



Friday 12th November 2021

The Stratford Standard



Highlights from the Desk of the Head of School..

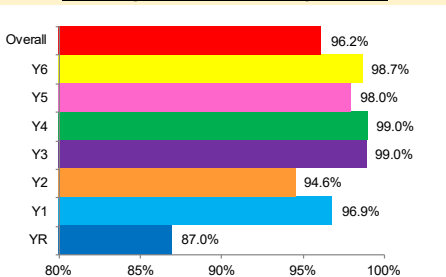
This week has been a particular favourite for me - every teacher has commented about how much they enjoyed the parent consultations on Tuesday and Wednesday night and how lovely it was to have the opportunity and time to sit and meet with parents and carers in the school again. For me, it was particularly enjoyable because I was able to mingle and drop into different consultations for children across the school; look through books; chat away to children and their visitors and celebrate their successes. We have received so many positive comments and thanks from parents and carers and it is lovely to share this with the staff, who really are such a hard-working, caring and determined team.

In other news, the children celebrated Diwali this week - West End in Schools visited us on Wednesday and each class learnt a dance routine to help them learn about, and celebrate, the story of Diwali. The instructor was particularly impressed with how well behaved the children were and remarked that she loved working with Stratford Primary because the children are always so eager to learn. Throughout the week the children have been learning about Diwali in classes too and today, I was delighted to find two reception children at the office door dressed in Sari's and holding divas. They were very excited to tell me all about their learning and asked if they could visit each class to teach them about their learning. I mustn't fail to mention that Mrs Slater also looked very lovely dressed in a sari. On Thursday, the school joined in a Remembrance Day assembly on Teams, where we thought about the meaning of Remembrance; the significance of wearing a poppy and who the British Royal Legion are. Year 6 read out the names of soldiers who once attended our school and invited the rest of the school to join in with a two-minute silence, which was observed beautifully. It was an extremely poignant assembly and was also a perfect opportunity to celebrate once again the children's hard work and efforts with their contributions to the poppy trail. School looks SO beautiful!

Our Safeguarding Committee have also been busy this week, working with me to have a think about how to make lunchtimes more productive. They enjoyed meeting with me to talk about how they were going to develop lunchtimes and they have been exceptional role models this week, monitoring exemplary behaviour in the corridors and in the dinner hall. They have so many super ideas and are very excited to be having weekly meetings with me (although I am sure the biscuits might have something to do with it!) Next week, the Safeguarding Committee (Team Safe) will be leading our assembly on Monday about Anti-Bullying week and talking to the rest of the school about our Positive Relationships Policy. Exciting times ahead. Oh, and I'll keep it brief, Christmas preparations are now in full swing...how exciting!

Have a very lovely weekend!

Weekly Attendance by Class



This week:

Arden	1113
Hall	1254
Hathaway	1228
Shakespeare	1207

Safeguarding corner

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK is from 15th November to 19th November 2021

At school we will be holding an assembly and in class the teachers will be introducing some new steps which follow our Positive Relationships lessons.



The Anti-Bullying Alliance has some advice and tips for parents:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents>

Notes for Parents:

Please check your emails for details of upcoming menu changes as well as our Christmas lunch!

Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies at school:

Midday Supervisor (2 required)
- 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.

REMEMBER:

Tuesday 16th November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 17th November - Heart of England Stargazing Y5

Wednesday 17th November - Paint a Pot Y2

Friday 19th November - Dress Up in Spots!

Friday 19th November - Topic Sharing YR

Tuesday 23rd November - Alice in Wonderland Y4

Tuesday 23rd November - Topic Sharing Y1

The school calendar is also available on the school website.

DREAM DRAW WINNERS!



- 1st Prize £26.70 Rhian Watts
- 2nd £13.35 Mike Hardwick
- 3rd £4.45 Rocio Bruce Bonilla

So far it has raised £439 for the school. Thanks to all who have joined.

We would love more entries to increase what we raise for the school and the prize fund for our winners.

If you would like to enter the remaining 8 draws at £1 per month, please contact Denise on 07711 768087. You might just win!!

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RAISE MONEY FOR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

WHAT? *Wear your spots / Non Uniform day*

WHEN & WHERE?
19th November 2021

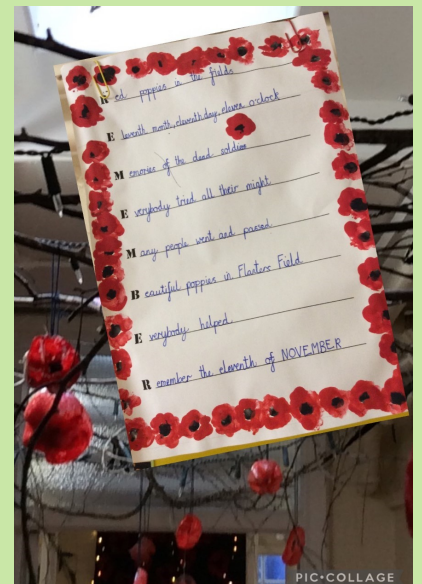
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Our Week In Pictures...



This week we have learnt about and celebrated Diwali. We also created our Poppy Trail and all classes took part in our Remembrance Day assembly and observed 2 minutes silence.





Spotlight on our staff



10 Questions

with...

Mrs Fade



1. What is your role at Stratford Primary?

I'm an HLTA at Stratford Primary and my main role is to cover teachers when they are away from their classes on planning time, getting exciting activities ready for the children. This gives me the opportunity to work across school, from Year 1 all the way up to Year 6.

2. What made you want to be a teacher?

I stopped working when my son was born and when I was ready to go back to work, after he started school, I really wanted to be able to spend as much time with him as possible. I started volunteering in school, which I really loved, and after two years I started working in school part-time.

3. What are you most proud of?

Me, for overcoming my fear of heights at PGL last year! Although it did take a lot of encouragement from the children!

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

I love walking. I am at my happiest stomping along muddy footpaths around the Cotswolds. It also gives me the excuse for a guilt free pub lunch! I also love bread making and baking.

5. Tell me your funniest joke!

"Doctor, Doctor, I feel like a pair of curtains."

Reply, "Pull yourself together!"



6. What was the last book you read?

Adult book: Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

(no spoilers please, I'm not quite finished)

Children's book: Treason by Berlie Doherty

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

Make the most of the opportunities given to you, work hard and keep asking questions, lots of questions!

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

I would like to travel back to the Elizabethan times. When we read about it in History, life seems to have been extremely harsh for most people, unless you were a wealthy landowner. I would like to meet William Shakespeare and go to one of his 'new' plays. It would be amazing to be in the audience and see a play before anyone had even heard of it!

9. Have you got a hidden talent?

Not that I'm aware of ??

10. Have you got any top tips for parents?

Always make time for your child when they're being inquisitive and asking those endless 'Why?' questions. Otherwise you'll regret it when they stop asking.