



Stanford Junior & Infant School

Newsletter – 12th March 2021



Welcome Back Everyone!

We are delighted to welcome everyone back to school this week.



Our pupils have been amazing and they have thoroughly enjoyed chatting with their friends and settling back in to the routines in their class and around school.

Many happy faces greeted us at the school gates and the pupils loved the 'Welcome Back' party and activities.

Our focus initially continues to be on pastoral support, assessments and teaching the areas that the pupils need to revisit. Our 'Catch-Up Premium' plan is shared on the school website too.



Wellbeing

Positive wellbeing continues to be an important part of our curriculum. Pupils and families enjoyed the 'Wellbeing Wednesday' ideas through lockdown and these valuable opportunities continue to be shared with pupils now they are all back on site.

Nurture provision is in place with our Learning Mentors (Mrs Jones and Mrs Fielding) and our school culture encourages all members of the school community to be proactive and consider their wellbeing. Yoga, relaxation techniques, mindfulness and bespoke packages are some examples of the pastoral support offered. Each class has a 'Worry box' and there are many links and resources to support at home too, available on the school website.

Our pupils have shared some examples of positive wellbeing linked to sport and hobbies, as part of our 'Mental Health Week' and it is brilliant to see the wide range of interests they have.



Staff wellbeing and workload is also considered and we are so proud of our wonderful team of pupils and staff who look after and care about each other. Thank you.

'In a world where you can be anything, be kind!'

Curriculum



Please find a QR code for FS Seedlings and Sunflower children performing a poem they created themselves all about dogs.

Science Week



All classes have enjoyed some investigative and creative science activities this week. Thank you to Mrs Amos, Science Lead, for organising the events.

For example, year 1 pupils used innovative designs to build crunchy architecture with biscuits and edible chocolate cement!

E: 'You had to think of the shapes of the biscuits and how they could fit together.'

O: 'It was fun making the buildings.'

World Book Day

Great engagement and learning - what a wonderful day! We love to inspire the joy of reading at Stanford. Thank you Mrs Smith for organising the day in school and for Mrs Wink, Vice-Chair of Full Governing Body, for joining the event. The fun competition was lovely - well done everyone and a special well done to the winners. See the school website for more photos and details.

CP: 'I brought my favourite book to school.'

AT: 'We had fun listening to 'What the Ladybird Heard' story and colouring the characters for the theatre.'



Interfaith Week

Thank you Mr Middleton, RE Lead, for organising this event in school. Pupils learned about different stories, beliefs, places of worship, etc. for a range of different faiths. This included: watching videos of festivals and thinking about our different senses; identifying areas of places of worship; understanding how people dress to reflect their beliefs; recreating art from religious stories. Some pupils also

reflected on the question of "Where is God?" thinking about our own or other people's beliefs, which resulted in some beautiful artwork.



Community



Thank you to the community members for all your support, especially recently. The pupils enjoyed planning, designing and making gifts and writing letters to say 'thank you' for your help.

We look forward to working with St Margaret's Church, Mrs Cockerill and Mrs Maskell as part of our work about Easter this year too.

COVID

Please remember to adhere to social distancing etc at the school gate.

Pupils have remembered our Covid preventative measures well.

Please check for Covid-19 symptoms and follow the Government guidance. Thank you for your support. 'Hands, Face, Space.'

MAPAS Event

All children in school over lockdown participated in a session led by MAPAS on zoom and joined in enthusiastically with all the Makaton actions.

Pupil Voice

W: I liked seeing other classes do the actions.

C: I liked doing the singing action.

H: I liked copying the lady.

E: I liked the listening action.

L: I would like to learn more signing.

E: I would like to do some more lessons and learn different signs.



A Message from 'The Club'

The Afterschool Club and its' supervisors are looking forward to seeing the children returning to use the services that have continued throughout this ever changing period.

The Club will continue with the popular Monday gaming session which includes either hot dogs or pizza and popcorn and we have a Harry Potter session and a Chocolate Party coming soon too as well as outdoor play and a variety of activities.

This week members have been making some lovely Mothers' Day cards and will be trying out soap making too.



There is also some exciting news which will see a brand new and modern Club Room/meeting room and lots of new games and toys after the Easter break, which the staff and children cannot wait to see!

The Breakfast and Afterschool Club continue to provide a safe and friendly environment for all our members.

Mrs. Petyt, Mrs. Hulme and Mrs. Goold.

Personnel Update

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Fielding back to her roles as Teaching Assistant and Learning Mentor. Thank you to Mrs Petyt and Mrs Jones who have helped cover the roles in Mrs Fielding's absence.

Mrs Jones and Mrs Fielding continue to share the Learning Mentor role in school.

Mrs Petyt continues to support pupils in class and at lunchtimes. She continues her lead role in The Club too. We are delighted to be working with BGU again this year and have welcomed Chantelle Jacques to Poppy Class and look forward to welcoming Ben Waterfall to Star Anise Class next week. The student teachers will enjoy working with the pupils under the direction of their class teacher.

Mrs Brady and Mrs Fielding are both working off-site currently and we are keeping in touch regularly. They are very busy supporting the pupils they work with and helping with our provision.

Miss Holmes, Juniper Class Scitt student, is also working off site at the moment - we send our love and hope she has a speedy recovery.

Dates to Remember:

Monday 22nd March - Mentor Meetings

Thursday 1st April - End of Term

Tuesday 20th April - Pupils Back

Monday 10th May - Bikeability Y5

Tuesday 11th May - Bikeability Y5

Friday 28th May - End of Term

Tuesday 8th June - Pupils Back

Monday 19th July - Training Day to be confirmed

Friday 23rd July - End of Term

Term Dates -

Inset/Teacher Training Days - 2/9/20, 5/1/21, 19/4/21, 7/6/21, 19/7/21

Term 1: 03/09/20 - 23/10/20

Term 2: 02/11/20 - 18/12/20

Term 3: 06/01/21 - 12/02/21

Term 4: 22/02/21 - 01/04/21

Term 5: 20/04/21 - 28/05/21

Term 6: 08/06/21 - 23/7/21

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