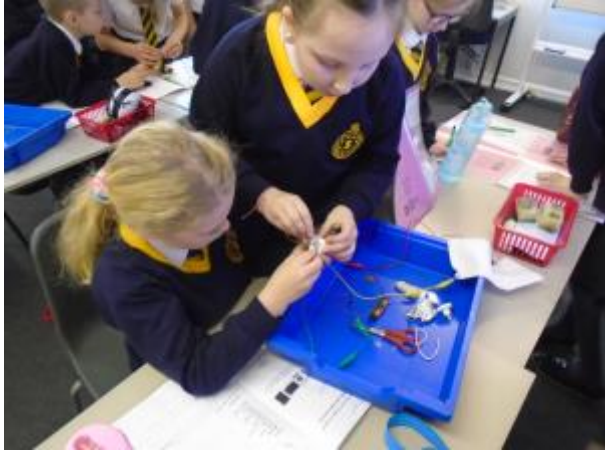
Year 4



YEAR 4



This week in Year 4 our children have continued their learning about electricity in science. They made simple circuits and investigated which materials are insulators and which are conductors. Working in groups, the children were able to identify the metallic objects allowed the electrons to flow around the circuit and allowed the light bulb to turn on.



Year 5



YEAR 5

In our History lesson this week, Year 5 went on an exciting adventure back in time, to Victorian London. Dr John Snow needed our help to solve the mystery behind the cholera epidemic sweeping Broad Street in 1854, so by studying a range of primary and secondary sources, we discovered that cholera is passed on through dirty water, and that the people who drank from a certain water pump were the ones getting sick!





Year 6



YEAR 6

This week year 6 were introduced to Watercolour painting. They explored mixing, blending and laying colours to create their own colour palette, and will build on these skills as part of their art day next week.

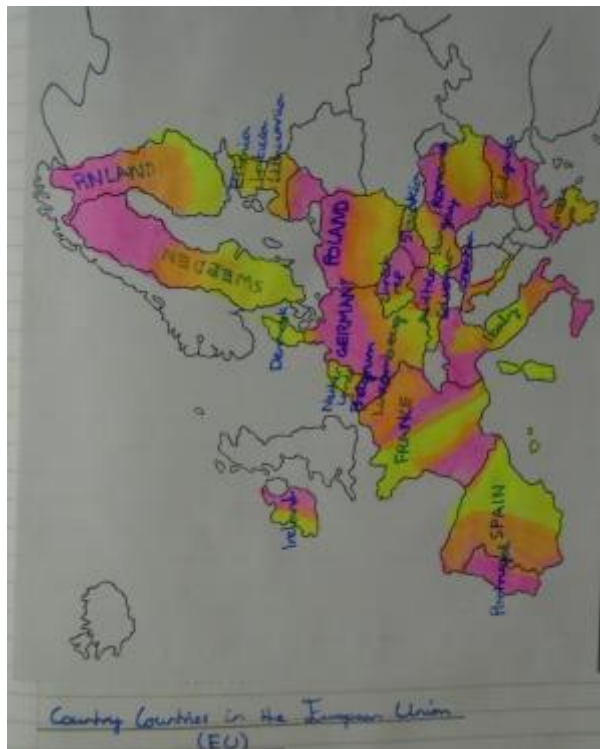




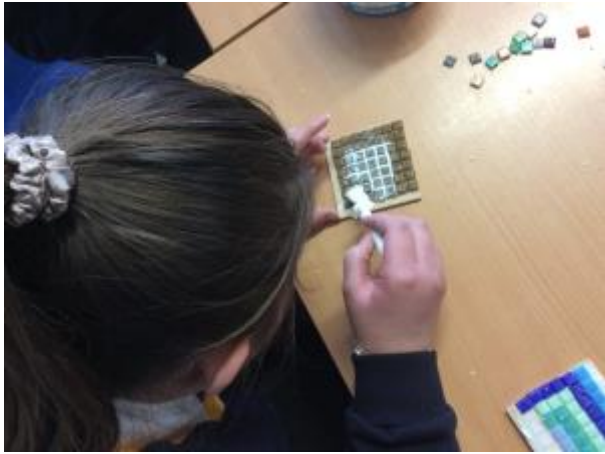


Year 6 have been learning about migration. This week they learned about economic migration and the impact the EU had on migration around Europe. They learned about the history of the EU and used atlases to identify which countries were members.





The Year 6 art club this week made mosaics. They really enjoyed using the tiles and grout to make interesting patterns.





Music



This week, 3S listened to another reggae track by Bob Marley, "Jamming," and answered lots of questions about the style, tempo, vocals and dynamics. We discussed the structure of a song and learnt what a musical "bridge" is. Then we accompanied "Three Little Birds" on the chime bars in 2 part harmony, keeping to the precise rhythm. Meanwhile, 3G had a ukulele lesson in which they learnt techniques for playing sounds like the rain and accompanied themselves singing "It's raining, it's pouring."



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

Parent Workshops

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

Staplehurst Primary School

At 1.30 pm on Friday 4th February 2022

Is your child's behaviour starting to interfere with their day to day life? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your children ?

You are invited to a workshop which focusses on understanding your child's behaviour and offers some techniques to help manage behaviours which you may find challenging.

We look forward to meeting you.

Please register your interest with Bonny Sullivan

Staplehurst FLO by Friday 28th Jan 2022



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Dear Parents,

As part of our Wellbeing Week we would like to support our parents too.

We would like to invite you to a workshop on "Understanding Your Child's Behaviour"

The workshop will be run by NHS Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner Karen Williams-Brown and myself.

Come along and meet other parents who face similar struggles. We would be delighted to see you there.

Please register your interest with Bonny Sullivan, Family Liaison Officer by Friday 28th Jan 2022

Thank you

Bonny