



**Staplehurst School Newsletter -
No.32- Summer Term**

News from the Senior Team



Such an exceptionally busy and exciting last week of term! It was fabulous to see our Year 6s having such a superb time on their residential trip to Kingswood at the start of this week. Thank you for your kind words and messages of appreciation to our wonderful staff for organising and leading this trip: Mr Tate, Ms Stanfield and Mr Amos – they are amazing and always go the extra mile!

On Thursday the headteacher from Cranbrook, Mr Chuter, visited our year 5 children to talk about secondary transfer. It was wonderful to see that he was accompanied by some of our ex pupils who were able to share their experiences at secondary school.

Keeping healthy week has been a huge success; the theme was '*try something different*' and every child certainly has! Today's sports day was a huge success; our children participated with such enthusiasm, demonstrating our PRIDE values to a very high standard. I was really impressed with our year 6 sports leaders – they clearly demonstrated the activities and were highly supportive and kind at all times. Thank you to everyone who attended and enjoyed the event with us, and of course our PTA for providing refreshments. A special thank you to Mr Smith, our PE lead, for making the whole week so special for our children.

Our picnic today was a wonderful event today to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and a lovely way to end another successful term. Have a restful half term break and we will see you all on **Monday 6th June**.

Miss Davenport & the Senior Leadership Team

Keeping Healthy Week

This week saw the staff and children enjoy our annual school wide Keeping Healthy Week. Children in all year groups took part in a variety of different sports workshops, assemblies and lessons focussed around keeping healthy.

Across the week children had a chance to try activities which they may not have done before. Starting on Monday with circuit training with Mr. Smith. During the short sessions, children rotated around a number of different exercise activities and discovered the impact of exercise on the body.

Tuesday saw the visit of Karate Leadership UK. The children loved learning new martial arts skills and were taught the importance of discipline. The children loved using their newly learned combinations on the pads.

Wednesday saw Orienteering take centre stage, which meant outdoors did too! Despite some early challenging weather, the children thoroughly enjoyed searching for hidden markers in the field and playgrounds. The markers had a letter on which created a secret code. One team in Year 4 managed to complete the course in an amazing 15m16s, but most importantly the children learnt about the benefits of exercising outdoors and how easy it is to have fun and stay healthy.

On Thursday, we were privileged to have World No. 3 Paralympian JohnBoy Smith share his stories and answer questions about himself and wheelchair racing. JohnBoy truly grabbed the attention of all children and staff as he described the physical and mental benefits of sport and how he stays healthy. JohnBoy will be competing at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham later this year and we wish him all the best!

The week concluded with our annual sports day, where we welcomed parents and carers back to spectate! All children participated in various events for their house; in EYFS and KS1 events included relays, target throwing, javelins, fancy dress races, sprints and of course the egg and spoon! KS2's carousel included penalties, long jump, hurdles and a space hopper race. Houses scored points which were totalled together to determine which house became Sports Day champions 2022. Congratulations to Green house who took home the trophy with a whopping 2381 points!

Take a look at some of the wonderful photographs below.

Mr. Smith



















Jubilee Art Competition



Thank you everyone who submitted an entry to our Queen's Jubilee art competition. We have had some truly amazing pieces of artwork, and you have been very creative in your designs! It was very hard for school council to pick the winners! Your winners are Rufus Spearink, Minnie Parsons and Isabella Anderson. Well done to these three on their outstanding efforts! See their brilliant pictures below.





EYFS



YEAR 1

EYFS thoroughly enjoyed keeping healthy week. The children have particularly enjoyed trying new physical activities, beginning the week circuit training with Mr Smith, followed by a karate taster session on Tuesday. The children quickly picked up the activities and all participated enthusiastically. We also introduced cosmic yoga which again the children all enjoyed. In preparation for sports day, we have been practising the different activities and running using the track. Back in the classroom, we discussed the many ways of keeping ourselves healthy, including, the food we eat, keeping clean, brushing our teeth, getting enough sleep and limiting our screen time. During continuous provision, the children made healthy food plates using drawing and collage, as well as cutting out different fruit and vegetables to make collage faces.









Year 1



Year 1 began Keeping Healthy week by learning about the different food groups. They sorted food in to the different groups and learnt about how much you should eat of each groups.

Then later in the week Year 1 had their DT day. The children tasted smoothies and thought about what was in it, what they liked about each one, and what they would do to make it better. In groups the children designed their own smoothies and prepared the fruit using techniques they had learnt. The children watched their fruit being blended in a blender before tasting and evaluating them!

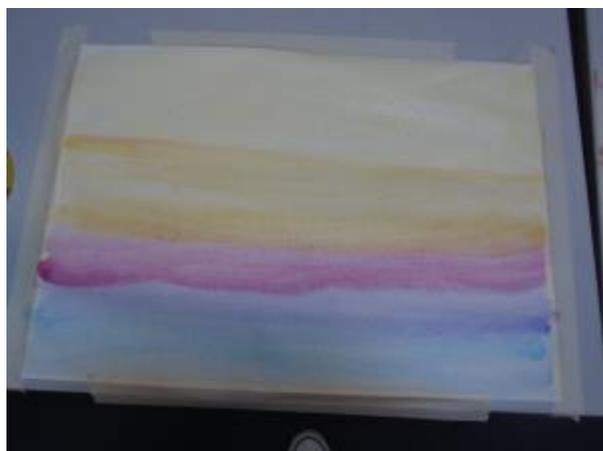




Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their karate workshop. They learn that the best thing to do in a conflicting situation is to walk away and the moves they learnt to day were for sport only and not to be used in the playground.



Year 2











As well as all the fun activities Year 2 have enjoyed for Keeping Healthy week, they have also enjoyed an Art Day. They were lucky to have a visit from a local artist Ms. Pettifer. She worked with them to create a watercolour background; thinking carefully about blending colours and using appropriate tones of colour. Year 2 then went on to draw silhouette images of animals and vegetation they might see on an African savannah. Ms. Pettifer showed them how to carefully draw using shapes and a step by step technique. The final results were fab!





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Year 3



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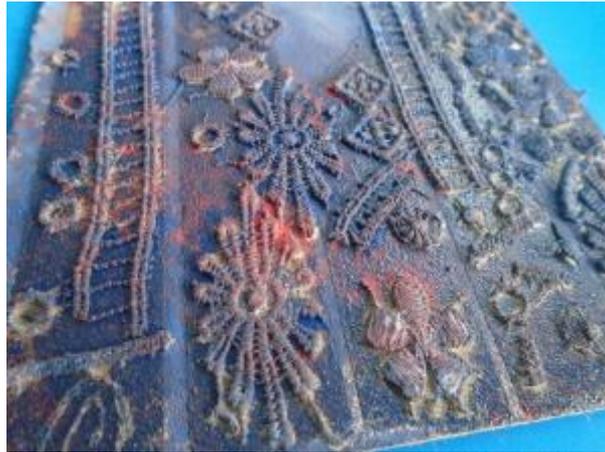
This week Year 3 took part in an orienteering workshop with Mr Smith. The children had to work as a team to follow their map and find the numbered clues that spelled out a mystery phrase. The children really enjoyed discovering the clues and solving the mystery.





Year 3 Art Club have had the opportunity to work with Mr McPherson to produce some amazing prints! They used 2 different techniques to make the prints. Using a variety of materials with different textures they stuck these to a large square tile. This was then covered in ink and was then printed on to damp paper. The printing involved a lot of stamping and jumping on top of it to ensure a good print! The other type of printing was using small polystyrene tiles marking on a pattern. The children then used rollers to spread ink evenly along their tiles before printing a 'border' for their first print. We are amazed by the results!





Year 4



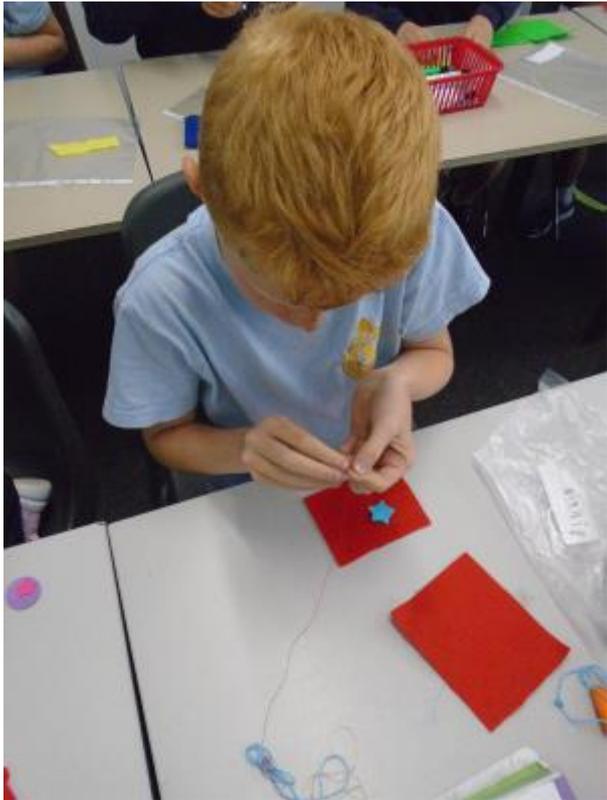
YEAR 4

What a fantastic last week of term for Year 4. During Keeping Healthy Week we have had a go at Karate, circuit training and played dodgeball. We also learnt about the importance of healthy eating and were surprised to find out how much sugar is in some of our favourite foods!

We also spent time writing essays to show our knowledge of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in England and designed and began making purses in design and technology.























Year 5



YEAR 5

What a busy last week of term it has been for Year 5! Alongside Sports Day, and Keeping Healthy week, we had our termly Art Day on Monday, where we created watercolour paintings inspired by the work of L.S.Lowry. The urban scenes we depicted showed Victorian style buildings, and our own versions of "Matchstick Men", as well as showing perspective of a street.

In our Science lesson this week, we rounded off our topic of Materials and their Properties, with an exciting experiment in which we attempted to separate water, sand, paperclips and multi-link cubes, using sieves, magnets, filter paper and tweezers. It was interesting to see that although a sieve made it look as if the water was separate from the sand, using the filter paper helped to separate those last tiny pieces!

















Year 6

Year 6 had an unforgettable experience this week as they ventured to Kingswood for four days of fun!

The Year 6s have recorded their thoughts on the trip to share with you:

Our Residential Trip by Mia and Oscar (6S)

Year 6 would rate Kingswood 100,000,000 out of 10! We definitely would have stayed longer if we could have and we'd love to go back again! Whilst we were there we did so many amazing activities including: laser tag, Jacob's ladder, zip line, Go Ape, Aeroball, Mini-Olympics, raft building, problem solving, nightline, scrapheap challenge, den building, orienteering, roller skating, team tech, bush craft, blob tag and roasting marshmallows on the campfire. We also played lots of fun games with our group leader, Jake (He was the best!). The food was really filling – we had so much to eat and it was absolutely delicious. Our favourite meals were: popcorn chicken, meatballs and pasta and the full English breakfast. There was also a stand in the canteen where you could help yourself to anything you wanted like salad, fruit sauces and croissants at breakfast. We really liked staying in rooms with our friends. The best part was staying up playing games because it was a lot of fun! On two of the days we visited the tuck shop and got to buy sweets, chocolate and toys. Some of us also bought wrist bands and lanyards to remember our trip by. We never wanted it to end because it was the BEST TRIP EVER!

Kingswood by Lylah and Albe (6T)

If we were to describe Kingswood in three words it would be: funny, exciting and fun! The funniest moment was when one of the instructors fell in the lake when we were raft building! It was also funny when we were playing games in rooms in the evening. The moment we are most proud of was

when we completed all three levels on GoApe. It was really fun because the third level was almost to the top of the trees! One of the happiest moments of our trip was when we got to the top of Jacob's ladder but overall there were so, so many happy moments like the time we were singing funny songs around our the campfire. (The banana one was our favourite!) We showed courage on GoApe and on Jacob's ladder as we pushed through even though it was challenging. The most exciting moment was laser tag because we really enjoyed hiding behind the different walls and working as a team to find our opponents. It was one of the best experiences we've ever had!

Some of our most memorable moments:

"I really liked the GoApe trip because we got to go on all three levels which I have never done before. I also liked laser tag – killing the juggernaut was almost impossible but the other team did manage it! The night times were good fun as we got to stay up with our friends." Ronnie

"My funniest moment was when I was at Jacob's ladder and I had to be lowered down. Instead of the instructor (Alex) just lowering me down, he made me do an impression of a hippopotamus but because I didn't know what noise to do, he just left me hanging there until I did it – so I was just dangling whilst he let Isabella down instead – it was really funny!" – Mia

"Kingswood was really fun! The best bit was when we got to build our own rafts and paddle them across the lake. After, we also got to jump in the lake which was great fun!" – Luca

"I really liked Jacob's Ladder because everyone in the team was involved in it either by climbing or holding the rope. I felt proud of myself for reaching the top with Mia because it was really high!" – Bella

"Kingswood is the funniest, muddiest place you will ever see and you will make so many amazing memories there! (Advice for anyone going next year: you may get very wet clothes so pack some spare!)" - Lilly

"My happiest and funniest moment was at the Roller Disco when everyone kept falling over and causing traffic jams everywhere! My toughest moment was when I had to be brave and try roller skating – it was tricky because I'm used to my feet being still!" – Oscar

"Kingswood was full of funny moments. It was really funny when we did Jacob's ladder and I had to come down whilst pretending to be a praying mantis. The instructor said it was the best impression he had ever seen!" – Hannah















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