



February 2024 Newsletter

Stonebroom Primary School Newsletter

'Together Aspire, Together Achieve'

Half term is here already! Can you believe we are halfway through the academic year? So far February has been a busy month— read on for more details.....

MOTHER'S DAY

Our Mother's Day meal will be held on 8th March 2024. One female relative per family (over the age of 18) is invited into school to enjoy a school meal with their child/ren. If you have not already booked your place, contact the office immediately. This year you will be enjoying a 'Big Breakfast' which includes sausage (inc' veggie sausage), bacon, tomatoes, beans & chips. A choice of desserts will be available.

You should have already received a message with the details. **If not, check your ParentPay account, or contact the school office.**



SPORTING EVENTS

Y5 Mini Leader Training: In January our Y5 children completed their Mini Sports Leader Award—it aims to develop children's leadership skills to organise and deliver small sided games and activities within curricular and extra curricular time.



RED NOSE DAY

Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day—we will be helping raise money for this worthwhile cause by asking you to wear something red for £1 per family.



Y2 ENTERPRISE DAY AT DAVID NIEPER ACADEMY

On Wednesday 14th February 2024 our Y2 pupils visited David Nieper for a 'Top Trumps' experience with other Y2 pupils from Alfreton schools.

The children had a super time, designing monster top trumps cards and then making the monsters out of salt dough. They then played a big game of top trumps against the other schools.

The children all returned back to school with a P.E. bag, pen and sweets. Many thanks to David Nieper for organising the event. Follow the link for more details: <https://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/children/class-pages/meerkats-1/gallery-19>



MR PEPPER DAYS

In January our Y6 pupils enjoyed a Mayan Day with Mr Pepper. He showed them some videos and the children learned all about Mayan structures—they then discussed what life would be like if they were teleported back to Mayan times.

The children have produced a video, which can be viewed by following this link:

<https://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/children/class-pages/sharks-1/gallery-12>



Y3 RIVER WALK

As part of the Y3 big question, 'What makes a river, a river?' we investigated the width, depth and speed of Morton Brook. We found that the measurements varied in different places according to the speed of the current and erosion. We would like to thank Miss Flynn from DNA for her geographical knowledge. We had a very wet time!!



Follow the link for more photographs: <https://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/children/class-pages/giraffes-1/gallery-16>

YEAR 4 WATER CYCLE INVESTIGATION

In February our Y4 children enjoyed a water cycle investigation day. The day consisted of experiencing lots of scientific investigations based around water.



Follow the link for more details: <https://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/children/class-pages/koalas-1/gallery-14>

GIFTED & TALENTED Y5 SCIENTISTS

On Thursday 8th February, some of our Y5 pupils joined other local school children to take part in a gifted and talented science day at David Nieper. They had a fantastic time and found it really interesting.

They learned about the history of flight—they also made bottle rockets, parachutes and 3 different types of helicopters.



INTERNET SAFETY DAY

We celebrated 'Safer Internet Day' on Tuesday 6th February with the rest of the world. The slogan was, '**Together for a Better Internet**,' encouraging everyone to join the movement, to participate, and to make the most of the internet's potential to bring people together.

The campaign aims to reach out to children and young people, parents and carers, teachers, educators and social workers, as well as industry, decision makers and politicians, to encourage everyone to play their part in creating a better internet.



We also held a 'Keep Safe On The Internet' competition. The winners received Amazon vouchers and their posters are displayed in the IT suite.

Follow the link for more photographs: <https://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/news-and-events/online-safety-poster-competition-2024>

PARENT SURVEY

Many thanks for completing our parent survey in February. Parents were extremely positive about the school, with 99% stating they would recommend the school to another parent and that their children feel safe and secure at school. You told us that there were lots of strengths in the school including; staff, communication, leadership, SEN provision, family support & early years.

Last year you told us that the children's toilets needed renovating and that there was too much expectations of homework—we listened -new toilets were installed over the summer holidays and we have reduced homework expectations.

This year the areas you would like us to improve include: more time in Forest School and more after school activities for Reception and Y1 children. We will be working on these suggestions and let you know the outcomes.

We are proud to work at Stonebroom Primary & Nursery School and thank you for being so supportive.



GOLDEN BOOK

Congratulations to...James R, Jennifer T, Harper-May R, Rhylee Y, Mia G, Albie E-J, Mimi R, Ricky L, Henry H, Sienna B, Georgia L, Alyssa S, Oliver P, Logan S-S, Lillie K, Sophia B, Travis P, Ava W, Leo M, Layla S, Athen E, Tommy H, Joseph F, Lydia H, Alice S, Milo C, Arthur W, Hayden R, Alana H, Eva R, Reed S, Lara B, Arlo R, Harvey F, Sophia S & Caleb S who have all been in the Golden Book since the last newsletter.



WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

Thursday 7th March 2024 is World Book Day— we are inviting pupils and staff to dress up as book characters for the day whilst we indulge in a day of reading books, sharing stories and discussing characters and plots.



ELEPHANT CLASS PARENT WORKSHOP

At the end of January family members of our Y1 pupils came in to complete more phonics work—this time they focussed on split digraphs. They played games, created smiles, did some fast reading using cars and made split digraph hats. Follow the link for more details and photographs: <https://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/children/class-pages/elephants/gallery-17>



Y2 JAPAN DAY

Wednesday 7th February was 'Japan Day' in Y2. Their Big Question for this half term was, 'What would it be like to live in Japan?'



On Japan Day, they dressed up, tasted Japanese food and took



part in sumo wrestling competitions! What a fantastic day.

Follow the link below for more photographs of the day: <https://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/children/class-pages/meerkats-1/gallery-19>

STAFFING CHANGES

When we return after the **Easter holidays** (15th April 2024), Mrs Sweeney will be the new Headteacher, as Mrs George retires. We wish her an enjoyable retirement.



BIG QUESTIONS FOR SPRING TERM 2

After half term our children will be asking:

Nursery—'What happened to Jack's beans?'

Reception—'Would you like to live with the dinosaurs?'

Year 1—'How can Jack grow the tallest beanstalk?'

Year 2—'Who was Grace Darling and why is she famous?'

Year 3—'Would we be jelly without our skeleton?'

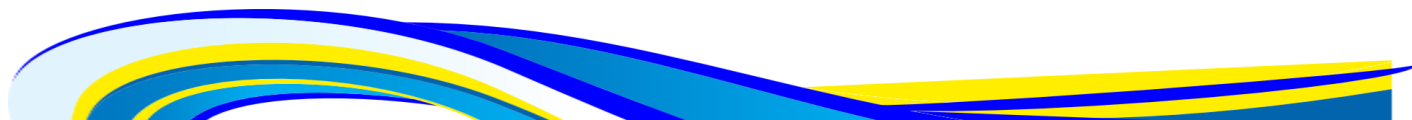
Year 4—'Why were the Romans so powerful and did we learn anything from them?'

Year 5—'What features make a perfect home for different creatures?'

Year 6—'What would make the best hybrid animal?'

Plans, vocabulary and newsletters will be available on the class website after half term: <https://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/children/class-pages>





BIKEABILITY

Earlier this week our Y5 & Y6 children took part in their level 1 & level 2 bikeability training. The training develops skills for cycling on single-lane roads with simple junctions and moderate traffic and includes the core functions for safe and responsible cycling.

DIARY DATES

February 15th 2024—Ancient Greek Day in Y5

February 15th 2024—Y1 Phonics Pet Treat

February 16th 2024—Y2 Reading Buddy Treat

February 16th 2024—Break Up

February 26th 2024—Back to School

February 27th 2024—Adam Pepper in Y2

March 1st 2024—Y4 Roman Day

March 4th 2024—Y1 in Forest School

March 6th 2024—Y4 Joint Concert at DNA

March 7th 2024—World Book Day

March 8th 2024—Mother's Day Meal

March 14th 2024—Adam Pepper Day in Reception

March 15th 2024—Red Nose Day

March 18th—22nd 2024—Y5&6 Residential to Kingswood

March 25th & 26th 2024—Parent's Evenings

March 26th 2024—Adam Pepper Day in Y3

March 28th 2024—Egg Decorating Competition

March 28th 2024—Children Break Up for Easter

April 15th 2024—Children Return to School

April 17th 2024—Y6 Leiden Meeting for Parents

May 13th—16th 2024—KS2 Sats Week

May 13th—17th 2024—Mental Health Awareness Week

May 23rd 2024—Y6 Leiden Children to Meet Children from Newton & Shirland.

May 24th 2024—Break Up

June 3rd 2024—Inset Day—School Closed to Pupils

June 4th 2024—Children return to School

June 4th—7th 2024—Local History & Geography Week

June 4th—7th June 2024—Y4 Multiplication Check Week

June 5th 2024—Y6 to Leiden

June 14th 2024—Father's Day Meal

June 19th 2024—Y5 Enterprise Day at DNA

June 24th—26th 2024—Y6 Tibshelf Transition

June 27th—28th 2024—Y6 DNATransition

July 2nd 2024—Reception & KS1 Sports Day

July 3rd 2024—KS2 Sports Day

July 3rd 2024—Nursery Sports Day

July 4th 2024—Y1 Adam Pepper Day

July 8th—12th 2024—Enterprise Week

July 18th 2024—Y6 Production

July 22nd 2024—Y6 to Twin Lakes

July 23rd 2024—Last Day of School

September 5th 2024—Children Return to School

Follow the link for the school calendar: [https://](https://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/pages/calendar/index?calendar_id=7614)

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Times and dates may change due to circumstances beyond our control.

WEBSITE

Don't forget to look at our website where you will find the latest class newsletter and SEN Information.

<https://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/>