

Stockport Grammar Junior School NEWS

7th October 2016

Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter. The weeks are speeding by and half-term is approaching already, which hardly seems possible. There has once again been lots going on, in and out of school, with some notable achievements and successes. Congratulations to our U11 boys, who won the football tournament at King's Macclesfield and also to our U11 girls, who have just returned home from a netball tournament in Preston with the trophy and a set of medals. A group of U8 boys enjoyed a football festival at the Etihad Stadium this week, which was a great experience for them. It was lovely to see a number of parents joining us for the Y2 Art Afternoon and the hall was buzzing with creativity. Y5 were spellbound by their interactive performance of *Macbeth*, led by the Young Shakespeare Company. This visit is co-funded by our SPA, for which we are very grateful as it is always an excellent and entertaining session. Our SPA have their first meeting of the year on Monday (10th) at 7.00pm in the Governors' Room (in the Senior School – please ask if you are not sure where to go). All parents are welcome to attend. Turning to individual successes, Aimee Reynolds and George Hales feature in stories below – our congratulations to both of them. Y4 have just returned from their residential in York, where they had a great time. A full report will appear in due course. Finally, our thanks for all the gifts sent in for our Harvest Festival. A number of our Y3 children took some of these to distribute in local sheltered accommodation and the rest were donated to Wellspring.

The Weeks Ahead

Monday 10 th October	Artful Playground Nursery to Y2 Parents' Consultations SPA Meeting – Governors' Room	KSI Nursery-Y2 Everyone Welcome	9.15-11.30am 4.00-7.00pm 7.00-8.00pm
Tuesday 11 th October	Football v Lady Barn (H)	U8	4.00-5.00pm
Wednesday 12 th October	Football Tournament, Etihad Stadium Netball v Lady Barn (H) Nursery to Y2 Parents' Consultations	U11 U11 A,B & C Nursery-Y2	9.00am-12.45pm 2.30-3.40pm 4.00-6.00pm
Thursday 13 th October	K-Nex Workshop	Y5	
Friday 14 th October	K Nex Workshop Hockey v AKS (H) Half Term Commences	Y5 U11 A&B	2.15-3.30pm 3.35pm
Monday 31 st October	Inset Day, no children to attend		
Tuesday 1 st November	2nd Autumn Half Term Commences		8.40am
Thursday 3 rd November	Football v The Grange (A) Netball v The Grange (A)	U10 A, B, C & D U10 A, B, C & D	1.00-5.00pm 1.00-5.00pm
Friday 4 th November	Hockey v KSM (A)	U11 A&B	2.15-4.45pm
Saturday 5 th November	Stockport Harriers, Woodbank Park		10.30am-12noon

Holiday Care

Places are still available for our Half Term Holiday Care Club. We provide a safe and stimulating environment for your child, whatever the weather, including Baking, Messy Arts, Sports Days, Bike Riding and many more.

To secure your place, pick up a booking form from the Office.

Superstrings are a Plucky Lot

A group of twelve Y3&4 pupils ventured over to the Senior School's Music department last week to begin their exploration of string instruments. The pupils were very excited to get their hands on violins, cellos and even the double bass, in the first session of their term-long foray into string playing.

We hope that the group will be able to play in our Performing Arts festival in November, and that some of them will go on to take up individual lessons in due course. Due to the level of interest, a second group will be starting after Christmas.



Year 4 are 'Buzzing' with Excitement



Y4s were in the Science Room investigating electrical components this week. Their challenge was to build a simple circuit to light a bulb, make a fan turn with a motor and make a buzzer sound. They then had to draw their circuits in diagram form, using the correct symbols for the different components. They had lots of fun.

Lights, Camera, Action for Aimee

Aimee Reynolds in 6B was chosen from 1000s of hopefuls last year to have a role as an extra in 'Miss Peregrines Home for Peculiar Children', Tim Burton's new blockbuster movie, released this week. Mrs Reynolds told us: "Aimee had the most amazing experience and got to spend four days on set in Blackpool last May. As well as being directed by Tim Burton, she met all the stars in the movie including Eva Green and Samuel L Jackson." Aimee and her family have already watched the movie.



MacMillan Coffee Morning is a Huge Success

Our annual fundraiser managed to raise a staggering £511.66 for the MacMillan charity last week, almost double the amount we raised last year! A huge thank you to Mrs Gilmour and Miss Gay for organising the event and for everyone's wonderfully delicious 'bakes' and generous raffle prizes which contributed to this very worthy cause.

Uniform Reminder

As the weather starts to change, may we remind you that any hats, scarves and gloves your child may wish to wear must be in school colours and that all uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Please see the uniform list for full details.

Tournament Success for the U11 Footballers

By special correspondent James Carr Y6B

The U11 football team have won a great trophy to add to the cabinet. Hosted by King's Macclesfield, the tournament was run on a league basis and we managed to win an amazing 5 out of 5 matches! The boys who got their hands on the shield were Myers Amoo-Gottfreid, Nathan Atkinson, James Carr, Jameson Chatha, Dominic Hanson, Blake Weedon, Will Francis and Ramsey Challah. It was a great performance from everyone and a well-deserved win.

A Happy Birthday to...

Joshua Chamberlain, Florence Hynes, Ella Hales, Giulia Burns, Jason Chen, Nathan Collins, Harriet Hanger, Mia Krywonos, Katherine Alexander, Raayan Akbar and Claudia Fell.

Danger in the Deep...

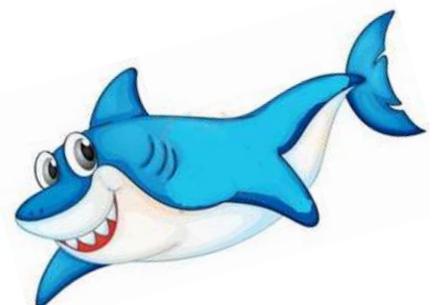
Our children enjoyed an assembly with a difference last week, as they were introduced to the murky world of sharks (including the sign for 'shark' when you are under the water).

"We learnt that sharks are friendly animals even though they look like beasts." Adrian Ryt

"We learnt about lots of different types of sharks my favourite is the great white." Savanna Amoo-Gottfried

"It was interesting to find out the best place to find hammer heads is the Bahamas. My daddy tried to find them in Anglesey but there were none." Harriet Hanger

"Please don't let helium balloons into the open air because they can kill a shark as they think it is food". Joshua Muamba



Life in Reception

Starting Reception is a very special time and the children have had a very busy and rewarding few weeks. From talking about their holiday bags in the first week to enjoying playing in their new role-play space station. The children have also loved meeting their new class bears and rabbits. A particular favourite story has been *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* which involved the children carefully placing their feet in trays filled with sand, water, cotton wool and pebbles.

This week our children have been learning about space and Nellie, our new girl puppet, has visited both classes. Nellie has a newly designed space helmet and has a friend, Space Fox. All the children have danced to space music, created their own rockets, tried to rescue the gemstones in our Funky Fingers activities and found space sand numbers. Wow, what a journey in less than six weeks!

Mrs Hampson and Mrs Turner are very proud of all the children.

I like reading books and I have enjoyed joining in with *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. Dylan RT



I like playing in the sand, finding the numbers for the rocket. Uzair RH



I like playing with my new friend Zoe in the ice cream parlour. Quailah RT



I like playing in the den outside with the teddy bears. Eva RH

Y2 Art Afternoon



Y2 welcomed parents and grandparents to join them for an Art afternoon. As it was 'Space Week' in school, the children enjoyed creating two different pieces of space-related artwork. The first task was to make a rocket using a plastic bottle and a variety of other resources. The second was to create a space scene on black card using collage materials. Everyone had a sp-ACE time!



George's Marvellous Mission

You may remember an item in our Newsletter last term, telling you all about George Hales and his quest to ride coast to coast on his bike over the summer for a Key 103 charity. At an award ceremony this week, George was awarded the Key 103 Young Charity Fundraiser of the year. Many congratulations to George for this fantastic and well-deserved recognition.

