



Stonegate C of E Primary School

Love of Learning for Life

Dear Parents,

I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on what was an enjoyable and extremely productive Term 3. Every child was able to develop new knowledge across a range of exciting new topics, whilst having the opportunity to challenge themselves on a stage performing to others. Thank you to every member of staff for creating a rich 'buzz of learning' wherever you went in the school - this was mentioned by every visitor we had.

Jonathan Elms

Safari Adventurers

The children from Reception Class and Year 1/2 went on an amazing adventure to Port Lympne to see first-hand the animals they had been learning about for their topics.

As part of their safari truck tour, they were taken around the park and saw close hand rhinos, deer, buffalo and the heads of a family of very shy giraffes. Following this, they had an informative ranger talk focussing on the habits of lions and children using their 5 senses to explore the world around them. As always, the thoughtfulness of the questions and the engagement from every child, was very impressive indeed.



Talent Show



On the final day of term, we had the most wonderful Talent Show. Children from all year groups bravely stepped forward to showcase their talents in front of their friends, family and the school. There were joke tellers, poets, dancers, singers, artists and even remote-control trickers to wow and entertain the crowd. The winners, Troy and Huxley, performed an intricate and highly choreographed light sabre battle to the music from Star Wars – this was incredible!

The talent show was another opportunity for our Young Voices Choir to perform their favourite songs. Again, they did not let us down and their pop medley was extremely entertaining. Thank you to Mrs Young, Mrs White and the PTA for supporting this event which raised over £300 to support the enrichment experiences of our choir.

Our Wonderful Community

A big thank you to Mrs Thomas for coordinating a team to clear and then make Mollie's Garden safe for every child to use this term. Mollie's Garden will be used as part of our Forest School sessions to explore nature and observe the significance plants and flowers have on the wildlife in this area.

In addition to this, the gardening club would like to thank Jenny Huddard at Perchhill for her very generous donation of seeds and hand tools.

If you would like to support our team of gardeners, please contact the School Office.

This Term's Learning

This term, the children in Little Acorns and Reception Class are being mini archaeologists. As part of their learning, they will be completing a range of wonderful dinosaur-based activities in order to answer the key question 'Who made these footprints?'

Year 1/2 have a focus on life in the past with a focus on toys.

Year 3/4 are investigating a number of sources of evidence to answer the question 'How have children's lives changed?'

Year 5/6 are looking at the works of Shakespeare and what life was like in Tudor times.

Final Thought

This term we are focusing on the school's core value of Respect and we are thinking about the quote from Taylor Swift: "We don't need to share the same opinions as others, but we need to be respectful."

Upcoming Events

Term 4

Starts: Monday 19th February

Friday 23rd February

Yr5/6 Netball

Friday 1st March

St David's Day – children in this house to wear yellow and bring in cakes.

Yr5/6 Netball and Football

Wednesday 6th March

08.45 EYFS Mother's Day Celebration

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day – All children to come to school dressed as a book character.

Friday 8th March

From 14.45 - PTA Disco.

Friday 1st March

St Patrick's Day – children in this house to wear green and bring in cakes.

Wednesday 27th March

PM – Easter Celebration

PTA Easter Event

Last Day of Term

Thursday 28th March

Inset Day – School Closed for all children.

Term 5

Starts: Monday 15th April

Year 6 SATs – 13th to 16th May

Finishes: Friday 24th May

Term 6

Starts: Monday 3rd June

Finishes: Friday 19th July

Inset Days - Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July

Incredible Inclusion

As part of providing the best teaching and learning opportunities for every pupil, we were visited by the Local Authority who reported:

'Universal provision was highly effective - inclusive, high-quality teaching and learning met the needs of all pupils at Stonegate.'

'The school has worked hard to ensure excellent levels of support are provided across the school with individuals and small groups engaged in meaningful activities, where success is evident.'