



**Staplehurst School Newsletter -
No.21- Spring Term**

News from the Senior Team



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a great start back after half term. The children look smart and ready for learning as always, and they have returned with great enthusiasm!

PRIDE Values: this term we are exploring the value of determination. On Monday we began by considering the questions: Why is the value of determination important and how do we show this at Staplehurst? Please take the opportunity to reflect on this with your child and celebrate at home when you notice them upholding this important value.

COVID Update

Today you will have received a letter to outline the changes we are putting in place following the announcement from the government this week. Please note that while the legal duty to self-isolate is ending, the guidance remains that people who test positive should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 days. We will be actively encouraging all of our staff and children to follow this advice.

Attendance Update:

As always it is essential that if your child is absent for any reason Mrs Mahoney in the school office is informed on the first day of absence, stating the reasons and providing any evidence that may be requested.

For **all** attendance matters please email the school using the following address: Attendance@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk

Please do not email class teachers regarding any attendance issue. If you are unable to email, please call the office during 8.30 and – 3.15pm.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Davenport and the Senior Leadership Team

Pride Certificates

Name	Class	Reason
Lotte Edwards	EYG	Lotte always works hard and to the best of her ability. She will try new activities, challenging herself to develop her learning further. Lotte listens to advice to improve her work. Lotte consistently demonstrates our PRIDE values and is a polite and helpful member of the class. Well done Lotte.
Oscar Wheeler	EYKB	Oscar has had a fantastic week. He has shown great kindness to all of his friends and teachers by helping wherever he can. He has also shown great determination with his descriptive writing, working really hard to hear all of the sounds in the words he wants to spell. Well done Oscar!
Rufus Spearink	1C	Rufus consistently shows the PRIDE value of respect; he is very polite to children and adults in the classroom and sets an amazing example to others. Rufus has made huge progress in his handwriting recently - his writing is smaller and neater. Furthermore I am particularly impressed with Rufus's maths this week. He has shown superb understanding of numbers to 50. Well done Rufus!
Kiera Heasman	1S	Kiera has had a brilliant first week at Staplehurst School. She has settled in extremely well to Windsor Class and has shown great independence in all areas of her learning. Well done, Kiera.
Jakaya Rashidi	2SS	Jakaya has made a fantastic start to our new Maths topic on fractions. He has been confidently recognising shapes that have been split into halves, finding half of a number and solving challenges thoughtfully. Well done Jakaya for showing such determination!
Isla Mclean	2S	This week Isla has shown great determination across all subject areas. She has worked particularly hard on reading fluency. Isla has been a real role model to the rest of the class and should be very proud of how she has started the term.
Neel Nayak	3S	This week Neel has shown great determination and resilience in P.E when practising dribbling in basketball. He considered the different skills he needed to be successful, as well as listened and applied feedback within the lesson. Well done Neel!
Gus Weiss	3G	Gus continues to demonstrate the PRIDE values in all that he does. He approaches all his learning with determination and resilience. I am particularly proud of his participation in lessons this week. Gus is a polite and respectful member of 3G. Well done Gus.
Minnie Mai Matthews	4W	Minnie Mai has shown resilience in her learning this week. She has worked hard to complete tasks and make good choices throughout the day. Well done!
Lewis Vanoli	4C	Lewis has shown a very positive attitude to his lessons this week. He has shown interest in learning about the rainforest and developing his scientific knowledge in science about sound. A great start to the term!
Beau Winters	5K	Beau has excelled in her attitude towards learning this week. She has pushed herself particularly in her English work and phonics, and has made a fantastic start to the term. Well done Beau, keep it up!
Olivia DeCabral	5R	Olivia showed excellent enthusiasm in our dance lesson this week. She practised the choreography with great determination and performed with strength and expression. Great work Olivia!
Noah Manning	6S	Noah is a very polite and respectful member of our school community. Throughout the school day, Noah consistently treats others with kindness and acts as an excellent buddy at lunchtime. Thank you for acting as such a fantastic ambassador for Year 6, Noah!
Alyssa Wragg	6T	Alyssa has returned this term with determination and resilience - her positive attitude and engagement has set the term off to a great start. It was fantastic to see her enthusiasm and passion when learning about the Suffragette Movement this week and to see her proudly and confidently sharing her views on women's rights, standing up against some challenging perspectives from some classmates. Well done Alyssa!

EYFS



YEAR 1

This week we have begun the second part of our theme of 'Flying High', this term focusing on Space. The children were very excited when our new role play space rocket and experiment zone was unveiled! They are all eager to board the rocket and fly into space. We introduced the topic using the story of Astro Girl by Ken Wilson-Max about a little girl who dreams of being an astronaut just like her hero, who we then discover is her Mummy. This led to some lovely discussions about the children's heroes. We also shared what we already know about space and what we would like to find out. The children came up with many ideas and areas for us to explore further.



Year 1



This week Year 1 started a new topic in PE - Infant Agility. Children practised running in lots of different ways to see which was the most effective. They found that using their arm and keeping their head still helped them to run faster. They then put what they had found in to practice in some races!





Year 2



Year 2 have started their new History enquiry into changes in medicine. This week they answered the question 'What is nursing?'. They explored changes in nursing through time and completed a timeline to show this. They also looked at changes in medical treatment and equipment since 1666.





Year 3



YEAR 3

This week Year 3 began their new English text, *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* by Phillip Pullman. We read the first chapter of the story and discovered that the main character Lila was faced with a big decision. We created a conscience alley to help Lila consider her options and make a final decision.





Year 4



YEAR 4



This week Year 4 started learning about Sound as it is their new unit in science this term. To begin with they investigated how sounds are made; by humming, banging a drum, hitting a tuning fork and putting it in water, and tapping a ruler. They then had to identify what was vibrating to make the different sounds. Everyone enjoyed their scientific learning this week.







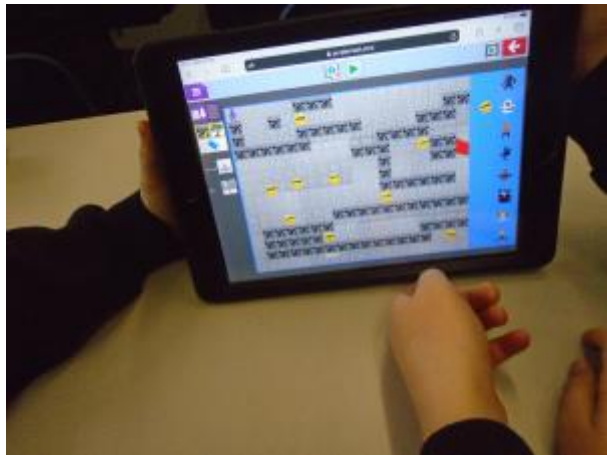
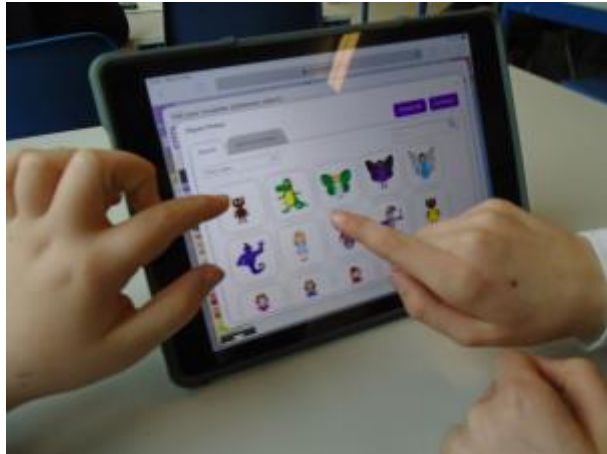
Year 5



YEAR 5

Year 5 have had an exciting week with our new Computing topic: making 3D maze games. Our lesson this week introduced us to the software, and we came up with the themes and setting for our games. These varied from Ancient Greece to haunted science labs, underwater caves and outer space! The children showed fantastic teamwork in their pairs, and were able to evaluate and edit their work as they tested which settings worked and which didn't. We can't wait to finish and play our games!







Year 6



YEAR 6

Year 6 are focusing on 'Living Things and their Habitats' during science this term.

Throughout the term, they will be exploring how living things are sorted into groups according to their characteristics. They will also explore the similarities and differences between different groups, including plants, animals and micro-organisms.

During their lesson this week, 6S and 6T became zoologists as they classified animals in order to place them in appropriate enclosures at the zoo.





PTA Calendar

PTA events calendar		
Month	Date	Event
March	Thursday 10th	Pre-loved Uniform Sale A chance to buy second-hand Summer uniform. Most items 50p each.
	Thursday 31st	Bags2school clothing collection Having a clear out? Bag up all your donations and put in the shelter at drop off for collection
April	Friday 1st	Dare to be different day Choose which items from the list you want to do to express yourself and make a donation per item
	TBC	Easter Egg hunt Join us after school for fun on the field
May	TBC	Super hero shop Each child has a chance to visit the shop to choose up to two presents for the special people in their lives. Their every day Super heros!
	Friday 27th TBC	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic tea after school for the kids. Parents have the opportunity to meet with each other.
	During school time	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Art Project Children will have been given the chance to make an artwork of the Queen, which will be used to produce cushion, mug and other designs that can be purchased online to celebrate the Jubilee.
June	Friday 17th	Non School Uniform Day Donate a gift for our rainbow raffle in the colour allocated to your year group
	Saturday 25th	Summer Fair Come for Summer fun at our stalls and attractions
September	TBC	Welcome Back BBQ Start the school year with a sizzle at our mini fair
November	Saturday 26th	Pantomime Join us at the Free Church and be entertained by a Professional touring company
December	TBC	Santa shop Donations Please bring in a gift suitable for children to choose as presents for family members
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STAPLEHURST SCHOOL PTA

Clothing collection

CLEAR YOUR CUPBOARDS AND HELP US RAISE MONEY. FILL A BIN BAG WITH YOUR DONATIONS AND PUT IN THE SHELTER AT MORNING DROP OFF. ITEMS MUST BE GOOD QUALITY FOR RE-USE. UNSUITABLE ITEMS WILL AFFECT OUR DONATION.

Yes:

- CLOTHING
- PAIRS OF SHOES (TIED TOGETHER OR WITH ELASTIC BAND AROUND)
- HANDBAGS
- HATS
- BAGS
- SCARVES AND TIES (NO SCHOOL TIES)
- JEWELLERY
- SOCKS
- BELTS



No:

- DUVETS AND BLANKETS
- PILLOWS /CUSHIONS
- SOILED, RIPPED, FAINTED OR WET CLOTHES
- SCHOOL UNIFORMS WITH AND WITHOUT LOGO
- CORPORATE CLOTHING AND WORKWEAR
- TEXTILE OFF CUTS, YARNS OR THREADED MATERIAL
- HOUSEHOLD CURTAINS, TOWELS
- HOUSEHOLD BEDDING (BED SHEETS, PILLOW CASES AND DUVET COVERS)
- RUFF TOYS



Thu 31st March drop off



Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

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Staplehurst 'Mini' Monarchs FC (Year 2) are looking for more players! If your child was 6 as at 1 September 2021 and would like a free, no obligation try out please email smufc1@yahoo.co.uk. Mini Monarchs train at Staplehurst School on Saturday mornings.

