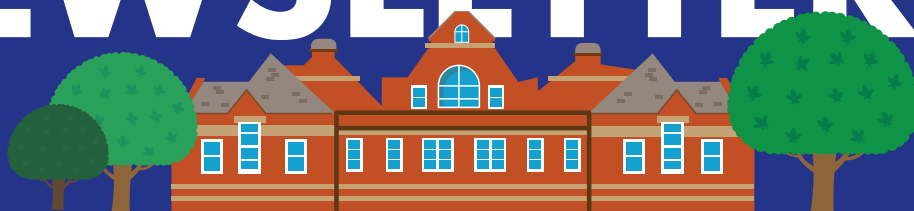




NEWSLETTER

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Aim high, work hard, be happy and successful

NEW LOOK!

Welcome to the new look newsletter for Stanley Grove Academy.

We are looking forward to using this new format to enable us to continue to share the exciting curriculum we have in our school and the hard work which our children and staff put into each day.

On the newsletter, you will continue to see important dates for the term, information about the children's work and achievements, the importance of attendance and punctuality to give every child the best chance of success and other useful information. We hope that you will continue to find this useful.

We have recently shared our inset days and calendar dates for next academic year. Our most recent inset day was working with Mr P (Lee Parkinson) to look at transforming our computing curriculum and developing further working on our digital literacy lessons, so children know how to keep safe online. We also were looking at how our new iPads can be used by the children to further support their learning. We are hoping to do more fund raising this year, to invest in more tablets in the future so please look out for upcoming events.

It was lovely to welcome our new parent governors to our Local Governing Board meeting last term; I know they will be a really valuable asset to our leadership team in school.

I am looking forward to an exciting term – we have world book day, year 6 residential, Easter activities, a visit from the Junior Leaders from Jerry Clay and so much more to look forward to. Parents and carers will also be able to read your child's spring report and meet with the class teacher on site or virtually to discuss your child's progress and attainment.

As always, please get in touch if you wish to discuss anything with us.

Best wishes,

Mrs Frost, Head Teacher





JUNIOR LEADERS

Every pupil in Year 6 is a Junior Leader. They work hard to make a difference in our school. Our Year 6 Junior leaders have:

- Introduced a weekly meeting with the HT with an agenda and minute takers.
- Introduced a work day so that we meet our deadlines and agreed actions.
- Introduced a board where we display work to be proud of around the school.
- Worked with some pupils who need support to make the right choices. We check in with them and praise them when they are doing well.
- We have made boxes for each house group. This is going to be used to collect house points which we will count and use to recognise team work.
- We have introduced a Diamond Dash Maths board in our hall.
- We recognise good work around school and present awards in assembly for this and we add this to our display.






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A huge well done to the children, who were picked out by our Year 6 Junior Leaders this week for their excellent writing work. It is also a pleasure to celebrate the great work our children do and even better when it is recognised by their fellow pupils.



FUTURE PLANS

-  We want to do more work in our houses and have house captains and a song or a chant.
-  We want to hold a meeting in June to show year 5 pupils about our roles and help be involved in choosing who will follow in our footsteps.
-  We want to have more display boards so we can display some of the great work we have been noticing around school.

KNOW OUR RELIGION



Our Year 6 Junior Leaders were keen for children in our school to have an understanding of the religions which are represented in our school. They wanted to hold a day to talk about their religions. As we met with the whole of the Junior Leadership team to share this idea, the rest of the Junior Leaders started to volunteer to help. Every Year 6 Junior Leader did research, prepared a table and presentation so that all the religions were represented in our school. We even had a parent who came to support the event, tasting sessions, artefacts and resources and a workshop with the local reverend.



It was a wonderful day. Every class took a turn to visit each table to hear about the religions. It was very special to see our youngest children finding a table which represented them and their religion. Junior Leaders presented so well and could adapt their presentation style to the age of the children.

When children returned to class, they did mind maps and work to show what they had learned. It was a truly fantastic day which was devised, organised and led by the Junior leaders. We are so proud of them; they really do make a difference.



STANLEY PLANET SAVERS



We have a committed group of children in our Stanley Planet Savers Group. We meet after school every week and plan how we can do small things which make a big difference.

We deliver assemblies, have a display area and plan events in school. Our latest event was a Clothes Swap day.





READING LEADERS

We work hard in school to make sure that reading is something which happens every day. We love to read and we enjoy reading and sharing books with others.

We have run reading clubs for children across school. Children can sign up to a club using the sheet on our Junior Leader's board.

We have worked with other younger reading leaders in school to check they keep their bags up to date with beautiful books and that they encourage their class to look after the library after DEAR time.

They also have a work day where they go into the library at play times so that their class can stay inside to read if they wish.



DEAR Time (Drop everything and read)

We have lovely books around our school. Mrs Frost noticed that books on displays were not being used and read. Now, we have DEAR time every week for 30 minutes. We can read books from the library, around school or from Mrs Frost's office.

We like being able to get comfy and ready with a friend. Every month, we share our DEAR time with a different class so that younger and older children are reading together.

Junior Reading Leaders support the class to put the books back really carefully and in the right place when they have finished reading them.



LEAF DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL BRONZE AWARD

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the LEAF Demonstration School Bronze Award for our work throughout school learning about food, farming and the environment. Our Welly to Belly Junior Leaders received the Bronze Award plaque and a pear tree from Sam Wyman from LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming) during our assembly. Class 1 will be planting the tree and hopefully it will have matured sufficiently to produce fruit before they leave school.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

04/03	Bikeability week – Year 5
07/03	World Book Day – bring a item you have made to represent your favourite book. Dressing up is optional and it will be non uniform that day.
07/03	Outwood Together – KS1 Benchball
11/03 - 13/03	Residential - Year 6
14/03	Outwood Together – Quicksticks Hockey
14/03	The Deep trip - Year 2
15/03	Yorkshire Wildlife Park trip - Year 1
21/03	Easter Assembly & Easter Service (pupils only)
21/03	After school treasure hunt – FOSG 2.30-3.30pm
22/03	School closes normal times
08/04	School opens
11/04	After school bake sale
06/05	School closed bank holiday
21/05	Class school photos
24/05	School closes normal times for half term
03/06	School opens