



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Sensory garden clean up and school environment help

On Saturday 26th February during the morning, we have been lucky enough to have the support of 'Wild Wantage project workers' to have an early spring clean of the sensory garden and other surrounding areas. We would love to have help from our parents and families. There are particular areas of the school that would benefit from an environmental makeover! Please let me know if you can lend a hand during this morning.

Thank you!

Stockham School are advertising for two new lunchtime supervisors to start as soon as possible. Please click on the link below to find out more about the role, how to apply and to access the job description <https://stockham.eschools.co.uk/web/jobs/373434>

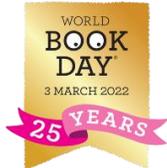
Dates for your diary

11th February – Final day to hand in Stockham's Got Talent entry slips

18th February – 3pm – school finishes for February half term

28th February – Children return to school for term 4 (8.40=8.50am)

3rd March – World book day



The theme for this World Book Day follows the message "You Are a Reader," and there will be a focus on reaching children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The World Book Day organisation will be working with schools and nurseries to distribute gift vouchers to ensure that all children can have a book of their own.

7th March – Whole school visit from Ben Smith (401 marathons in 401 days athlete). Ben was bullied at school. He raised over £330,000 for anti-bullying children charities. Ben will be talking to the children about finding their happy place and good mental health. Children may come to school wearing clothes that make them happy or represent who they are as an individual (suitable for both the weather and for practical wearing in school)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3Q5hsSU9L8>

8th March – Auditions for Stockham's Got talent

Week beginning 14th March – Parents evenings

18th March – Red Nose Day – We are taking part in BBC Oxfordshire Radio Guinness book of records challenge to beat the existing record of how many children playing musical bumps at one time - more information to come from the school council

1st April – Final of Stockham's Got Talent 2022

8th April – End of term 4 at 12pm.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have continued exploring all things China and were fascinated by Mrs Lisi's talk about her visits to China. We have also been excited by the Winter Olympics currently being held in Beijing. We have thought about why there are different sports in the summer and winter Olympics, and what we might need to wear in the cold weather. We watched some of the opening ceremony and talked about teamwork, practice and persistence. The children spotted the Olympic Rings in the ceremony and we talked about these as a symbol of cooperation and how they represent the continents that take part. We have made our own Olympic rings as a class as a collaborative art project. We have watched some of the sporting events and used describing words to say what we could see and how it would feel to take part in that sport. We're writing a class poem with all of these fantastic describing words inspired by the Olympics.
- Year 1** In Year 1 this week, we have been enjoying learning a little more about China. The children loved listening to their visitor on Monday and seeing the different pictures she had taken during her time travelling around the country. In geography we have been looking at different types of maps, the children have enjoyed exploring the atlases, globes and satellite pictures. We have had a lovely week in continuous provision as well, the children have been really inspired by our geography and have spent lots of time building models of the Great Wall or of different cities in China. Some children have been busy writing their own non-fiction texts on China! In maths we have been practicing our adding but counting on using different resources to help us.
- Year 2** In Year 2 we have really enjoyed finding out about the Winter Olympics! We have learnt a little about its history, the sports that are played during the event and we have even watched videos of some competitions taking place. In maths we have begun looking at fractions and have loved cutting shapes into equal parts.
- Year 3** In maths this week, Year 3 have been looking at multiplying by 3. We have been thinking about the relationship between multiplication and division. In English we have been putting all of our ideas together from the term and writing our own diary entries about The Secrets of the Sun King. We are also having an Ancient Egyptian art day at the end of the week where we will be baking bread, making cartouches and creating clay pots.
- Year 4** Year 4 have been really busy this week and super excited to get our letters written to our favourite authors, sportspeople and other people who inspire us. From Rob Biddolph and J.K Rowling to Stephen Mulhern and Katie Ormerod (and even Her Majesty, The Queen!!!) our letters will be making their way to their recipients this week. We all have our fingers crossed that some of us will get a reply! In maths we have begun really focusing on learning our times tables and have started this week with the 3 and 6 times tables. In history we have investigated how the people of the Shang Dynasty interpreted oracle bones in order to answer important questions.
- Year 5** This week we have been writing our stories based on the Nowhere Emporium in English. In maths we have been looking at long multiplication. We have also been producing sketch maps of our local area.
- Year 6** In Year 6 we have been exploring different map types and how they may be useful in certain situations. We have been exploring the history of the Winter Olympics and looking at chronology. In English we have been writing our stories.

Soaring High

This week the following children have earned "Soaring High":

- Year F** Olivia for sharing her knowledge of the Olympic Rings with the class so confidently and for helping to explain and demonstrate how to take part in the collaborative art project when new children came to join the activity.
Lilah for her incredible landings in PE this week. Coach James was very impressed with your ability and your listening skills.
- Year 1** Henry for showing all your learning powers this week. You listened beautifully during our talk on China and asked lots of interesting questions to find out more! You have showed real independence and perseverance in class while creating your non-fiction book about China, and have written some great facts. You should feel really proud of yourself, well done!
Dolcie for your trying really hard this week during your learning time. You have showed great listening during our lessons and used your independence skills to create your own non-fiction book about China. Well done Dolcie.
- Year 2** Isla and Jacob for showing improved listening and independence in all our lessons of late. I have been so impressed with the way you have been using these two learning powers to help you work hard and produce such wonderful work. Well done both of you!
- Year 3** Jasper for using fantastic independence and confidence whilst writing his diary, your ideas were fabulous and you really put the maximum effort into your writing and used all the knowledge you have gained across our learning this term. Great work Jasper!
Marcus for using amazing perseverance in maths, I can see how hard you have been working with division. You have had a positive attitude throughout your learning and this has enabled you to get a great understanding of this area of maths. Excellent work Marcus!
- Year 4** Leon for making a concerted effort with sharing your answers in lessons. You have become much more confident to share your ideas and have a go, even when you are not 100% sure. I am so pleased to see this, keep it up Leon, it will really help you with your work.
Polly for working so hard on your letter to David Walliams. You thought carefully about what you wanted to tell and ask him and also tried so hard with your presentation. Let's hope you get a reply!
- Year 5** Violet for using all her learning powers to create an amazing painting based on David Hockney.
Euan for an incredible extended piece of writing.
- Year 6** Matthew for persevering in lessons - particularly in maths - using his determination to tackle more complicated 2 step problems using lengthy formal methods.
James for his confidence in guided reading sessions. Adults have commented on your inference skills and ability to take on another character role with brilliant expression.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 2 for having the tidiest room. Well done!

Second-hand uniform

Good quality, second-hand uniform is available from Friends of Stockham with all money raised coming directly to school. For information on availability of items, please see this facebook group or email friendsofstockham@gmail.com.

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Stockham-School-Second-hand-uniform-sale-103641978169121>

School Uniform

If you need new uniform please order online or by telephone. The website is pmgschoolwear.co.uk and the order line is 0800 4046644.

Book bags and PE bags are also available to be purchased from [pmgschoolwear](http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk).