



**Staplehurst School Newsletter -  
No.36- Summer Term**

## News from the Senior Team



Dear Parents and Carers

Another wonderful week has come to an end. Where is the time going? This week, as ever, we hosted a wealth of learning in all subjects, and the preparation for the Year 6 production is well under way.

**Highlights:** on Tuesday, we had a superb assembly to celebrate Traveller History Month through music. I was really impressed with the way in which all our children performed with confidence and enthusiasm; they had practised and rehearsed to ensure that they performed to a high standard - well done everyone! In addition, there have been trips and visitors into school which ensure that our children have an enriched curriculum, and many ways to learn and remember. Today all children have participated in another transition activity in their new classrooms with their teacher for next year - it was great to see them so settled and focussed as Mr Williams Jones and I visited every class.

**Summer Fair:** thank you to our wonderful PTA who worked hard to ensure that we had a fantastic day; it was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying this brilliant community event again. It was also lovely to see many ex-pupils and families participating, too.

Next week we will be sending our end of year celebration assembly times and arrangements for our celebration of learning afternoon, where you will be able to review your child's learning from this year and collect their end of year report.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Miss Davenport and the Senior Leadership team

## Reconnecting with our Vision and Values

This term staff and governors have revisited and revised our vision and values statement to ensure that it truly reflects our overall aims and ambition for our children at Staplehurst School. Your views are very important to us; as key stakeholders, we would very much like you to contribute to this process by reading our revised statement and providing feedback if you would like to. Please use the form that has been sent to you by **Friday 15th July 2022**.

Our children have revisited and reviewed our PRIDE values with the school council and in class; they have all agreed that they know and understand our values and have now voted on their favourite definition of a PRIDE value; the result will be shared at Monday's PRIDE assembly.

## GRT performance assembly



On Tuesday this week, we had our performance assembly of the songs we have been learning in class to celebrate GRT month. All children were involved, from EYFS to Year 6, and they had all worked so hard on their songs. It was wonderful to hear such beautiful and enthusiastic singing!

The recordings of the songs can be found on our school website so you can all have a listen too!

## Pride Certificates 1st July 2022

NAME	CLASS	REASON
Ivy Butler	EYG	Ivy has demonstrated many of our PRIDE values this week, particularly positivity and independence. She was so enthusiastic during our school trip and back in school worked hard to write about the trip and what she had enjoyed. Ivy is always showing respect to both adults and her friends. Well done Ivy!
Evelyn Sands	EYKB	Evelyn shone during our school trip this week. She showed such excitement and enthusiasm for every activity did and spread this to the other children she was with. Even on the way home she was having wonderful conversations with her friends about what she had learned and what her favourite things were, finished off by leading a sing song of Old MacDonald. Well done Evelyn!
Axel Thorn	1C	Axel has demonstrated excellence this week during our singing for our Travellor History Month Assembly. He has shown great attention this week and made valid contributions to classroom discussions. Well done, Axel.
Billy Fuller	1S	This week, Billy has been a superstar! He has worked hard in all areas of learning and has been determined to try his best, even when he has found some parts tricky. Billy has also been a role model for others and has shown respect to both the adults and his friends. Well done, Billy!
Harry Butler	2SS	Harry demonstrated excellence this week on our school trip to Bodiam Castle. He listened attentively to the information given and gave his own valuable contributions to discussions. He showed a great knowledge, recalling facts well. Well done Harry!
Braxton Santer	2S	Braxton has shown all PRIDE values this week. His positivity and determination to achieve excellence in his writing has shone through. A brilliant week, well done Braxton!
Gethin Rowland	3S	Gethin has demonstrated a variety of our PRIDE values this week. Gethin is a role model to his peers, showing respect to the school community and excellence in his behaviour round the school. Well done Gethin!
Ben Glanvill	3G	Ben consistently demonstrates the PRIDE values and is a role model to his peers. This week he has impressed me with his drive, enthusiasm and positive attitude towards his end of year assessments. Well done Ben!
Taylan Coltman	4W	Taylan has displayed our pride values of determination and independence this week. Taylan always listens carefully and gets started on tasks straight away, he then works independently to complete work to a high standard. In geography, he has shown understanding of how the land in the South East of England is used for tourism and leisure. Well done!
Lucie Fry	4C	This week Lucie has demonstrated a very positive attitude towards her end of year assessments. She has demonstrated determination and enthusiasm in doing her best in every test. Lucie should be very proud of the effort she has displayed this week. Well done!
John Fuller	5K	John has shown great resilience and determination this week during our end of year assessments. He has focussed hard and tried his best in every lesson. As well as this, during our Volcanoes and Earthquakes workshop, he demonstrated excellent teamwork and leadership skills. Well done John!
Magdalena Townsend	5R	This week Magdalena has really been determined to do her very best in our assessments. She has remained focused, put in 100% effort, and strived for excellence. She is a fantastic role model to her peers. Well done!
Riley Goldfinch	6S	This week we would like to celebrate the progress Riley has been making during her swimming lessons. As a result of her focus and determination, Riley has been going from strength to strength in the water. It has been fantastic to see her confidence levels increase so much compared to our first session. Keep up the good work, Riley!
Amie Mills	6T	This week we would like to celebrate the fantastic effort that Amie has been showcasing during our end of year production rehearsals. I've been so impressed with her effort and bravery during her solo. Well done, Amie!

EYFS



## YEAR 1

The highlight of this week in EYFS has been our school trip to the Rare Breeds Centre. The children had a packed day of activities from the minute we arrived. On arrival we spent time in the different barns and outside enclosures looking at the different animals, getting close to many smaller animals such as guinea pigs, rabbits and lambs. The children loved climbing in with the piglets! We then broke into smaller groups to take part in different activities - bug hunting, a tractor ride and a caring for animal talk. While bug hunting, we looked under carpets, in boxes and among piles of logs searching for different insects. The children were so enthusiastic, sharing with their friends when they found something. The tractor ride was described by many as 'bumpy' but the smiles on their faces told us they enjoyed it! Finally the animal talk gave us the chance to learn how to keep animals healthy and how we know an animal is healthy. It gave us another opportunity to stroke different animals, including a large cockerel. The children all listened attentively and answered questions about what they had learnt.

After a much anticipated lunchtime, the children had a chance to explore the lovely playground before the highlight for many - the pig racing. Two of our children were chosen to participate, but we all joined in cheering our favourite pig!

The children had a lovely time and all behaved beautifully throughout the day. On behalf of the children and staff we would like to say thank you to the parents who joined us on the trip.









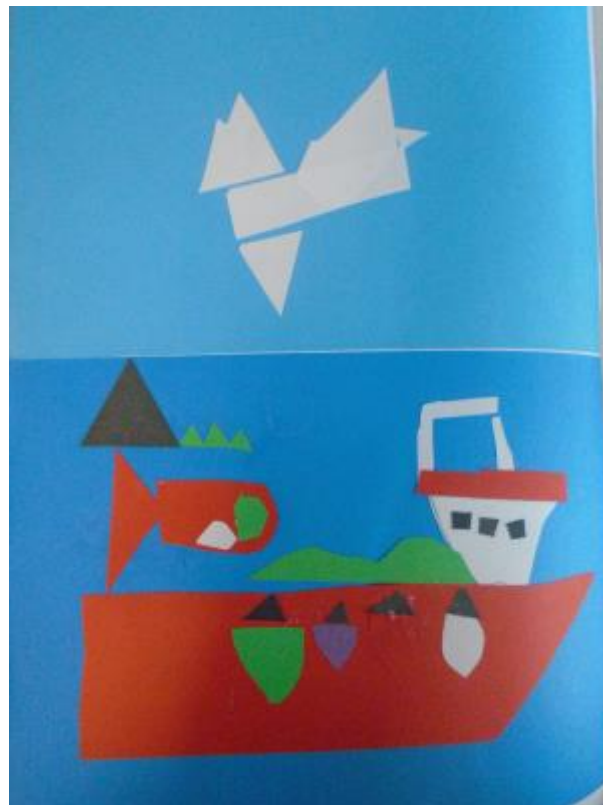




## Year 1



This term in Art year 1 are looking at seascapes. We learnt that a seascape is a picture of the sea and we looked at seascapes from different artists. We then looked close at the seascapes by Clover Robin, and learnt how she used collage to create her pictures. To learn the skills of collage we had a go at copying one of Clover Robin's pictures. In a few weeks we will use these skill to design and create our own seascape of Hastings.







## Year 2



This week Year 2 had a thoroughly exciting trip to Bodiam castle! All the children walked around the outside of the castle and identified defensive features of Bodiam castle as well as exploring the inside of the castle.



'My favourite part was finding out about the murder holes where they would drop rocks and melting tar onto any invaders' Mason

'The moat around the castle was so much bigger than I thought. It is definitely hard to get across' Joleen













## Year 3



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This week in reading we have been working extra hard on our fluency. It is really helpful listening to our partners read and working on our expression. We have really enjoyed this book.





## Year 4



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In Geography, Year 4 have been using map reading skills to locate human and natural features on the South-East coastline. They were then able to describe how land is used in three coastal cities.

Children also took part in a science workshop this week to learn about biological diversity. They learnt about the importance of the food web and how animals within a habitat are all connected. Part of the session also allowed them to make a plaster cast of a cheetah's paw.















## Year 5



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Year 5 were very excited to welcome Maria from One Day Creative to our school on Thursday to learn all about volcanoes and earthquakes. She put on an incredible workshop, in which the children were encouraged to be very active and involved, play games, take quizzes and perform stories. We learnt some amazing facts about earthquakes and volcanoes, including the fact that there are different types of volcanoes, that erupt at different speeds. In fact, one eruption of Mount Etna was so slow that everyone was able to evacuate the town at the foot of the mountain in time to escape it- the lava eventually reached the bottom after 14 months! A huge thank you to Maria for a very exciting and educational day.







## Year 6

Between rehearsals for their production of Grease, swimming, and days out visiting their new secondary schools, Year 6 enjoyed a hands on science workshop on electricity. They learned about the components of a circuit and completed different challenges to test their learning. Thank you to the PTA for funding this exciting workshop. Your donations provided an awesome learning opportunity and inspired a few future engineers!







## Music



Congratulations to the members of the choir who performed at the Summer Fayre last Saturday, singing songs from a Pop Medley and Beatles Medley and also some newer songs including an African song, complete with Djembe drums. Overcoming their nerves was an issue for some, but afterwards, back in the safety of the familiar Music room, they admitted that they had all enjoyed it!

## Staplehurst Ladies Choir



*1 - All welcome, but especially choir members and families.*

### **Present**

**A Night of Musical Theatre**

**16th July 2022**

**Come and Sing from 6:30pm**

**All Saints Church, Staplehurst.**

**Tickets £5 entry and donations for the refreshments in the interval.**

**Songs from Les Mis, Mamma Mia, Oliver and more, with a finale of**

**You Will Be Found from Dear Evan Hansen**

[\(You Will Be Found \(from Dear Evan Hansen\) \(SSA Choir\) - Arranged by Mac Huff - YouTube\)](#)

Listen and learn so you can join in!

All money raised will be donated to our local schools as a music fund,  
to enable schools to provide musical activities to enrich school life.

## The Shepherd's Pantry

**Open to Everyone: Free to use**



Located at:  
Staplehurst Free Church  
Station Road  
TN12 0QQ

Tuesdays 12:00 to 16:00  
Wednesdays 10:00 to 16:00  
Thursdays 10:00 to 16:00  
Saturdays 12:00 to 14:00



**The Shepherd's Pantry**



**Community Fridge can be found in the Cafe Room at Staplehurst Free Church in Station Road.**

It is open to everyone and our policy is to encourage anyone who would like to support it, to simply,

***“Give what you can and Take what you need.”***

Two areas that we are really passionate about are caring for each other and

reducing food waste but we are definitely not alone in this.

We are so grateful that Sainsburys and other amazing, supportive local businesses,

( you'll see them mentioned on our Facebook site and the Facebook Staplehurst Helping Page), regularly donate excess food and items that would otherwise be classed as waste.

These, along with kind private donations from the community, are enabling everyone to access food and provisions when needed in a very relaxed, dignified way, but at the same time, helping to reduce waste.

In recent times we have been pleased to chat with some folk in neighbouring communities who have expressed an interest in seeing something similar set up. Brilliant!

Of course, we are always happy to inform about the Community Fridge and recently, we had the privilege of a visit from the lively Staplehurst Beavers who came along to learn about the Fridge - but they really bowled us over by choosing items to donate themselves.

How fantastic was that!

Thank you everyone for your support on behalf of:

The Shepherd's Pantry

Community Fridge

## Staplehurst Music Centre



The groups run every Saturday morning at Staplehurst School for Early Years and KS1 (2-8yrs). These classes provide a structured learning progression. Our young learners (2-5yrs), focus on developing skills such as pulse, rhythm, use of percussion and solfa hand signs. Our group for older learners (6-8yrs) provides a natural progression, offering an opportunity to play their instruments in a small group

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