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# SCHOOL LIFE

## Headmaster's message

Music, Dance, Drama and Sport of all types have flourished this term. These co-curricular activities form a hugely important part of the education of SGS pupils. Over the last couple of years, we have deliberately and systematically expanded the opportunities for girls and boys to participate and to develop their skills and interests.

The fruits of this strategic investment are now apparent as the fog of coronavirus restrictions lifts and we enjoy seeing so many pupils practising, playing and performing. The skills the pupils learn through these activities complement the skills acquired in the classroom and ensure that they are well-prepared for life and not just for university.

We provide a pathway for each pupil to develop in any given discipline. For example, in Music, we offer beginners ensembles to allow pupils who have only been learning their instrument for a few months to perform together. Few schools would feature a woodwind ensemble in a concert comprising mostly players who started learning last September but at SGS expressing confidence in the pupils and delighting in their progress is built into our approach. As the pupils develop, intermediate ensembles allow them to tackle more demanding repertoire and be inspired by their teachers and conductors. At advanced level, our musicians, many of whom play with local orchestras and choirs such as the Hallé Youth, have the support and the opportunities to reach the very highest national standards.

The excellent Dance Show, just before half-term, highlighted how many pupils enjoy dance as well as the many styles on offer through different clubs.

In Sport, more than 50% of our pupils have already represented the school in a fixture during this academic year with the Summer Term sports likely to boost this figure. If House Sports competitions were included the figure would be still higher. At the top end of the performance spectrum, particular praise must go to the 1st XV rugby team who reached the Semi-Final of the National Plate and the U16 netball side who reached the National Finals.

Outdoor pursuits and the Duke of Edinburgh Award also remain extremely popular with our pupils and SGS is now the largest DoE centre in the North West of England. As with our other co-curricular activities, the chance to develop skills, to volunteer and, of course, to tackle the physical demands of the expeditions provide the pupils with a fantastic opportunity to grow in character.

**Dr Paul Owen**  
Headmaster



## Fountains linked thanks to Amnesty Club

Amnesty Club have worked hard to make sure that every time pupils fill up their water bottle it helps a good cause.

The club have successfully twinned two of our water fountains with communities in countries that don't have access to safe drinking water.

The fountain in the Hallam building is twinned with a community in Afghanistan and the fountain in the Woodsmoor building has been twinned with a community in Nepal.

It helps residents in the villages to have access to fresh water by providing a community tap that can be used for drinking water, cooking, and safe washing water.

## Third Year say 'guten tag' to new pen pals

Third Year pupils were excited to start their email exchange with a school from southern Germany.

They spoke about their family, friends and hobbies in their first emails which were sent to their peers at Marie Curie Gymnasium, near Freiburg in Bavaria.



## Mrs Doubtfire inspires with author visit

Children's author Anne Fine paid the school a visit to give Stockport Grammar students a sneak peek into her new book – 'Aftershocks'.

Anne is best known for her hit books 'The Diary of a Killer Cat' and 'Madame Doubtfire' – which was turned into the hit film 'Mrs Doubtfire' and starred Robin Williams.

Thanks to Anne's great sense of humour, the First Year and Year 6 students were hooked and heard how a news story about a dog and a run-in with an overly-chatty boy became the inspiration for two of her novels.

Anne also spoke about her new book – 'Aftershocks' – which follows a young boy called Louie who has to come to terms with life following an earthquake and tsunami.

## Exciting Science

First Years were thrilled to take part in an exciting experiment to help them learn about gases and pressure.

Under the careful supervision of Mr McGeough, pupils had to heat up a used drinks can containing a small amount of water before they plunged the can into cold water – which caused a loud crack as it imploded.



## Poetry celebrates Human Rights

Budding poets had their work published as part of a landmark initiative to highlight the importance of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, created in 1948.

The first Greater Manchester Poetic Declaration of Human Rights was created by students from across the area in a collaboration between the Robert F Kennedy Foundation for Human Rights and Curious Minds, a creative charity.

Students were tasked with creating poetry based on one of the 30 declarations which was then compiled in a book.

Of the 30 poems chosen by the judges to appear in the book, five were written

by SGS English and Drama pupils; George Hammond, Jess Wiggetts, Alex Powrie, Mia Fovargue and Arthur Wolstenholme – which was the most from any contributor.

Third Year, Mia Fovargue, said: **"I wanted to write my poem about the freedom of speech because I know that some people can't say what they want to be able to say."**

**"I also think it's important for younger people to get involved with topics like this, and it was a fun way of learning about our human rights."**

The pupils attended an online launch event for the declaration and were congratulated by the Director of Education at the Robert F Kennedy Foundation, Sughra Ahmed, and Andy Burnham, Mayor of Manchester.





## University Success

Our Upper Sixth students have continued to receive offers from leading UK universities including six offers from Oxford and Cambridge.

Aspiring medics Jessica Horsford and Isobel Gardner both hold offers from the University of Cambridge. Head Girl and 1st XI hockey player Jessica has an offer from Robinson College and Eco Schools Senior Prefect Isobel has an offer to join St John's.

Head Boy and 1st XV rugby player Harry Brown was interviewed by all four medical schools that he applied to and has already received offers.

Talented mathematicians Yicheng Xia and Nicholas Othen both received offers to read Mathematics at Oxford, at St Anne's and Wadham colleges respectively. In the arts, humanities and social sciences, Lauren Hedley has an offer to study Economics at St Catharine's College, Cambridge and 2021 leaver Zoe Shah has an offer to study English at University College, Oxford.

In addition to excelling academically, Zoe, Lauren and Nicholas participate in school choirs and orchestral groups. This strength in musicianship is reflected in the success of one of our musicians, Daniel Vincent, who has secured an offer to study Music with a specialism in percussion at the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM).

## Candid Conversations

Former journalist, Allison Havey, co-founder of the RAP project, visited school to speak to Sixth Form students about university life.

The RAP (Raising Awareness and Prevention) project aims to educate children and young adults about a range of topics including body image, consent, and the transition between school and university.



In a candid talk, Allison spoke about life at university, and advised students how to avoid many of the pitfalls.

The talk was aimed specifically at Sixth Form students who will experience a big change when they head off to university in September.

The RAP Project hopes to de-stigmatise these topics and encourage an open discussion between young people about them.

## International Women's Day

Old Stopfordian, Faza Qadiri (OS 2019) shared her passion for Feminism and gender equality with pupils as part of a 'Spotlight On' talk held in the library for International Women's Day.

As well as studying towards her Cardiac Physiology degree, she is also a blogger with 'Know Your Rights Blog', and an author – having released her first book this year.

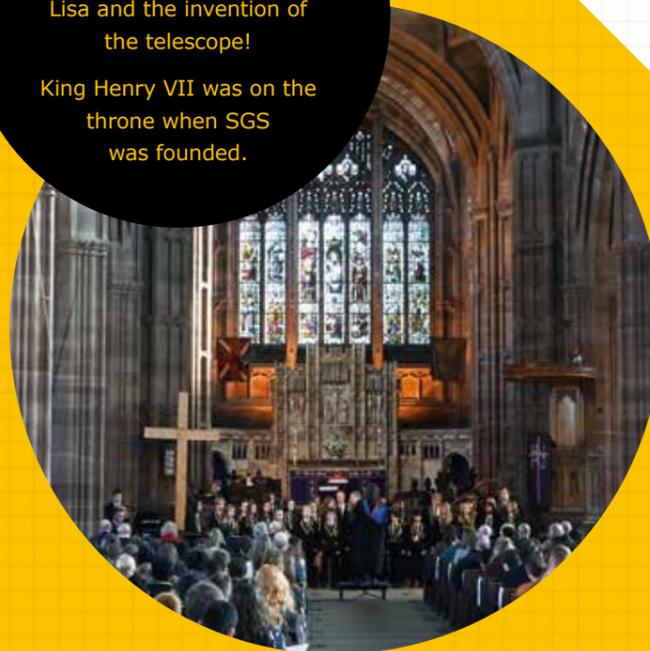
Her book, called 'The Flag of Afghanistan', explains the history of the Afghan flag to children and highlights why the flag is so important to Afghan people's identities.

She also spoke to students about how her passion for Feminism grew after seeing the differences in equality after arriving in the UK from Afghanistan.

## Did you know?

The school is older than Shakespeare's plays, the Mona Lisa and the invention of the telescope!

King Henry VII was on the throne when SGS was founded.



## SGS turns 535

Staff and pupils gathered at St George's Church on March 18 to mark the 535th anniversary of Stockport Grammar School.

The school was founded in 1487 by Sir Edmond Shaa who was the Lord Mayor of London and Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company.

The Founder's Day service featured choral performances by Junior Chamber Choir, Chorus and Chamber Choir, as well as a sermon by the Bishop of Stockport Rt Rev Sam Corley.



## Professional dance workshop

Professional dancer Helen Le Roux visited the school and taught a series of workshops to our dance students.

Helen has performed across the globe with dance companies such as Hawk Dance Theatre, Company Chameleon and Motionhouse.

She led the students in an exciting contemporary workshop, helping them to build their technique and partnering skills.



## DNA hits the stage at SGS

Fourth Year GCSE Drama pupils staged an imaginative version of DNA by Dennis Kelly.

The play centres around a group of friends whose bullying of a classmate has tragic consequences.

Believing they have killed him, they attempt to cover up their crime but inadvertently frame an innocent man.

The play tackles the themes of friendship, morality and responsibility in odd circumstances.

Ezra Cooke who played Richard said:

"It was a great play to put on and not like any others we have done before.

"We were moving around and it had a much smaller cast than other plays – the cast got on really well together."



# ARTS

## Musicians wow at Spring Concert

### Pupils rock out at theatre

Second Year pupils visited the Manchester Palace Theatre to cheer on their fellow classmate in the production of 'School of Rock'.

Thomas Harvey made his stage debut in the first ever UK and Ireland tour of 'School of Rock' – which is based on the 2004 movie of the same name.

He plays drummer Freddy and has performed in venues across the country including Manchester, Edinburgh and Nottingham.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the performance – and seeing their friend on the stage.



St George's Church was full of anticipation as 127 performers from First Year through to Upper Sixth completed their final preparations and the audience took their seats ready to hear the results of weeks of rehearsal.

String Orchestra opened the concert with 'Libertango' and 'Chaconne in G Minor', conducted by Mrs Matthews. The exceptional quality of their performance and the audience's enjoyment of the pieces was the perfect start, setting the standard for the rest of the evening.

Next, it was the turn of Chamber Choir to delight the audience with six pieces conducted by Mr Dow and tutored by Mr Newlove, which included – 'Fair Phyllis I Saw Sitting All Alone', 'It Don't Mean A Thing' and 'In The Mood'. The last two pieces had been specially arranged by Old Stopfordian Sam Gilliat.

It is the tradition for the Spring Concert to feature a solo performance by a member of the Upper Sixth who has demonstrated outstanding musicianship. This year's soloist, Daniel Vincent, chose to play 'Euphonium Concerto' with Wind Orchestra conducted by Mr Newlove. Wind Orchestra also played 'Crown Imperial' (Walton arr. Bocook).

The performers and audience took a short break before First Orchestra took their place on the stage to open the second half. Mr Dow conducted the orchestra in 'Highlights from Jurassic Park' as some of the most accomplished musicians in the school demonstrated their talents.

Then, it was the turn of the youngest Senior School pupils to uplift the audience as Junior Chamber Choir bounded onto the stage to perform 'Lift Up Your Voice, Alleluia' and 'Wayfarin' Stranger'.

The largest choir in the school, the 73-strong Chorus, brought the concert to a close with sustained applause for their powerful performance of 'Jazz Missa Brevis'.



### Hollywood comes to SGS

Audiences were transported to Hollywood for two performances of a high-energy, movie-themed dance show.

Sixty dancers took to the stage and performed amazing dances from musicals such as 'Matilda', 'Beauty and the Beast' and 'High School Musical'.

The show opened with a fast-paced dance from our wonderful SGS Dance Company who leapt around the stage to the 'Jellicle Ball' from the musical 'Cats'.

Second Year boys wowed with an urban dance which was inspired by 'Mission Impossible' and performers from Second Year Dance Club brought the energy with an awesome performance of 'Revolting Children' from Tim Minchin's adaptation of 'Matilda'. At the end of the performance, the audience enjoyed the dance from Disney's 'Aladdin', which ended in an eruption of applause.



Dance teacher, Mrs A Downing said: "The pupils have worked so hard, demonstrating a real 'can do' attitude, as well as bags of energy and enthusiasm. It was a real joy for me to step back and watch their love of dance and performance shine bright."

### Classics play gets modern re-telling

For the 15th annual Classics Play, it was the turn of a Greek Comedy when Classics students performed Aristophanes' play, 'Frogs' in the Hallam Hall.

First performed in 405BC, the play follows the God of Wine, Dionysus, who travels into the underworld with his slave in order to bring the playwright Euripides back from the dead.

Head of Classics, Mr Thorley used pop music to help bring the play into the 21st century.

He said: "I think performing takes real courage and I am immensely proud of how they have all risen to the challenge."



### Artists inspired by Liverpool

Sixth Form and Fifth Year students had the opportunity to gather research material with a trip to the Walker Art Gallery and Tate Liverpool.

They were able to sketch the artwork and take recordings which will help them develop ideas for work that will form part of their A Level or GCSE coursework portfolio.



# CO-CURRICULAR

## Holocaust Memorial Day

Students reflected on the atrocities that occurred during the Holocaust and subsequent genocides as part of their work on Holocaust Memorial Day.

The SGS History department produced a podcast featuring segments from staff and students about the Holocaust.

Sixth Formers Enas Mahmoud Jamia and Hadiya Adam also led an assembly about the ongoing genocide in Sudan.

Their parents came from Darfur, which has seen an ongoing genocide against ethnic Darfuri people since 2003.



## First Years show their knowledge in French spelling bee

First Year pupils proved their amazing language skills by taking part in a spelling bee – conducted entirely en français.

The national spelling bee competition was organised by Routes into Languages which is an initiative managed by the University of Southampton that works with schools to encourage children to engage with Modern Foreign Languages.

The First Year pupils wowed the audience with their knowledge of 150 French words which they had to spell using the French alphabet.

Contestants had just one minute to spell as many words as they could.

First place went to Robert Lord who managed to spell an incredible 16 words in the time allotted, and second place went to Evelyn Turner who got 13 words correct.

The two pupils then took part in the regional finals and are eagerly awaiting the results.

Miss S Gibson, Head of Modern Foreign Languages, said:

**“This was an incredible final with such a high quality of spelling.**

**“I have been so impressed by the pupils’ enthusiasm for French and for this competition. The hard work over the last few months paid off as everyone did themselves proud.**

**“Special congratulations to Robert and Evelyn for taking French spelling to another level.”**

## Pupils rise to occasion at Model UN Debate

Members of SGS’s Model United Nations delegation researched international issues and honed their debating and negotiation skills to take home nine awards.

The pupils, who ranged from First to Fifth Years, represented both the UK and Pakistan at the Model United Nations Conference.

Amaya North was named Outstanding Delegate from the Envirosoci Committee, Cara Bell was awarded with Highly Commended in the Ecofin Committee, and Kai Spooner was named Best Young Delegate also in the Ecofin Committee.

Awards also went to Josh Burgess who was awarded a Special Mention for his work on the Health Committee, Sam Sutton who was named Best Young delegate in DSIEC, as was Eddie Griffiths who was given the same award for his role on the Security Council.

A Highly Commended was given to Priya Burrow who sat on the Human Rights Committee, and Commended was awarded to both Niall O’Reilly and Jonathan Hyde who sat on the Health Committee and SPECCOM respectively.

## Eco Schools

A group of environmentally-conscious students hope to make the school greener through environmental initiatives.

Flower gardens have been created around the school, which feature habitats for a range of animals including birds, hedgehogs and bats.

The group has now turned its attention to making pupils’ commutes more eco-friendly.

One of the ways they hope to do this is to encourage pupils to take the bus, and to avoid being dropped off in the car.

Dr K Owen said: **“We want our students to develop a strong connection to the environment.**

**“Helping to make the school a greener place to be is just one of the ways we can be more eco-conscious.”**

SGS’s new Environmental Policy is also now available to read on the school website.



## Rocket Workshop

Three students from The University of Manchester delivered a fun and engaging rocket workshop to enthused First Year girls.

After watching the inspiring videos, the girls were tasked with building a mini-rocket – using coloured paper, tape, scissors and straws – that had fins, could stand up vertically on its own and had an empty fuselage for testing. At the end of the challenge, each team tested their rocket to see which one travelled the farthest.



## Charlotte shines in competition

Upper Sixth student, Charlotte Bradley-Potts was the winner of a new architecture essay competition.

The competition was created by school governor, and Old Stopfordian, Mr Jonathan Lee to submit an essay about the architecture of the school’s main hall.

After much deliberation and feedback from Mr Lee and Head of Art, Mr Davies, Charlotte was crowned as the winner of the competition and Olivia Firth was named as runner-up.



## S.T.A.G.S author shares writing influences

Senior School students were delighted to welcome a popular author to the school and to learn about her journey to becoming published.

The author of the popular S.T.A.G.S series, M.A Bennett, visited the school and spoke about how books like ‘Lord of the Rings’ and ‘Harry Potter’ had influenced her to put pen to paper and become an author.

The visit comes as M.A.Bennett is promoting her two new books; ‘Tigers’, as well as a children’s book called ‘The Ship of Doom’.

# SPORTS



## Three join association

Well done to Third Year pupils Oisin Atkinson, Oliver Feehan and Jack Williams who have been called up to represent Stockport Schools' Football Association.

Midfielders Oisin and Oliver, and striker Jack have played in a number of games, including against Salford and Wirral SFAs and have received their ties to mark the selection.

## Rugby players join Sale Sharks

Congratulations to our Third Year rugby players who have been given the opportunity to join the Sale Sharks U14 Developing Player Programme (DPP).

Roman Deans, Jordan Ikeh, Nima Mousavi-Khoshrou, Vuso Munaiwa and Toby Wells have been asked to join the programme, which is a joint initiative between Sale Sharks, England Rugby, Cheshire RUFC and Lancashire Rugby.

It provides an early experience of talent nomination, identification and a development programme that helps players unlock their potential.



## National semi-finalists

The 1st XV rugby team showed excellent determination and teamwork as they made it all the way to the semi-final of the U18 National Schools Plate Competition.

The SGS boys saw off a number of tough teams through the first, second and third rounds with wins against King's School, Macclesfield; Merchant Taylor's School; and Stonyhurst College.

Norwich School made the long journey north for the quarter-final but SGS was again triumphant with a 51-19 victory before an away match to Stowe School ended the successful run.

1st XV Captain Ewan Curran said:

**"The cup run was characterised not only by individual brilliance but also by a whole squad effort across three year groups. The boys went from strength to strength and played for the values that the badge represents."**

To keep up to date with the latest fixtures and results visit:  
[www.sport.stockportgrammar.co.uk](http://www.sport.stockportgrammar.co.uk)



## 7 and up for Netball team

Well done to the U16 netball team who secured seven wins and one draw to be crowned County champions!

The girls headed to Wright Robinson College with a small squad but they showed excellent determination and gave their all to see off a raft of tough opposition.

Head of Netball Development Miss P Kindred said:

**"We are so proud of the whole squad and all those that have represented Stockport Grammar School U16s to date. They have been such a talented and hard working group."**

## Encouragement from the Experts

Pupils were encouraged to 'be the best they can be' thanks to a series of workshops – run by sports professionals.

The sessions were delivered by registered nutritionist, Dan Richardson and footballer, Mark Roberts who spoke to the students about nutrition, health and fitness, and having the right mindset.



## Exploring the tracks

Second and Third Year girls took to the tracks during the first girls only mountain biking trip to encourage more girls to get into the sport.

Undeterred by the rainy weather, and plenty of mud, the girls headed to One Planet Adventure, Llandegla to try their hand at the complex courses there.

At the end of a long day spent tearing up the tracks, they enjoyed a well-deserved hot chocolate around the fire.



# JUNIOR SCHOOL



## Headmaster's message

Welcome to the Junior School pages of Taking Stock. The Spring Term has, as always, been extremely busy with a large number of sporting fixtures and activities including Safer Internet Day, STEAM Day, World Book Day, Red Nose Day and Founder's Day.

It was fantastic to end the term with two Music Concerts. The children and staff worked extremely hard throughout the term to prepare and the concerts were an absolute delight. Just before the Easter break, a large number of Year Six children had the opportunity to go on a Sports Tour to Scotland. Mr Cooke reported that the children worked fantastically as a team and showed great determination and resilience whilst playing a number of different schools at various events. Well done!

Looking ahead, Years Three, Four and Six have their residential visits to look forward to over the Summer Term. In addition, we have a large number of events which for the last few years have had to be undertaken with various adaptations due to Covid. I know that the whole Junior School community is looking forward to Sports Day, the Year Six Musical and Prize-Giving hopefully returning to their 'normal' format.

**Mr Matthew Copping**  
Headmaster

## 999 Cenotaph Unite the Uniforms Campaign

The Junior School burst into colour as pupils wore colourful non-uniform to help raise money for a campaign to honour the emergency services.

The Unite the Uniforms campaign was launched by the charity 999 Cenotaph, who are fundraising to build a cenotaph to honour those who have worked and volunteered for the NHS and emergency services.

The campaign was officially launched by Founder Mr Tom Scholes-Fogg, and the children also received interesting talks from members of the emergency services about their jobs.

Professor Robina Shah MBE, the charity's Director of Health and Trustee, said that she chose Stockport Grammar as the launch venue for the campaign as her son attended the school and, during his time at SGS, she was impressed with the values of the school.



## World Book Day

Children in the Junior School really enjoyed receiving their free book on World Book Day.

There were lots of titles to choose from, and each student got to pick one book that they would like to read.

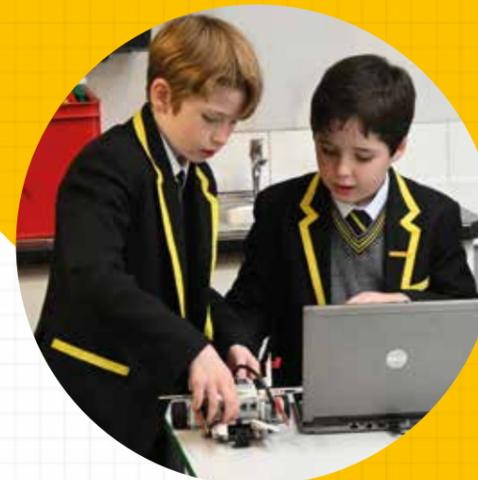
## Students travel back in time to Ancient Egypt

Year Four pupils really enjoyed an interesting talk about Ancient Egypt.

The class was learning about the topic in History, and were interested to find out more about life more than 5,000 years ago.

Bio-archaeologist Dr Iwona Koziardzka-Ogunmakin visited the school to give a talk about hieroglyphics, the pyramids, and her work in Egypt.

The pupils said they learnt a lot from her talk – and especially liked learning about the process of mummification.



## Developing STEM skills with LEGO

Year Two and Year Six pupils were introduced to the worlds of engineering and coding with a series of interesting activities.

The sessions were led by STEMworks, an organisation that encourages children to get involved with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

Year Two pupils learned about coding, and spent time programming a robotic chicken to move – and even cluck!

Year Six pupils were tasked with making robotic cars move, knock off a LEGO block, and also score goals.

The children had a blast and learned a lot about careers in STEM too.



## Timeline spans the decades (and walls)

Ever wondered how long ago the Iron Age was?

Pupils in the Junior School can find out the answer thanks to a 12-foot-long timeline of history – ranging from Ancient Egypt right up to the present day.

The timeline was generously funded by the Stopfordian Parents' Association and the colourful piece will help students new and old with their studies.

Headmaster,  
Mr Copping said:

**"The children have already engaged in using the timeline as part of their History lessons. It has really helped them to have a clearer understanding of chronology.**

**"I am delighted that the SPA was able to fund this project."**

## Year One weave Cinderella's dress

Year One pupils helped Cinderella to go to the ball and developed their creative and construction skills by making dress materials in class.

They had learnt about Cinderella in their English lesson and about materials in science.

The children then combined the two to make some dress material for the Princess using a weaving frame.

Not wanting to do things by halves, the pupils also created Cinderella her very own palace out of recycled boxes – the castles even included features such as towers and moving drawbridges!



## Appliance of Science

Our amazing Year Five STEM Club had great fun designing an unsinkable boat.

The children first discussed the different types of boats before thinking about each one's purpose, design, and the load they have to carry.

They then used card and foil to design a boat that would float.

The boats were tested to see how much load they could carry before sinking.

Everyone was really engaged with the experiment, and enjoyed making their boats.



## Chinese New Year

The children brought in the Year of the Tiger with amazing arts and crafts.

They made paper dragons, learnt how to use chopsticks and dressed up in traditional Chinese clothing.

Everyone really enjoyed celebrating the occasion and learning more about the festival.



## Marvellous mathematicians enjoy masterclass

Budding mathematicians had the chance to put their maths skills to the test as part of a Maths Masterclass.

Year Five pupils Connor W, Eva M and Emily K had the opportunity to take part in the masterclass – which was held at Manchester University – as part of the North West Gifted and Talented programme.

The children enjoyed taking part in lots of challenges, which included finding perfect numbers, and were introduced to the idea of semi-primes.

Their times tables were put to the test when they had to use a logical method to figure out which prisoners in the challenge could escape from their cells. Eva and Emily said they really enjoyed learning about binary code and converting between decimal and binary. Connor enjoyed finding all of the factors of 7,138. In fact, he enjoyed it so much that he copied it all down so he could show his mum that evening. The children enjoyed the day, and said it really stretched their brains.

## Ice, Ice baby

Jack Frost paid a visit to our Nursery children when they learnt about the properties of ice.

The children were excited to find Olaf and his friends frozen in blocks of ice.

Working together they quickly realised they had to use heat to help melt the ice.

Sebastian T said: **"I'm blowing on it to make it hot so the ice melts and he can get out."**



## Chicks hatching

Reception pupils were 'eggcited' to learn about incubation thanks to an initiative that helps interest children in STEM subjects.

The company, Eggucation, dropped off seven eggs and an incubator to our Reception class to help teach the class about chicks and eggs.

Eggucation's CEO, Deb Howe, gave the boys and girls a virtual tour of the hen coops and showed them all of the different types of hens and cockerels.

They also saw where the hens sleep, where they lay their eggs and what food they eat. After the tour the children were able to ask her questions.

The pupils were delighted when the chicks made their appearance!



## Pupils learn importance of Internet Safety

Children across the Junior School learnt the importance of using the computer safely as part of Internet Safety Day.

Nursery children listened to a story called 'The Adventures of Smartie the Penguin' which followed Smartie as he learnt how to use his very first tablet.

Smartie sang a song to the children to help them to remember what to do if a pop-up appears on screen.

Nancy L said: **"Always tell your mummy and daddy so they know what you are doing."**

Year Two students created their own safer internet wheels which gave advice in order to create a better internet space and Year Four children created a recipe on how to stay safe online.

Children included things such as 'two cups of respect' and 'a bagful of safety.'



## Red Nose Day

To celebrate Red Nose Day, children in the Junior School held a joke competition to find the best gag of them all.

A round was held in each class and 18 finalists gathered to find the best three jokes.

From the infants, the winner was Sophia R who won with the joke:

**Why did the banana go to the doctors?**

**Because he wasn't peeling very well!**

The Year Three/Year Four winner was Emmie L.

The judges enjoyed her joke which was:

**Why are elephants always ready to go swimming?**

**Because they always have their trunks on!**

Finally, the winner for Year Five/Year Six was Toby L.

Everyone really enjoyed Toby's joke, which also brought a smile to Mr Copping's face.

His joke was:

**What's the best gift to get for Christmas?**

**A broken drum. You just can't beat it!**

The pupils also swapped out an item of their school uniform for something red.

The money raised was split between Comic Relief and The Disaster Emergency Committee to help Ukrainian refugees.



## STEAM day

Children in the Junior School were transported to Mars as part of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) Day activities.

Our Year Four pupils were tasked with creating life on Mars.

They had to design a creature using modelling clay that they think could survive in the harsh conditions on the Red Planet.

Everyone came up with some amazing designs that were 'out of this world'.



## Fabulous Footballers

Well done to the Junior School footballers who did SGS proud at recent football tournaments.

Two U9 teams took to the field for the AJIS Football Festival – a collection of friendly games between schools across the North West that allows pupils to develop match experience.

Both teams performed well on the day and the experience will help them as they move into the tournaments they will face in Year Five.

In the U11 Girls competition at Terra Nova School, the players performed superbly to win a very close group. They met the hosts in the semi-final and were edged out on penalties. This was the first penalty shootout experience for many of the girls involved and it will stand them in good stead for future tournaments.



## Developing Netball Skills

A group of Year Five girls travelled to King's School Macclesfield to take part in the AJIS U10 Netball Tournament.

After being placed in a tough group, the girls played well and won their last two games.

They had a brilliant day and it was a great opportunity for them to develop their skills and experience lots of match play.