



stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 3

30 September 2021

A month is already gone!

Please don't forget that tomorrow is our first INSET day of the academic year and there is no school for the children.

This month has passed by so quickly – we are over half way through this half term already and there's so much more to come.

Thank you for supporting your child at home with their school council poster. We had to most amount of candidates ever and some really great posters that children had clearly worked hard at to show others the qualities they have that would make a good school councillor.

We talked to the children about the democratic process of voting and how it might feel if you were or weren't chosen. As we could only have 1 child per year group, there were inevitably disappointments but these were handled very amicably by all children, regardless of age, in school.

The successful councilors were put to work straight away on the Macmillan Coffee morning and will now take their role back to their classes for their first class councils in the next fortnight. Congratulations to Isaac, Van, Henry D, Martha, Keira, Florence & Jack on their appointments.

Next week is all about enrichment; Year 6 are off to Wales and Years 1-3 will be working with a willow artist to create a beautiful natural screen in Katie's Corner and some animals from willow that will adorn our grounds and then subsequently come home in the spring too.

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher



Thanks!

Macmillan Coffee morning

We raised a whopping £344.43 last Friday for Macmillan Coffee morning. Many, many thanks to all who ate, drank and baked and especially to FOSS members for running it so smoothly. The school councillors, newly voted in, undertook their first task to judge the teacher's bake off – we were all caked out after trialling 10 and had to come back to taste the remaining 5 half an hour later!

Mrs Holdich is star baker as she won the best tasting AND the best looking cake.



Coming Up!

Each week in the newsletter, we post the most important dates for the forthcoming term.

SEPTEMBER		
Thurs 30 th	3.15pm	Learning targets for all children sent home
OCTOBER		
Fri 1 st	All day	INSET – no school
4 th – 8 th	All week	Year 6 @ Brecon Beacons
5 th – 6 th	TBC	Pre-School Parent evenings
Mon 11 th & Tues 12 th	Various	Main school Parent evenings (virtual)
Wed 13 th	All day	Pre-School sponsored trike/bike ride
Tues 19 th	6pm – 8pm	Pre-School Open evening
Thurs 21 st	TBC	FOSS Pumpkin Party
Fri 22 nd	9am	Clatford sharing assembly & last day!

SPORT

Our inaugural sporting event is upon us already and the team has been chosen to represent our school at the Cross country inter-schools competition to be held at Wallop on Tuesday 5th October.

The format has changed this year and there is no longer the fun run element. It's more focused and competitive to comply with school games rules.

We'll let you know how we get on – best of luck to our team members!

In other news, we still have 8 spaces on our Monday sports club with Mrs Edwards – it's TAG Rugby. This club is largely funded by the PE grant we receive so do sign up!

Musician of the week

Last year Mrs Cooper, our Music lead, launched a 'musician of the week' to try to encourage children to hear and learn about different music styles and performers.

It was such a success that it's back this year and our musician of the week next week is going to be

ED SHEERAN

Enjoy listening to their music over the weekend or in the car maybe next week. We'll have these on our playlist:

Castle on the hill - Galway Girl - Bad habits - The A Team

REGULAR UPDATES



Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

Safeguarding

Mrs Jefferies is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). This is a crucial role and she takes the lead on ensuring all children, staff and stakeholders are safe.

The role involves liaising with lots of different agencies; police, social services, health, housing, family counselling and more.

Miss Tregunna and Mrs Evans are Deputy DSLs & support Mrs Jefferies in fulfilling her role effectively.



Music

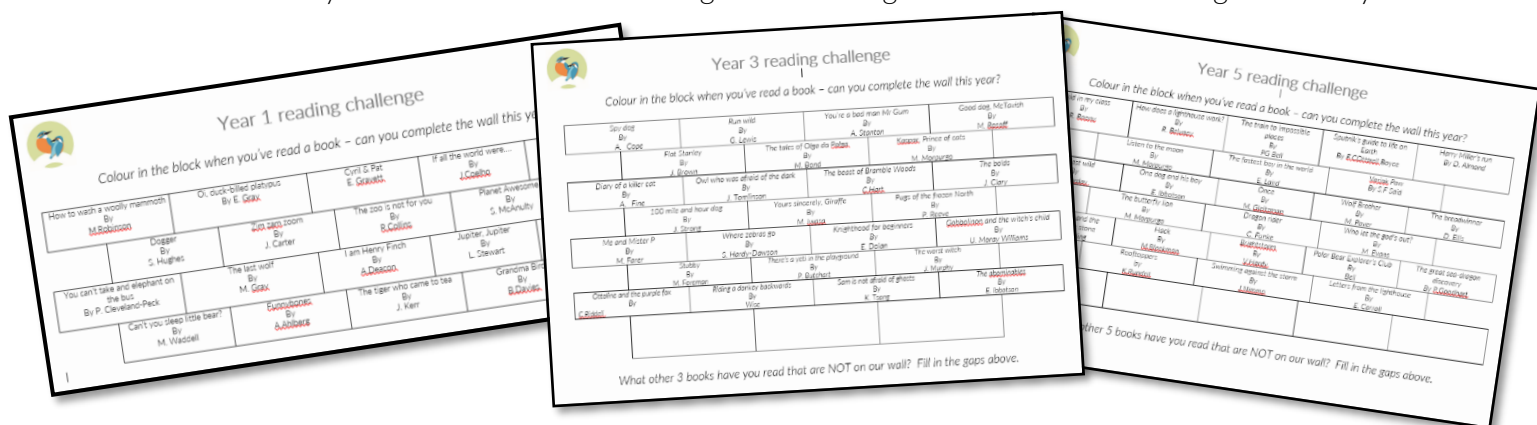
Guitar and piano lessons are in full swing in school and Year 5s are also learning the ukulele with Mrs Courcoux on a Friday – it's a great opportunity to pull this year group back together again.

We will also be taking Years 5 & 6 to Young Voices at the O2 in January with all things being well.

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE LETTER IN YOUR INBOX if you're a Year 5/6 parent today.

Reading

As well as the reading colour band books and any library books your children may borrow, they have a 'brick wall' book list that I took my favourite choices from last week to share with you. Their brick wall sheet is stuck into the back of their reading journals and will be checked by their class teacher throughout the year. Children will be encouraged to choose a brick wall book in guided reading time and might even explore one together with their teacher – they're books that should challenge children or give them new and exciting vocabulary.



REDBRIDGE

Year 1/2

by Bee Horder & Thea Harding

This week we've been learning all about Scotland and some of the places we might see if we visited there. We've learnt about the story of Loch Ness monster, Holyrood Palace, Arthur's seat, Ben Nevis and the Royal Mile. We've been planning stories – we're really good at this! Nessie goes on an adventure around Scotland.

We've been learning lots in maths – we've been learning how to count in 2s and count backwards – we get confused! In the morning we've been learning about music with claves, shakers, cymbals and drums Thea used the drums and Bee used the shakers and we've been playing tunes with 2 or 4 beats – it's really noisy!

HORSEBRIDGE

Year 2/3

by Jack Howard, Maude Bradbury & Martha Maple

In the early mornings we've been doing dance in the hall. We've been working in partners and some of us were in 4s and one group was in a 6 and we've been dancing using folk music from the past.

In our Geography learning we're learning all about Scotland because we've learnt about England. We know that London is the capital city and it's the biggest city in England and this is where the Queen lives at Buckingham Palace but did you know she also has a house in Edinburgh called Holyrood Palace which is basically a big castle?

In Kelvingrove museum there's a huge dinosaur but luckily it's not real!

We don't know if Nessie is real – she could be a tree, a tyre, a log or a crocodile!

SPRAT & WINKLE

Every time I've been into Sprat & Winkle this week, they've been singing! Oats and beans and barley grow was a favourite at the start of the week and I've been treated to renditions of nursery rhymes and songs each day since! Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake is today's favourite! The children have also been acquiring new sounds at a rate of knots and are already starting to blend for reading. Little Red Hen is the focus story linked to Harvest too.

MOTTISFONT

Year 4/5

by Joshua White & Charlie Griffiths

We're writing a mockumentary about a plastic bottle based on the 'Majestic plastic bag' mockumentary we watched earlier in the week. When you watch the video, it's hilarious – it calls the plastic bag a 'magnificent creature' as it floats around the oceans of the world – what a funny way to describe a plastic bag. In guided reading we have two groups – one reading the song of the dolphin boy and the other is reading Mrs Jefferies' favourite book, 'The lost happy endings' – it's weird, Jub the girl in our story has six fingers.

Year 5s are learning how to round numbers up to a million and Year 4s are being challenged with problem solving – you need to know your numbers bonds and apply them with bigger numbers and you need to know most of your times tables. We've learn "0-4 slide to the floor, 5-9 climb the vine" to help us round – it's a useful rhyme!

CLATFORD

Year 5/6

by Riley Spelman & Tom Hanham

So this week in maths, we've done not just 1 but 2 new pieces of learning – rounding at the start of the week with numbers into the hundred thousands and eventually millions and now we're using that learning in solving reasoning problems – it's quite simple once you know how to do it, you need to get the hang of it!

As our topic is 'Let's go green' we watched a video about a plastic bag – now this might sound boring but it was quite funny – it was like a David Attenborough documentary. It's called a 'mockumentary' – you can google it! We're writing about a plastic bottle and four places it will travel to using expanded noun phrases and relative clauses – what a headache!

We're looking forward to upcycling our old clothes to make new ones in the next few weeks. We could be eco fashion designers!

In other news...

Upper school next week

Year 6 are off to Wales next week and we have had to jiggle around with staffing – obviously, it's a huge commitment going away with children for a week and not all of our staff can do this as they have other commitments outside of school.

Mrs Jefferies, Miss Caws, Mrs Holdich and Mrs Natt will be supporting Year 6 in Wales next week which means some changes for most classes:

Year 5 will be taught together by Mrs Burnand who has been carefully briefed by Miss Caws.

Year 4 will be taught by Mrs McClue who has been carefully briefed by Mrs Natt.

Mrs Hanham and Miss Palk will support our lower school classes but not necessarily in the same time slots as they have been.

Miss T and Mrs Jefferies will be in constant contact but if any leadership input is required, please speak to Miss T in the first instance – she'll be on the gate most days.

FOSS update

FOSS have had a busy week, not only providing the refreshments at Macmillan Coffee morning but also their AGM and then Bags2School this Tuesday.

Bags to school raised a rather tidy sum of £288.60 which is no mean feat and thanks to the persistence of Kat Brown and team – thanks to all!



Lucy Foord, who has been FOSS Chair for the last few years will hand over the reins to Nicola McCombe (Henry & Charlotte's mummy).

Lucy has faced all challenges thrown her way with absolute determination to do something that makes a difference for all children at school. She has rallied and gathered pumpkin party crews, wrapped and sold Christmas trees, organised many events that have been exciting to take part in even in the face of COVID and us all being separated. I want to thank her on behalf of our whole community for going over and above in her role as Chair and for the energy, time and commitment to the children of our school.



The next event is the pumpkin party on Thursday 21st October just before October half term. Look out for more information.



FOSS update

We'd love to welcome volunteers back into school to help in the following ways:

- Hearing readers
- Playing maths games
- Supporting our library

If you think you might have a regular hour or so each week, please **Dojo message Mrs Jefferies**. Thanks!

School photos

Judy, our lovely photographer was in this week so in the next fortnight, you'll have the option to purchase your child's individual and family photos. Watch out for the little slip that tells you how to access them. A % of the profits is donated back to school by Judy which is so kind.

Parent's evenings

We will be doing these virtually this half term and slots are now live and available to book on SchoolCloud. Follow the link below to create an account, reset your password or log back in:

<https://stockbridge.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Mottisfont & Clatford have slots available on Mon 11th Oct. 9am – 12noon & Tues 12th Oct 4-7pm. Sprat & Winkle, Redbridge & Horsebridge have slots available on Mon 11th Oct. 1pm – 4pm & Tues 12th Oct 4-7pm. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

We have our old school piano to give free to a good home – please email the office if interested, we are desperate to clear the hall so we have more space for PE.