

Stockport Grammar Junior School NEWSLETTER

13th October 2017

Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter. There seems to be lots of news this time which must mean that there is lots going on! Our younger children have clearly been active and busy, both inside and outside, enjoying the leaves, bear hunting and getting creative with *Artful Playground*. Y6 have also enjoyed some interactive story telling with the Young Shakespeare Company. Many thanks to the SPA for funding this visit, which is always a real treat as they bring one of the great plays to life. Y2 have been joined by their families for a creative art afternoon, building on their art work from earlier in the term. There were some fantastic creations and the display in the Infant corridor is well worth a visit. There has been plenty of sport over the past couple of weeks and I particularly enjoyed reffing one of the U8 games. The children were so excited to be playing and it was great to see so many parents come to watch. Y4 had an historic time in York, joining the Roman army for a day and visiting the Jorvik centre. I was delighted to see so many parents able to join us for our first SPA meeting. With the SPA discos running as a write (I can almost hear the screaming) (and that's just from the parents) and the date set for this year's Christmas Fair, it is great to see the SPA fully back in action. Please put November 25th in your diary as the Christmas fair is always a brilliant event. Half term is approaching fast and so it only remains for me to wish you a very happy half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday November 7th.

The Weeks Ahead

Monday 16 th October	Hockey v The Grange (A)	U11 A+B	2.15-5.15pm
Wednesday 18 th October	Football v The Ryley's (A)	U11 A	2.00-4.00pm
Thursday 19 th October	K-Nex	Y5	9.00am-3.00pm
Friday 20 th October	K-Nex Netball v WGS (A) Half Term Commences	Y5 U10 A+B	9.00am-3.00pm 2.15-5.30pm 3.35pm
Monday 6 th November	Inset Day – No Children to Attend		
Tuesday 7 th November	2nd Half Term Commences Football v KSC (A) KS2 Parents' Consultations	U10 A-D Y3-6	8.35am 1.15-5.30pm 4.00-7.00pm
Wednesday 8 th November	Art Day	Y6	9.00am-3.00pm
Thursday 9 th November	KS2 Parents' Consultations	Y3-6	4.00-6.00pm
Friday 10 th November	Football v St Ambrose (H)	U11 A+B	2.30-3.45pm

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.

Artful Playground Entertain Our Infants

Our Infant children enjoyed a morning of stories, songs and circus fun when *Artful Playground* came to visit. They heard the story of a girl named Lolly who dreams of adventure and travel; but when she runs away from the circus to see the world, she encounters a few unexpected obstacles along the way. Our boys and girls explored movement and drama for an interactive storytelling experience that was lots of fun!



Children in Need 2017

Next month, the children will once again be taking part in the 'Big Spottacular'. On November 17th, children may swap one item of their uniform for something spotty in exchange for a donation to *Children in Need*. Older children may also get creative and find ways to turn parts of their uniform 'spotty' (without, of course, ruining their uniforms!).

'We're Going on a Bear Hunt!'

A bear visited RC's classroom last week. It left dirty footprints all over the floor! Our Reception children made posters and playdough bears to scare it off and even looked at the footprints with magnifying glasses.



Last Wednesday our Reception children received a letter from the bear and so they went on a bear hunt around school to find it. They saw the back of the bear hiding behind a tree but they didn't dare get too close!

SPA CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 25th November 2017 11.00am – 3.00pm

Each year we run a raffle, which is drawn at the Christmas Fair, and each year we are immensely grateful for the amazingly generous prizes parents donate as individuals or on behalf of their businesses. The annual raffle remains one of our most effective fund-raising activities.

We know Christmas seems a long way off, but in order to get the raffle tickets printed in time we need to start asking for prize donations now.

We would be very grateful for any prize donations you are able to make. Past donations have included electronic goods, retail gift vouchers, sports and music tuition, beauty treatments, alcoholic beverages and hampers, all of which have generated a fantastic response.

Donations can be anonymous or in consideration of your kind donation we would be delighted to offer you a half-page advertisement in our online Christmas Fair Programme for free. The online brochure will be distributed to all parents in both the Senior and Junior Schools prior to the fair. If you've been looking for a way to let Stockport Grammar parents know about your business, this would be a cost effective marketing tool

If you would like to donate a prize and are interested in taking free advertisement in our online Programme, please do let us know as soon as possible by contacting us at:

SPA@stockportgrammar.co.uk

Monumental Modelling in Y4

Our Y4 pupils have been learning about the Stone Age this term as part of their Humanities lessons and this week focused on Stonehenge. Our children also had a go at making their own monuments using modelling clay.



A Happy Birthday to...

Lucas Douglas-Brown, Caoimhe Eme, Joshua Chamberlain, Florence Hynes, Ella Hales, Giulia Burns, Jason Chen, Nathan Collins, Harriet Hanger, Evie Poor and Mia Krywonos.

Poppies

Poppies will continue to be sold each morning, with a suggested donation of £1.00. Metal pin badges are also available with a minimum donation of £2.00.



Playground Buddies

A group of dedicated and enthusiastic Y5 children signed up to become Playground Buddies this term. They all attended several training sessions and are now thoroughly prepared for the task that lies ahead. They began their role with their new lanyards on Monday morning and the rota appears to be working well at this early stage. Their tasks include leading games with the Infant children, looking out for children who might be unhappy in the playground and helping to look after the play equipment. We have already noticed a number of the Buddies doing an excellent job and we are confident this will continue throughout the year. Congratulations to the following pupils on their new role:

Mohammed Abuhoraira, Zahra Raja-Zahid, Mia Bentley, Humaira Gurjee, Thomas Alexander, Matthew Rogan, Noor Farooq, Ezinwa Uraih, Cyrus Shepherd, Zachariah Zaman, Klara Joubert, Caitlin Hill, Ava Perfect, Mia Brown, Hephzibah Bangudu, Darcey Appleton, Eiliya Noman, Oliver Feehan, Abigail Sullivan, Bella Clarke, Lilly Cook, Holly Batey, Amelia Blakeley and Lily Courtney.

Marcus Weathers the Storm

Marcus Foster in Y6 took part in a gruelling Senior School mountain bike ride on Sunday 1st October. The trip was to Grizedale Forest, where the riders tackled the North Face route. He did a fantastic job in some pretty horrible weather and showed some great bike handling skills.



October Holiday Care

Places are still available for Holiday Care during the Half Term break. Reservations can only be made via the booking forms available from the School Office. Our Holiday Care is offered between the hours of 8.30am and 5.45pm on both weeks of the holiday and costs £20.00 per day. Activities are very much dependant on the weather but the team will try to spend as much time outside as possible, therefore warm and waterproof clothing is essential. Places are limited so pick up a booking form today to secure your place.

Y3 Footballing Premier

On Friday 6th October, 10 of our boys from Y3 went to Manchester City's Academy Centre for their first school tournament. There were over 16 independent schools from the North West taking part and we were in Group 3 of 4. We played 5 matches in total and our boys were very successful: won 3, drew 1 and lost 1. A fantastic morning and a good time was had by all.



Pre-Reception Stay on the Right Track

After an eventful Harvest Festival, our Pre-Reception children enjoyed a welly walk over to the Senior School last week, so they could have a close-up look at the tractor and learn about what a tractor does.



The children were really interested in the tyres and the tread on them, which led to talking about pattern and having a look at the different patterns on their own shoes. Thank you to Mr Chatwood for letting us visit.

Year 2 Art Afternoon

Our Y2 pupils were joined by members of their family for Art Afternoon last week, as they showed off their artistic ability to create collages of L.S.Lowry's work. Earlier in the term our boys and girls visited The Lowry in Salford where they went on a tour and took part in a workshop to build on the skills and knowledge they had gained in History and Art lessons. Back in school they continued to work on Lowry inspired artworks, which culminated at the Art Afternoon. During the afternoon, the pupils focused on Lowry's landscape works and, with the help of their family member, designed and decorated a page using a host of different materials. Once they had completed their artwork, they joined them together with other creations to produce a number of collages which are now on display in the corridor outside Mrs Hudson's and Mrs Turner's classrooms. Amelia Delaney in 2H had a great time at the Art afternoon: "I enjoyed sticking the fabric onto the paper with my mum and Siyana's dad." Classmate Thomas Waite enjoyed working as a team: "I worked together with Alexander to draw a church, a house and a school." Clelia Giglio in 2T also liked collaborating with the parents: "I loved drawing with my mum and Ruby's dad." Marco Burns, also from 2T, said: "I drew a church and a factory with my dad and it was great."



History Brought to Life on Y4 York Residential

Our Y4 children enjoyed a residential visit to Castleton last week. Their first day was spent at Murton Park where our children became Romans for the day. Full Roman armour was worn and the trainee soldiers practised being guards, making oil lamps and writing in Latin. After that, a Celt came to try to raid their fort but they performed *The Testudo* and sent him packing!



Our group stayed at The Racecourse Centre which was great. The children worked up an appetite for tea by playing on the Racecourse as it was a lovely sunny evening. After tea, they were entertained by a Viking telling us some of the Viking sagas.

The second day was spent experiencing life as a Viking on the time travel ride at the Jorvik Centre and visiting the Castle Museum. At the museum, the Victorian street had a real sweet shop, dungeons and an old toy shop. Whilst on the street, one of the guides took our children around the slums and into the chemist where they stored the leeches for medicinal purposes. The children ended with a workshop on 'Crime and Punishment in Victorian times'.

"It was an interesting and exciting trip. We found out that houses in the Victorian times only had one room which the whole family had to share! The rooms at the Racecourse Centre were comfy and I enjoyed staying with my friends." Alayna Ahmed



Young Shakespeare Company Bring 'The Scottish Play' to Y6

On Thursday 5th October, The Young Shakespeare Company performed their version of Macbeth for the Year 6 children. They told the story through active story-telling, including the children throughout the performance. The Witches, in the words of Y6 were "weird, creepy and scary". Nathan Hopley raised a laugh as Malcolm the son of King Duncan fleeing to England after the death of his father. Jack and Sara made evil murderers as they set to compete with fake blood on their faces, killing Banquo, Macbeth's best friend. Lady Macbeth's acting was superb and Macbeth's final fight with Macduff was spellbinding. Our thanks to the SPA for their generous contribution which funded the visit.



Following a Rocky Road in Y3

Y3 cooked up a delicious treat in their English lessons this week. To finish off their work on instructions, our children followed a recipe on how to make *Rocky Road*.



Paying close attention to the imperative verbs, our Y3 children chopped, mixed, stirred and finally ate their creation.



After enjoying their treat, it was then time to write their own instructions, remembering the steps they took and all the equipment they needed!



Rise and Shine at Breakfast Club

Our early morning Breakfast Club is available to all Junior School children from 7.30am each morning, providing children with a light breakfast of toast, cereal and fruit juice etc. Our children are supervised in a safe environment until the start of the school day and places can be pre-booked by emailing chawnera@stockportgrammar.co.uk before 5.30pm the day before (or a Friday if booking for the following Monday). The cost of Breakfast Club each day is £3.00

Autumn Leaves in Reception



Our Reception children have been looking at seasons this week and, just like our Pre-Reception children, have been on an exciting Autumn welly walk! The children enjoyed looking at leaves, jumping in piles of leaves and even throwing leaves in the air!

Swimming Success

Y6 pupil Ben Lavender has had a very successful start to his swimming season, competing at the Greater Manchester Autumn meets in Wigan over the last couple of weekends, culminating in 2 silver medals. Ben swam in the Age 10 and Under category and his times meant that he also qualified for the Cheshire County Championship in January next year. Ben's successes included 2nd place in both the 50m and 100m breaststroke and 5th in the 100m backstroke and 100m freestyle.

