



Friday 19th November 2021

# The Stratford Standard



## Highlights from the Desk of the SENDCo..

Today we have been thinking about children who are not as fortunate as we are. We wore our spotty clothes for Children in Need, whilst raising money for the important cause. Thank you for your support.

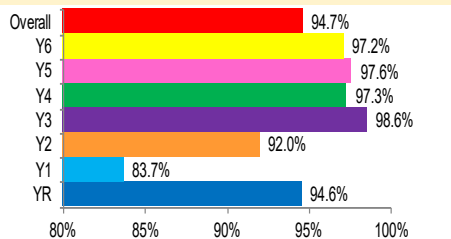
This week I have been visiting all the classes and speaking with the children about what they have been learning in their classrooms. It is one of my favourite things to do as the children here are always so engaging and keen to share their experiences and learning with me.

Reception have continued learning about Diwali and throughout the week have been making clay divas ready to decorate along with their parents during the topic sharing that happened today. It was wonderful to see the enjoyment in the room for this activity. When they take them home with a tea light, they should be able to tell their families about the festival of light. Year 1 are continuing with their 'Blue Penguin' book and using the text to further their understanding of seasons, particularly winter. Year 4's learning was also linked with this colder season; the children were able to explain to me the similarities and differences between a Victorian Christmas and a Christmas today. The Wild West is the focus in Year 3, linked with their class text 'Hideout Kids'. This is a newer theme for them, but they are very much engaged and keen to find out more as the book and topic progresses. Both Year 2 and Year 6 were focused and challenged in their maths when I visited their classrooms. Year 2 were attempting to add up and compare different amounts of money, and Year 6 were working on strategies to help with short division. The prospective parents I was showing round were hugely impressed (and somewhat daunted!) by the level of expectation in the maths at that end of the school. Year 5 went on a visit to the Heart of England on Wednesday, staying late into the evening to do stargazing and planet finding. Naomi told me how much she enjoyed the trip, even though the class (and their teachers) are all pretty tired afterwards!

Singing assembly with KS1 was a particular highlight for me this week. Being able to play the grand piano again and hearing the lovely voices was a delight, especially Year 2 singing 'Away in a Manger' so confidently!

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing weekend!

## Weekly Attendance by Class



## This week:

Arden	327
Hall	265
Hathaway	473
Shakespeare	382

## 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

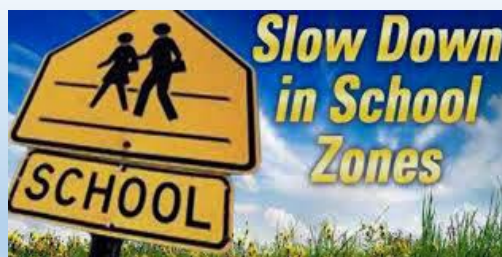
[admin2042@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2042@welearn365.com)

## Notes for Parents:

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

## Safeguarding corner

Please could all parents ensure that they are driving with caution for our children; and parking/turning with respect for our neighbours when driving around the school.



## REMEMBER:

Tuesday 23rd November - Alice in Wonderland Y4

Tuesday 23rd November - Topic Sharing Y1

Wednesday 24th November - Creative Writing with Steven Lenton All Classes

Wednesday 24th November - Topic Sharing Y5

Friday 26th November - Year 6 School Photos

The school calendar is also available on the school website.

## Celebration Assembly

Well done to those children who received certificates in today's assembly:

YR Matilda and Cameron

Y1 Martha and Jasmine **RESPECT:**

Y2 Simran and Emilia ARDEN Brody (4)

Y3 Muhammad and Kip HALL Isla (6)

Y4 Isla B and Enoch HATHAWAY Hattie (4)

Y5 James and Lara SHAKESPEARE Oliver (5)

Y6 Seb and Maddie



Friends of Stratford Primary  
**Christmas Fair**  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021  
1-3pm (children only)  
£5.00 per child - forms will be sent out shortly

Festive stalls include..... LOTS of prizes to be won!

- Chocolate Tombola
- Face Glitter
- Splat the Snowman
- Lucky Dip
- Christmas Crackers
- Find the Nose

There will also be an appearance from a very special visitor...Ho, Ho, Ho!

**FOSP Christmas Raffle**  
Lots of amazing prizes! ....tickets will be available soon...more info to follow...

## Our Week In Pictures...



Hot chocolate, marshmallows  
and stargazing with Year 5...





# Spotlight on our staff

## 10 Questions

with...

**Mrs Mingins**



### 1. What is your role at Stratford Primary?

My role at Stratford Primary is varied.

I work 1:1 with a child in KS2, I also supervise KS1 at lunchtimes, both in the hall and the playground.

I also help to keep our school clean and tidy.

### 2. What made you want to be a teacher?

My son had to have extra help at primary school, it made me appreciate how much work is given to children in a school environment and I wanted to give something back and be able to help someone myself.

### 3. What are you most proud of?

I am most proud of my family, especially my husband for taking on a different career role and my two children.

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

In my spare time, I like to read books, walk, gardening, renovating my house and most importantly spend time with my family.

### 5. Tell me your funniest joke!

Why did the cow cross the road?

To get to the mooovies!



### 6. What was the last book you read?

The last book I read was The Hundred and One Dalmations in school and Philip Schofields biography at home.

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

Just to be yourself, work as hard as you can and just to try your best at anything you may do.

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

If I had a magic minibus, I would like to go back to when my great grandparents were alive to speak to them about what their lives were like and how they dealt with their families.

### 9. Have you got a hidden talent?

Yes!

I am a qualified chef and lecturer in catering.

Many years ago, I worked in a local hotel and remember children from this school coming along to prepare a banquet for their parents which we helped them with. We then got invited to sports day over in the Paddock.

### 10. Have you got any top tips for parents?

Just do your very best and give as much praise as possible.