

Stockport Grammar Junior School NEWSLETTER



24th March 2017

Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter from our special **Red Nose Day** correspondent, Norse Nose. We all had lots of fun and there were some great costumes as the children rose to the challenge of dressing like their nose! Y4 kicked the day off in style with the **Red Nose Day** song and dance and there was an even livelier buzz than usual around the school. There was, however, a strange rumour going around the school that Norse Nose was actually Mr Wheeler, but that obviously can't be true as Mr Wheeler doesn't have a long grey beard!



Mrs Cole and Mr Makinson were sponsored to build pianos. So far, they've made a grand.

We are all very much looking forward to the Y6 show and I know the children are all working hard to be ready in time. It promises to be another excellent show and I hope you will all come and support them.

Apparently Mr Milnes came dressed in camouflage but we couldn't find him.

This week's poetry competition produced a very high standard and there were some excellent performances. Our congratulations to all of the winners. Finally, for this edition (and this is not a joke), we are becoming a little overcome by scented stationery, both in terms of the quantity and size, and it is becoming something of a distraction in lessons and creating some competition between children. Norse Nose says "Please revert to regular stationery!"

The Weeks Ahead

Monday 27 th March	Aladdin Rehearsals all week Swimming Gala v Altrincham Prep (H)	Y6 Y4-6	4.00-5.15pm
Wednesday 29 th March	Art Day Football UI1A v UI10A	Y5 Y5-6	9.00am-3.30pm 4.00-5.00pm
Thursday 30 th March	Netball AJIS Tournament @ KSM	U10	10.00am-3.30pm
Monday 3 rd April	Aladdin Dress Rehearsal	Y6	10.00-11.00am
Tuesday 4 th April	Aladdin Performance, Senior School Hall	Y6	7.00-9.00pm
Wednesday 5 th April	Aladdin Performance, Senior School Hall	Y6	7.00-9.00pm
Friday 7 th April	End of Spring Term (Summer Term Commences Monday 24 th April)		3.30pm

Y6 Invite You to a Whole New World

We look forward to welcoming you to our annual Y6 production which this year is *Aladdin* on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April in the Senior School Hall at 7.00pm. Let the children whisk you away on a magical carpet of imagination to *A Whole New World* as you immerse yourself in this lively tale with Aladdin, Princess Jasmine, the Evil Jafar and of course, The Genie of The Lamp! Please fill in your ticket order form to guarantee your seats.



Fun and Games in Y4

Y4S made games in PSHE, all based on School, and then invited 3LH to try them out!



News from the Pool

Next term our Y3-6 children will be taking part in 'Water Safety', including rescue and personal survival. Alongside their usual swimming kit, all children will need to bring shorts and T-shirt or pyjamas to each lesson (no denim or onesies please).

Our recent Swimming Gala against MHSB was very closely matched with a fantastic effort of SGS 127 - MHSB 133. Miss Pepper and Ms Franklin would like to extend their thanks to all our swimmers, particularly our Y6 girls, who swam their last gala of the year.

Y2 Have Time on Their Hands

Y2 have had lots of fun this week in their Maths lessons whilst trying to understand how long a second, a minute and an hour are. The children had one minute to see how many sixes they could throw on a die, how many times they could write their name and how many jumps they could do. The children noticed that there was a big difference in the amount of times they could do these things and the tally chart was rather large for the number of jumps, as some children managed 150 jumps in one minute!



Animal Magic for Y3

Our Y3 pupils had an amazing day at Knowsley Safari Park. The girls and boys learnt lots of facts about safari parks, found out how animals survive in the wild and were told about endangered animals and the threats that are posed to them.



They also learnt about the funny terms used to name groups of animals (a wobble of ostriches!), watched the sea lion show, visited the spooky bat house and had a session in the Discovery Centre where they had the opportunity to look at and handle animal skulls, African land snails, a python and a cockroach!



Easter Holiday Care

Our Easter Holiday Care will be running between 10th and 13th April and again between 18th and 20th April. Please note that there will be no Holiday Care running on either of the Fridays or the Bank Holiday Monday. Places are limited so please complete a booking form to secure your child's place.

Summer Activity Weeks

Bookings for the Summer Activity Weeks are now being taken. Booking forms are available from the school office or by visiting the School's website via the following link:

<http://www.stockportgrammar.co.uk/beyond-the-classroom/summer-activity-weeks-2017/>

Y1 Catch Their Own Gingerbread Man!

Y1 have enjoyed reading *The Gingerbread Man* this week. Our children have written instructions about how to decorate a gingerbread man and then followed them decorate their own using lots of 'bossy verbs'!



Y2 Can Resist!



Y2 have been learning about 'resist' in their art work over the last few weeks. Our children have created resists using wax, flour and water and elastic bands. All of the resists looked very different but the children particularly enjoyed squeezing the flour and water mixture over their fabric! They were all very proud of their work.

Poetry in Motion

Wednesday saw the final of our annual Junior School Poetry Competition. Heats were carried out in classes and a finalist chosen from each class. The standard was very high again, with all our pupils working hard to learn and prepare their readings for the class heats. Once again, Mrs Lawson from the Senior School had the difficult task of judging our finalists. The recitals were all superb, whether dramatic, funny, serious and a mixture of all three, with some great voice projection from everyone

The finalists representing their class were:

Evangeline Cope (1S), Alexander Johnston (1B), Maya Gholkar (2R), Noah Martin-Evans (2W), Samarth Varma (3H) Oscar Miller (3K), Connie Sibthorpe (3LH), Finn Haisley (4R), Emma Broadhead (4C), Oliver Feehan (4S), Molly Coglan (5W), Harry Cook (5M), Nicholas Turner (5SM), Amelia Massey (6J), Katherine Alexander (6T) and James Carr (6B).

Mrs Lawson was full of praise for all our finalists and the winners were: Alexander Johnson for Infants, with the poem *Invictus* by William Ernest Henley.

Samarth Varma for Y3 & 4, with his dramatic reading of *The Hour When Witches Fly* by John Foster.

Nicholas Turner for Y5 & 6, with his humorous rendition of *I Saw My Teacher on a Saturday* by Dave Crawley.

The overall winner was Alexander Johnson.



The Blue Hand Gang



Y5SM made 'outrageous ooze' from cornflour and water this week. The two ingredients were mixed together and some food colouring was added of course! The mixture poured like a liquid from the container but when the children picked some up and rolled it, it acted like a solid ... until they stopped. Then it oozed again through their fingers like a liquid. The children discovered that, back in the 1700s, Newton identified the properties of an ideal liquid. This ooze doesn't match these properties so it is called a non-Newtonian liquid. The class had great fun and most of them went home with blue hands!

Vernon Win House Netball

House Netball was played over two Wednesday evenings in March. It was extremely competitive and Ms Baker was impressed by the extremely high standard of netball played by the Y5 & 6 girls. It was a very close contest but in the end Vernon played a very tactical game to win the tournament. Many thanks to all the House Captains who organised their teams and congratulations to Vernon. Final scores were:

Vernon - 8 points

Warren - 7 points

Nicholson - 6 points

Arden - 3 points.

A Happy Birthday to...

Fatima Athar, Erin Haisley, Abigail Snarr, Alia Iqbal, Thomas Powrie, Thomas Mungall, Amelia Delaney, Archie Maughan, Daniel Storey, Sophia St Clair, Alfie McCluggage, George Yuan, Thomas Stanton, Humaira Gurjee, Kimi Gerami, Sophia Lipniski, Ronan Breen, Stephen Monk, Luke Constantine-Williams, Freya Niven, Amber Sullivan, Shreya Lapsia and Myers Amoo-Gottfried.



Colourful Learning

The Nursery children enjoyed learning about the Spring Festival, *Holi*, which took place on 13th March.

As this is the festival of colour, lots of fun was had splashing and spraying paint on the playground.



Y6 Hockey Team End the Season with a Win

Well done to the Y6 Hockey squad who played their final match representing the Junior School this week. They braved the lashing rain and freezing conditions against a mixed Ryley's team. The match was close and the girls had to work hard to contend with the strength of Ryley's' running attack. Both A & B teams finished with good wins, a happy way to end a successful season.



Stockport County are a Healthy Match

We recently enjoyed welcoming visitors from Stockport County Football Club. They came to give a presentation about making the right choices in life – keeping healthy in what we eat, drink and the amount and type of exercise we do. Commercial Director Simon Dawson was joined by County's star midfield player, Jimmy Ball, and two colleagues from the club, Andy Powell and Stuart Guest. Jimmy spoke about his exercise, training schedule and diet. He also spoke about his dedication to his beloved sport and the enjoyment which being part of a team has brought him over the years. The children enjoyed hearing all about the history of the club and have all had the opportunity to apply for free tickets for this Saturday's home fixture against Tamworth in the Vanarama National League North. Kick-off is at 3.00pm at Edgeley Park and we hope to see plenty of children and parents at the match, enjoying one of County's famous pies and, hopefully, a home win for the club!



Y6 Young Shakespeare Company:

A Review by Alex Bloor and Anna Howard, Y6J

"Everyone was so excited about watching *Young Shakespeare*. It was certainly one of the highlights of the year. It was amazing how they got us to really understand the storyline. Also, they got us to take part, to have a go to see what it was like to perform (it was good practice for the Aladdin show!).

Some of the actors were quite funny and the show wasn't boring. *It really got me interested in reading more about Shakespeare (Alex). It was really good how it came to life and made me understand better (Anna).*

We left with a positive feeling about *Young Shakespeare* and hope to see them again. Most people enjoyed Puck because he was a good hop hop dancer and he was funny. Some people were picked to be fairies, townspeople, a lord and a duchess! We enjoyed it because everyone got active and we were not just sitting and watching. It was interesting to watch our friends when they were part of the action.



Instrumental Opportunities

Our Junior School pupils have been getting a helping hand from the Senior School as they start their musical journeys. A number of exciting music groups and special assemblies have been set up to encourage the younger pupils to take up an instrument. Superstrings is a group of 12 pupils from Y3&4 who make a weekly trip to the Senior School's music department to further their knowledge of string instruments. They try their hand at playing the violin, cello and double bass and develop ensemble and team-working skills. A new Brass and Woodwind Group has also been set up, taught by Senior School staff Mr White and Mr Moore, and the children will build up to putting on a performance for parents, pupils and staff.



