



Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School Newsletter

"Love your neighbour as yourself." (Matthew 12:31)

Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.



'The Lord our God, the Lord is one.'
Deuteronomy 6:4

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Our Christian Value for the Spring Term 2 is –
Forgiveness



Dear Parents and Carers

A highlight for us over the past couple of weeks was our Science Day. The children mixed into their house teams and completed a range of activities delivered by the class teachers. Mr Birkett, Science Governor, joined us for the morning and was delighted to see the children engaged in scientific learning. Our thanks to Mrs Hankins for leading the sessions and for supporting the teachers.

We hope you enjoy the photographs below of the children enjoying their learning.

National Science Day





Comic Relief Mufti Day

Our thanks for your continued support with today’s Red Nose Day event. We raised a fantastic amount for the charity, and this will be sent to the charity to help them with their good causes.



Easter Bonnet Parade, Thursday 3rd April (am)

We invite you to create a wonderful Easter Bonnet for our parade on Thursday, 3rd April. Weather permitting, the children will leave school at 9:15am and they will walk around the village to showcase their bonnets. Parents are welcome to watch us as we walk around the village. In the event of poor weather, the children will share their bonnets with each other in a special assembly.



PTFA - Lucky Stars Draw, March

Congratulations to Brad Wilson who wins a £29.50 cash prize with Lucky Star 9. Also, to Holly Hartley who wins a Easter Big Bounce voucher with star number 14.



Diary Dates (Spring Terms)

Friday, 21 st March	Year 1/2 trip to Burghley House
Friday, 21 st March at 2:45pm	Year 3/4 class assembly for parents
Thursday, 27 th March at 2:45pm	Reception class assembly for parents
Thursday, 3 rd April at 9:15am	Easter Bonnet Parade (weather permitting)
Thursday, 3 rd April at 2:30pm	Easter assembly for parents
Thursday, 3 rd April	Children break up for Easter
Friday, 4 th April	Training Day – School closed
Tuesday, 22 nd April	Children back to school



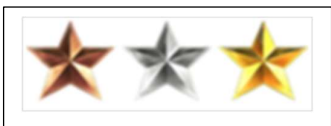
Head Teacher’s Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children from this week:
Reception – Grayson for trying so hard to write independently.
Year 1 – Max for persevering with his learning, taking risks and being independent.
Year 2 – Noah for trying hard to meet his writing targets.
Year 3 – Freya for her amazing attitude in all lessons and producing high quality work.
Year 4 – Wren for being a great example to others and always trying her best.
Year 5 – Noah for always wanting to challenge himself to be the best he can be.
Year 6 – Lottie for pushing herself in all subjects and working hard in all lessons.



Head Teacher’s Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children from last week:
Reception – Clark for being more confident to work independently.
Year 1 – Arabella for working hard in our reading lessons.
Year 2 – Isaac for being a responsible learner and responding to feedback in lessons.
Year 3 – Alfie for his amazing explanations to show understanding of his learning.
Year 4 – Kate for her excellent progress with her knowledge of times tables.
Year 5 – Isla for always having the best manners and being a helpful member of the class.
Year 6 – David for being an excellent role model and trying hard to keep improving in lessons.

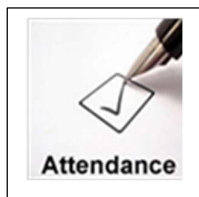


Merit Badge Awards

The following children have been working exceptionally hard and have achieved their merit awards.

Bronze Award (50 Merits): Kate, Archie, Freddie, Florence, Daniel, Zarah, Stirling, Arlie

Silver Award (100 Merits): David, Orla, Emilia, Bella, Kieran, Dhrishay, Gianna, Clark, Eddie, Sabrina, Tom, Freya, Eva, Emmy, Lottie M



Class	Attendance	Late Marks	Position
Reception	99.6%	1	1 st
Year 1/2	98.3%	1	2 nd
Year 3/4	97.9%	0	3 rd
Year 5/6	93.7%	1	4 th

Our attendance for the academic year is currently 96%, which is below our 97% target!

We continue to see a rise in the number of children arriving late. Children must be at school for **8:50am** when the bell rings. We do monitor this, and letters will be sent to families who are persistently late.

Please remember that holiday requests **cannot** be authorised and parents risk receiving a fixed penalty fine from the Local Authority. The school has a statutory duty to inform the Local Authority of any holiday requests for 5 or more days. It is important that the children attend school every day to avoid falling behind their peers.

Awards and Certificates outside of school



- Daisy D** Swim England, Learn to Swim – 15m award.
- Archie** Swim England, Learn to Swim – 15m award.
- Amelia** Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 1
- Kelbie** Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 4
- Kelbie** Oundle Rugby Club – Player of the Week
- Elsie** Football Award – Star Player trophy
- Sabrina** Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 1
- Shay** Kettering Gymnastics Club – Award 2

Lyla-Flo who is the youngest member of Corby Steel Diving Club has recently started competing in national diving competitions. In these competitions she competes with up to 40 children in her age group from diving clubs around the UK, from cities like London, Birmingham, Edinburgh, Leeds and Sheffield. She has competed now twice at Sheffield City

Aquatics centre, where she performs 6 dives, in her first ever competition she won the silver medal, but most recently in just her second ever national competition she won gold, scoring over 20 points more than the diver who came second.



Class News

Safeguarding and Online Safety

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our children, please contact the school and ask for Mr Jones, Mrs Findlay, or Mr Forsyth (Designated Safeguarding Leads).

Please read our latest Online Safety Newsletter on the school website

www.stanionprimary.co.uk

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Reception Class - (Kestrel)

For the past two weeks we have continued with our topic on Dinosaurs. Last week we used the stories 'The Dirty Great Dinosaur' by Martin Waddell, and 'Dinosaur Roar' as the basis for our literacy work. This week we have been using dinosaur poems as our input, and we have written acrostic poems about dinosaurs. We have been very busy building junk model dinosaurs, which we can't wait to show off in our assembly next Thursday.

In maths we have been practicing our adding (by counting on) and subtracting (by counting back), and this week we have started to use number lines to solve addition problems. We also continue to practice our counting, ordering and recognition of numbers up to and beyond 20, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

In phonics we continue to review all the Phase 2 and 3 sounds we have learnt so far.

For our science last week, we tested the large dinosaurs to see which would float and which would sink. We predicted what might happen first and why. There were some surprising results. We also had a science morning working in our school teams, which we all enjoyed.

In R.E. we are now following the Understanding Christianity topic on Salvation, thinking about the signs and symbols associated with Easter.

We are looking forward to doing our class assembly on **THURSDAY 27th MARCH** at 2.45, we hope you can all join us.

Year 1/2 - (Falcon)

In year 1 and 2 this week, we have enjoyed:

- Beginning our Maths unit on time. We have looked at the language used to describe time as well as the days of the week and the months of the year. We have then compared the duration of hours, minutes and seconds. We enjoyed having the clocks out and making o'clock and half past times.
- Reading The Bear under the Stairs in Literacy and imagining how the main character, William might be feeling. We wrote a letter as William asking for advice about the bear and we wrote the reply. We have explored the rhyming words in the story and investigated the spelling rules used for these words.

- Learning more about how Christians celebrate Easter in RE, making our own palm crosses and decorating crosses with images from the Easter story.
- Creating our own comic strips in computing by adding backgrounds, characters and dialogue.
- Learning some new folksongs in Music and learning how to sing in a round.
- Learning how to say some colours in Spanish and joining in with a Spanish song.

Year 3/4 - (Red Kite)

This week in Red Kite Class, we have been learning how to measure mass in grams and kilograms. We learnt about equivalent masses and went on to compare masses. We then moved on to learn about capacity and volume. The children could explain that the capacity was how much liquid a container could hold whilst the volume was the amount of liquid within a container. We finished our unit by learning to add and subtract capacity and volume, using our knowledge of equivalent measurements.

In Literacy, we have taken things back to basics to work on the coherence of our writing. We have focused on simple sentences and how to improve them. We have then started to use these skills to put together a piece of writing to convince somebody to visit a hotel. We focused on the features of the text and how we could entice the reader to come to our hotel.

In PE, we are thinking about teamwork and communication during our outdoor and adventurous activities unit. We have completed a series of challenges to test our ability to work together. We then developed our coordination during our fitness unit. In history this week, we have been thinking about how power and religion changed during the times of the Anglo-Saxons. In R.E, we visited St Peter's Church and Revd Heather talked to us about Holy Week in church. The children asked some wonderful questions, and we thank Heather for her support.

We have been working really hard this week and look forward to showing you our class assembly.

Year 5/6 - (Golden Eagle)

In Golden Eagle class the children have continued to work really hard. In Literacy, we have been writing persuasive adverts for holiday brochures. We have taken our writing back to basics and ensured that the children have thought carefully about how they form and punctuate their sentences correctly.

In Maths, we have continued with our geometry work and the children have all shown excellent understanding in our lessons on area, perimeter and finding missing angles. We keep reminding the children that Maths is just puzzles which we need to solve and trying to be detectives. In our science lessons we have continued to think about reproduction and have found out about reproduction in animals; concentrating on fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

In History, we were lucky enough to welcome in the local magistrates and took part in a fantastic session learning about the law and court system in our country. The children then enjoyed taking part in a mock trial and finding out if the accused was guilty or not guilty. In

our RE lessons, we have continued to think about pilgrimage. The class have found out about Christian pilgrimage sites and why people may visit them as well as enjoying producing news reports about the Muslim pilgrimage (Hajj).

In our PE lessons, we have continued to enjoy taking part in Netball and Fitness although I know the children have all ached after Mrs Marshall's sessions! We are fully into our Sats revision at the moment, and it is really starting to pay off. The children are all working so hard and we are incredibly proud of the effort that they are putting in.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jones and the Stanion team