



Friday 5th November 2021

The Stratford Standard

Highlights from the Desk of the Head of School...

This is my absolute favourite half term, so I was raring to get back after the half term break and start talking to the children about all the exciting; seasonal and festive plans ahead!

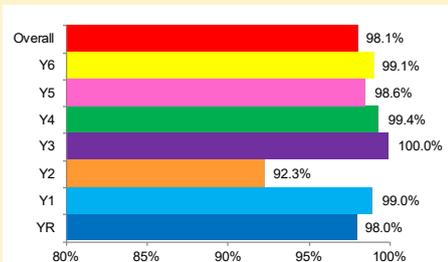
I know I always say it, but this week has been particularly busy, with Year 1 and 5 journeying to Space at the Leicester Space Centre on Monday. The children enjoyed visiting the different learning pods, seeing the life-size space rocket and becoming space people. Their behaviour was also outstanding and we are so proud of all of them. Year 3 and 4 have also been out and about this week, visiting the Heart of England Forest, as part of their topic work. Despite the weather, the children had a super time exploring the great outdoors, removing and planting trees and learning about the water cycle. We have also had our first topic sharing events taking place this week, after what seems like an age! Year 2 enjoyed working with their visitors exploring their new topic; mess, muck and mixtures - the hall was a hive of activity, with children and parents making bubble paintings, marbling, string and chalk paintings and even ice cube paintings. What a fantastic start to Year 2's half term topic. Year 3 were also excited this week to find a cowboy in their classroom! Mr Edwards launched the new topic, Wild Wild West, dressed in full attire, with his trusty sidekick, Sheriff Dooby. The children were also able to host their visitors in the hall on Thursday, where they were making shadow puppets and creating moving pictures around the hall.

Throughout the week, all of the classes have been learning about Remembrance Day and making different styles of poppies to display around the school for our annual school poppy trail. Year 6 have really enjoyed wet felting this week, using water, soap and agitation to interlock and compact the wool. So clever! The school really is looking so very beautiful, with the children's poppy creations filling the corridors and front of school once more and we are really hoping that visitors can see the poppy trail during parent consultation appointments next week.

I wish you all a very lovely weekend and remember to stay safe if you are going to any firework displays.

Mrs Withers

Weekly Attendance by Class



Notes for Parents:

Please look out for the email from the school office with the consent link for the Nasal Flu Vaccinations.

These will take place on the 16th November and consent must be given via the online link—not through the school.

REMEMBER:

Tuesday 9th November - Parent Consultations 3.45-6.45pm

Wednesday 10th November - Parent Consultations 3.45-6.45pm

Wednesday 10th November - Diwali Day - All classes

Friday 12th November - FOSP Dress Down Day

Tuesday 16th November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 17th November - Heart of England - Year 5

The school calendar is also available on the school website.

DREAM DRAW

If you would like to enter our Dream Draw for next week please contact Denise on 07711767087.

Remember it is open to all your family and friends as well and raises money for our school.

You can pay monthly or £9 for the rest of this academic year.

Thank you for your support.



FOSP UPDATES:

We will shortly be launching our £20k campaign to raise money for school computing equipment and a playground MUGA (Multi Use Gaming Arena). If you have any fundraising ideas that you would like to run, please let us know!

This year's Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 3rd December - children will be able to visit the fayre with their teachers throughout the afternoon this year - more information to follow shortly.

Keep an eye out in your child's book bags for information about the launch of the exciting FOSP calendar. The children are very excited about this and they will make a super Christmas present at just £5 per calendar.

The KS1 and KS2 disco has been rescheduled for 21st January 2022 - more information to follow.

Safeguarding corner

Digital Family Agreement

We recommend a family agreement to make clear what is allowed...or not, how much time you can spend on devices, and ground rules like no phones at the table or in the bedroom at night-time. Shared expectations will reduce arguments and keep everyone safe & healthy.

A template is available via this link:

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/digital-family-agreement>

Digital Family Agreement



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Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies at school:

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

Cleaner - 3.30-5.30pm, 5 days
per week

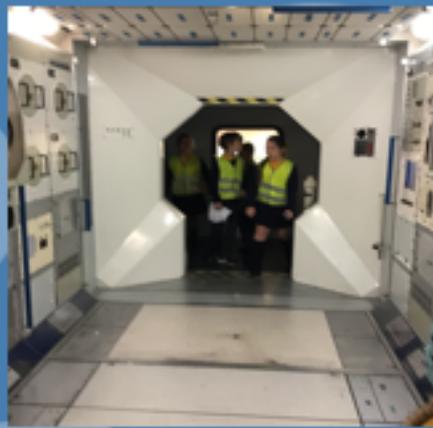
Please email the school office
on

admin2042@welearn365.com

to enquire.

Please share with anyone you know who may be interested.

Our Week In Pictures...



YEAR 5 IN THE NEWS

The National Space Centre certainly was a memorable place! The children loved exploring the learning pods and interacting with real-life space equipment. Year 5 even got to travel alongside the rockets in a glass lift- it was quite an amazing view!



On Monday Year 1 visited the Space Centre with Year 5. We learnt about the different planets and saw three rockets! We also visited the Planetarium and learnt about how astronauts train.





Spotlight on our staff



10 Questions

with...

Mrs Humphriss



1. What is your role at Stratford Primary?

I am the Executive Head Teacher and accountable for the standards and performance of Stratford Primary. I have been the head teacher since September 2017.

2. What made you want to be a teacher?

I was always told by many teachers when I was at school that as I was so patient that I should be a teacher but what I really wanted to do was be a vet! You need to be really good at Science for that so it was not meant to be. It wasn't until I was a teaching assistant at The British School, SHAPE, Belgium that I decided to do my degree and train to become a teacher. It took me 6 years but I'm really glad I did it. I have been taught and worked with so many great teachers who inspired me that I wanted to be able to pass on my passion for learning to others. Education enables you to make changes for the future.

3. What are you most proud of?

Gosh so many things. My children definitely. They all work hard and are extremely independent but full of love. All of the 5 schools I have been head teacher of for different things. They have all been successful; gaining Outstanding with my brilliant team at Stratford was a particularly stupendous moment.

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

Read, read, read. Cuddle my dogs. Dance to music. Go for a walk—particularly on a crisp autumn day. Laugh with my husband. Spend time with my grand-daughter.

5. Tell me your funniest joke!

Why are pirates called pirates?
Because they 'ARRRRRR'



6. What was the last book you read?

I actually have about 6 on the go. Currently reading *The Winter Solstice* by Rosamund Pilcher. *Humankind: A hopeful history* by Rutger Bregman. *When the Adult changes, everything changes* by Paul Dix. *Kew: The Witch's Garden* by Sandra Lawrence just to name some of them.

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

Don't worry. Enjoy the moment you live in and remember that you are the person who controls your future. Only you can make the changes and that you don't have to settle on just one career. The opportunities are endless throughout your life.

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

A couple of places is that allowed? I would go back to my primary school days because I absolutely loved school then and then I'd go further back to Tudor times. I love this period in history and the intrigue of court. We can learn a lot from history and how it has changed society.

9. Have you got a hidden talent?

It isn't a talent but I once held a Guinness World record for playing Trivial Pursuit the longest. I did it when I was 18 to raise money for Cancer Research with 5 other people. We played for 136 hours and 34 minutes.

10. Have you got any top tips for parents?

Don't compare your child to others. We all grow at different rates and all have different talents—nurture those. Also don't be afraid to say 'no' to your child. They will still love you unconditionally.