



Thursday 21st October 2021

The Stratford Standard



Highlights from the Desk of the Maths Lead...

And what a strangely quiet desk it has been this week, with Year 6 working remotely – again!

It has given me a great opportunity though to pop into other classes – in between hosting live lessons and recording lessons, of course – and see what amazing Maths has been happening ...

Year 1 have been learning about and using the part-whole model to partition and represent numbers, and are always keen to tell me about their Maths. I particularly loved Harrison's explanation about making corrections in his book: "Making mistakes is good because you are still learning." Albert Einstein would agree with you, Harrison!

Year 2 impressed me with their use of their number bonds to ten to perform addition calculations more efficiently. They have been working very hard using different strategies to help them with their arithmetic.

Meanwhile, in Year 4, they have been using the analogy of being an 'eco-wash' when performing column addition: going slowly, carefully and taking their time to ensure their calculations are accurate! It's very true: the best mathematician is not always the fastest to finish ... real life mathematicians can spend years solving a single problem! Year 4 were also keen to share their newly-introduced role of 'Maths Buddies' who can support others in the class alongside the teacher. The Maths Buddies explained to me that their role is not to tell other children the answers, but to help guide their thinking. A real sign of mastering a concept is being able to explain that concept to someone else.

Year 5 have been wowing everyone with their amazing use of maths vocabulary and by attempting some very tricky multi-step addition and subtraction problems. I was particularly impressed with how beautifully presented their Maths Books are.

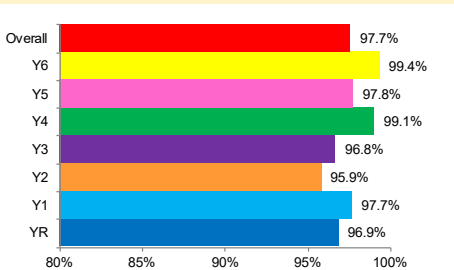
Finally, I must mention Year 6 who have really impressed me, Mrs Fade and Mrs Bean this week when revising their written methods for short and long column multiplication. They have dazzled us with their recall, accuracy and understanding; with their ability to apply this to problem solving and reasoning scenarios; and with their amazing contributions during live lessons on Teams.

It has been lovely being able to really experience the progression in calculations across the school and I have also been lucky enough to be able to display some super work on our new Maths Board, which shows the brilliant progression in place value understanding from Reception right through to Year 6. Well done Stratford Primary Mathematicians!

Happy holidays – stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all (especially Year 6 in real life!) after half term ...

Mrs McCormack

Weekly Attendance by Class



This half term:

Arden	1934
Hall	2241
Hathaway	2316
Shakespeare	2187

REMEMBER:

Monday 1st November - Space Centre Trip Y1 and Y5

Tuesday 2nd November - Heart of England Y3

Wednesday 3rd November - Heart of England Y4

Wednesday 3rd November - Topic Sharing Y2

Thursday 4th November - Topic Sharing Y3

Friday 5th November - Wear your Wellies Day - all years

The school calendar is also available on the school website.

Dream Draw Winners

Last week's Dream Draw winners were:



1st prize: Aneta Wluka

2nd prize: Camilla Hughes

3rd prize: Phillip Austin

Congratulations!!!

Wear Your Wellies Day

WEAR WELLIES DAY

WEAR WELLIES TO SCHOOL AND PAY A

£1 DONATION

ON FRIDAY 5th OF NOVEMBER

TO HELP THE CHARITY WINSTON'S WISH

GO TO THE LINK BELOW TO FIND OUT MORE

[HTTPS://WWW.WINSTONSWISH.ORG/WEAR-WELLIES-DAY/](https://www.winstonswish.org/wear-wellies-day/)



Safeguarding corner

RISE & Shine Fest

A festival for emotional wellbeing for children and young people across Coventry and Warwickshire

- Animal fun with the Horse and People Project
- Mindfulness work-outs
- Twitter take-overs
- Library Events
- Help and advice for young people
- Support for parents and carers

Click on the link [here](https://www.cwrise.com/raise-shine-fest) to see the full Festival Programme on [cwrise.com/raise-shine-fest](https://www.cwrise.com/raise-shine-fest)

October Half-Term
25th - 30th October 2021

Notes for Parents:

Please do not visit the school office unless essential - instead we request that you contact us via email or telephone (admin2042@welearn365.com or 01789293201).

Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies at school:

Midday Supervisor - 12-1pm,
5 days per week

Cleaner - 3.30-5.30pm, 5 days per week

Please email the school office on admin2042@welearn365.com to enquire.

Our Week In Pictures...



Year 4 Making "Drink me " potions whilst also studying particles in states of matter.





Spotlight on our staff

9 Questions with... Mrs Ingate



1. What is your role at Stratford Primary?

Class Teacher in Year 4 and Science /STEM subject lead

2. What made you want to be a teacher?

I have dyslexia which was only diagnosed when I was 40 consequently I believed myself to never be good enough when writing or spelling etc. I became a teacher so that I help children.

3. What are you most proud of?

Working full time whilst studying for 2 degrees and being a mum to two children and a dog mum to my 15 year old terrier.

Being able to study and train for my Black Belt in South Korean Martial arts.

4. What are your favourite things to do in your spare time?

I love to meet new people and try new food .I love walking my dog , Reading and Karate.

5. Tell me your funniest joke!

Did you hear the one about the actor who fell through the floorboards?

He was just going through a stage!



6. What was the last book you read?

The War Doctor and Snow Country by Sebastian Faulks

7. What advice would you give children today to help them prepare for the future?

Learn to listen to your inner voice.

Learn to be at peace with any decision that you make. Whether it be right or wrong.

8. If you had a magic minibus that could take you anywhere in history where would you go and why?

Definitely to the Tudor age , I love reading about this period in history and am fascinated by the family histories that are interwoven.

9. Have you got a hidden talent?

I can change the carburettor, brake pads and spark plugs in a car engine.