



NEWSLETTER

24.05.2024



Aim high, work hard, be happy and successful

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER.

We have come to the end of a very busy half term and we are very proud of what has been accomplished.

Our Year 6 pupils have worked incredibly hard during SATs week and throughout the year.

I would like to say a big thank you to the staff who gave up their time after school to deliver booster sessions; this shows the dedication for all staff to want to continue to support the children during their time at Stanley Grove. Our governors also wanted me to express their thanks to the staff and to say a big well done to the children.

Next term, our year 1 children will be doing their phonic screen test and year 4 will be doing their multiplication test. I know they have been putting in lots of effort with their lessons so good luck to these pupils too.

Mrs Swinburne, our Trust lead visited the academy and she was impressed with the children and the work they are producing. The children were excited to see her and it was lovely to be able to share the hard work of pupils and staff.

Ms Phillips, one of our governors also visited the Academy this term. She enjoyed visiting classrooms, speaking to children and staff and looking at the learning environment. Children were also reading and taking part in bike riding sessions which was a real treat to see.

During the last term of this academic year, we have much to look forward to. Please keep checking the diary for dates as there have been a few changes due to clashes with transition days, so please see the latest dates on this letter for your reference.

The summer holiday will be a very busy time for us too. The Trust has made a successful bid on our behalf to update the premises including the fire doors and fire system. We are really fortunate to attain this funding and are looking forward to work commencing in August.

We will also be changing an element of our curriculum in line with the Trust. We will be moving our phonic scheme to RWI. Phonics and reading is a real strength in our school and myself, Mrs Johnson and Miss Slater all work supporting other schools in this area for the Jerry Clay English Hub. The change is going to enable us to work with consultants in the Trust and will be a smooth transition due to the similarities in the phonics schemes. Mrs Frost will be holding further meetings in Autumn term to update parents about this.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and I look forward to seeing you when school opens on 3rd June.

Best wishes,

Mrs Frost, Head Teacher



FOOTBALL WINNERS

A huge congratulations to our boys' football team who came first in the football event hosted at Jerry Clay Academy this week.

We were so proud of them for their talent, but also their respect and encouragement of their team and others.

Well done.



STANLEY PLANET SAVERS

This half term we have done an Endangered Animals Challenge where you have to colour in an animal and draw its habitat along with writing something. A class 4 pupil won a SPS badge and a nature art set.

We updated our plant of the week from Oxeye Daisy to Garlic Mustard. We went on a hunt in the school grounds to look for it and found some!

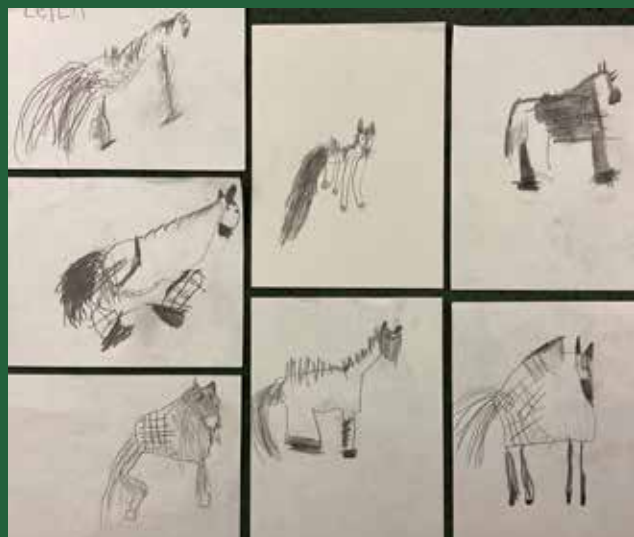
Written by Maggie and Ivy.



Early Years continue to be busy

Reception children had a wonderful time at the farm on a recent visit; they learnt about animals, plants and the environment.

They have been working on their pencil skills to draw animals from the farm also.



Children have been further developing listening and personal and social skills playing the traditional 'Duck, duck, goose' playground game.

In PE, they have been in the school hall learning how to safely carry and use the mats; they have been doing well with their pencil roll and log roll.

In number, they have been securing odd and even number knowledge.

Children have also enjoyed planting beans in our school allotment. What a busy half term they have had.



In Nursery, children enjoyed their mini-beast hunt. They explored different areas around the school and field and it was great fun. They also enjoyed a visit from our STEM ambassador who talked to them about the life cycle of a butterfly.

KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



In Design and Technology, **Year 2** have made mixed media emergency vehicles to link to their topic about The Great Fire of London. They showed wonderful designing skills and they all look great! In Science, Year 2 enjoyed using their knowledge of their science topic to create microhabitats for the animals in our wildlife area. They thought really carefully about what the animals would like their homes to be like and why.



Class 1 delivered a brilliant assembly where they were sharing their love of books. They have also been busy planting sunflowers in their secret garden. This term, the Trust's artist has been working with them and producing some amazing pieces of art based on Georgia O'Keeffe; we are so impressed with them.



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



Year 3 children making the most of the sunshine to practise their maths work outside.



Year 4 have been doing some brilliant science work in outdoor learning sessions with Ms Shaw on 'sound'. They carried out a string telephone investigation and school sound survey using the data loggers.



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



STEM ambassador, Kim Lawler, delivered an excellent informative session about Adaptation and Evolution with **Year 6**, linking to their current Science topic.



It was lovely to welcome our Trust Leader, Tracy Swinburne to school recently. She visited the classrooms and spent time with our year 6 to talk about the last term in our school and the legacy which they leave behind. She was so impressed with their leadership and confidence, which we have seen developing during their time in **Year 6**.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

May 24 **School Closes**

JUNE

June 3 **School Opens**

June 6 **Year 4 Multiplication Check**

June 10 **Year 1 Phonic Screen Check Week**

June 14 **Class 6 Road safety session** in preparation for more independent travel to secondary school.

June 18 **Sports event led by GT Sports**
Reception to Year 6 children to wear PE kit

June 24 **KS 1 Sports day. 09.00 - 10.30am**

June 25 **KS 2 Sports day. 09.00 - 10.30am**

June 25 **Reception Sports day. 1.00pm**

June 27 **Nursery Sports day. 9.00am & 1.00pm**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

July 2 **Summer Reports out to parents and carers**
Please make sure we have your current email address as we will be emailing the reports out this year.

July 4 **School Transition Morning.**
Children will spend time in their next classroom.
Please go to normal classroom for register.

July 9 **Open Morning 8a.m. and 2:45-5:30**
Children to stay with grown ups during the visits to classrooms.
Bell will be rung to indicate start of school at 8.30. Repeated at 2:45 to 5:30.

July 9 **Year 6 Performance 6:15**
(Please note change of date)

July 17 **Diamond Dash competition at Jerry Clay Academy.**
Details to follow later for children involved.

July 18 **Year 6 leavers assembly**
09:00 - 10:30. This assembly is for our year 6 children.
It does last for 1.5 hours as we say bye to our wonderful pupils.

July 19 **School Closes at normal times**

July 22 **Inset Day**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Inset days for 2024 – 2025.

2nd September 2024

3rd September 2024

7th November 2024

29th November 2024

6th January 2025

School Timings.

Please see the start times for each class below which is also on our website.

Please ensure that you arrive **BEFORE** the start time so that lessons start promptly and your child does not miss out on any learning or teacher input.

8:30am – 2:30pm

Nursery and Reception

Class 1

Class 2

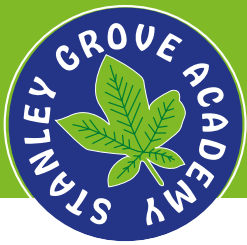
Class 4

Class 6

8:35am – 2:35pm

Class 3

Class 5



ATTENDANCE

**SCHOOL
TARGET**



100-95%
GOOD



94-85%
WORRYING



Below 85%
SERIOUS
CONCERN



YEAR GROUP	CURRENT	AVERAGE THIS YEAR
NURSERY YEAR 1	100%	90.6%
NURSERY YEAR 2	91.9%	91.1%
RECEPTION	85.0%	95.3%
YEAR 1	93.3%	95.0%
YEAR 2	88.5%	95.8%
YEAR 3	93.5%	94.4%
YEAR 4	89.7%	96.0%
YEAR 5	98.3%	94.5%
YEAR 6	96.7%	93.8%

Children who are lower than 90% are classed as persistently absent from school and are monitored by school and our education welfare officer every week.

We are sending home letters to children with less than 90% attendance this week, so parents are aware of this monitoring and the need to improve on their education.

We are also sending home letters and organising meetings with parents of children who are persistently late to school, as children are missing out on teacher input at the beginning of the school day and interrupting the start of lessons for children; we would ask that you get children into school on time. Thank you for your support with this.