



Friday 18th March 2022

The Stratford Standard



Highlights from the Desk of the Head of School..

This week, we have carried out a Science Deep Dive across the school, which was a fantastic opportunity to explore the science curriculum and observe lots of budding scientists in action! Year 1 were very excited to discover that there was (and still is) a dinosaur on the loose around the school - the children were showing me photographs of a diplodocus under their tables and they suspect it was also responsible for leaving a mess in the classroom! The children have informed me that he is hiding in my office cupboard so I am keeping my eyes peeled for clues. In their science lesson, the children were learning about animal classification and could tell me the different characteristics for mammals, amphibians, fish, birds and reptiles. I was very impressed with the interesting debate that the class had when classifying a dolphin - they worked collectively to figure out that a dolphin is indeed a mammal not a fish! In Year 2, the children were wowing us with their understanding and use of scientific vocabulary - they were building constructions using biscuits and could explain that a triangle is the strongest shape to use when building structures. In Year 3, you could have heard a pin drop during their science lesson - Mr Edwards and the children were learning about fossilisation and were making their own fossils using clay, model animals and plaster of paris. I really was impressed when the children were talking to me about fossilisation. They were confidently and accurately using words like permeable, erosion, sedimentary, durable and disintegrated to tell me about the process and their enjoyment was delightful! In Year 4 this week, the children have been continuing to learn about electricity and were deep in discussion about electrical appliances. The children have been investigating electrical insulators and conductors and this also started a great discussion about the use of electrical appliances and environmental impact. We have already started to think about our energy usage in the school and evidently have some eco-warriors in the making. Year 5 have been using different foods to represent each stage of the human gestation cycle this week and worked brilliantly together to match each food item to each stage. What really struck me was the children's ability to recall prior learning - their understanding of scientific vocabulary was impressive and their enthusiasm and enjoyment of the subject was inspiring, as it was in Year 6 too. This week, there has been a freezer full of ice cubes - the children have been setting up their own scientific enquiries, based on their topic Frozen Kingdom. Mrs McCormack challenged the class to pose their own scientific questions for enquiry based on melting icebergs. One group designed an investigation to investigate if salt would speed up the melting process; another group tested if having lots of iceberg 'bits' surrounding an iceberg would speed up the melting process and another group decided to investigate if the size of the iceberg contributed to the speed of melting. The children spoke so knowledgeably about their science lessons and couldn't wait to tell me about another investigation that they had carried out last week when they were exploring thermal insulators and working scientifically to keep penguins warm! These are the types of experiences that children will remember forever. It's been another super week with lots of inspiring learning taking place!

I hope you all have a very lovely weekend,

Mrs Withers

REMEMBER:

Tuesday 22nd March - Synagogue Trip - Year 2

Wednesday 23rd March - Shakespeare Workshops - KS2

Thursday 24th March - Shakespeare Workshops - KS1

Friday 25th March - Shakespeare Trail open to parents

Tuesday 29th March - Rocksteady Concert 9.15am - KS1

Tuesday 29th March - Topic Sharing 2pm - Year 5

Wednesday 30th March - Topic Sharing 2.15pm - Year 1

Thursday 31st March - Rocksteady Concert 9.15am - KS2

Friday 1st April - Topic Sharing 2.15pm - Year Reception

Friday 1st April - FOSP Discos

KS1 5.30-6.30pm

KS2 7-8pm

Monday 4th April - Topic Sharing 2.15pm - Year 4

The school calendar is also available on the school website.

Weekly Attendance by Class

Reception	86.9%	
Year 1	95.7%	
Year 2	98.0%	Whole school
Year 3	93.6%	attendance
Year 4	84.4%	this week:
Year 5	87.3%	90.5%
Year 6	88.4%	

Celebration Assembly

Well done to the children who have received a certificate in assembly this week.

R Toby Dora Charlotte
1 Isaac Esme Logan
2 Alex Thea Jahiem
3 Freya Baden Cameron
4 Remee Krystyna Patryk
5 Georgia Reuben F Edith
6 Louie Oscar B Lauren

Notes to Parents:

Lateness!

Please make sure your child arrives at school before 8.55am when the gate closes, unless they have an authorised reason for lateness.

All arrivals after 8.55am are marked in the register as LATE UNAUTHORISED.

Dream Draw Winners

Congratulations to this month's winners. To join the Dream Draw and help raise funds for our school, please email fospschool@gmail.com.

1st prize - Maggie Burman

2nd prize - Margaret Pope

3rd prize - Sally Smith

Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies:

Midday Supervisor (x2) 12-1pm,
5 days per week. Email
admin2042@welearn365.com
to enquire.

Please pass on to friends/family.

Safeguarding corner

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR

NHS

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Give your best parenting habits a polish, make them sparkle and shine!

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FRIDAY CAKE SALE

Celebrate the end of the week with a cake!

A selection of cakes will be on sale in the undercover seating area in the playground from 3.10pm on Fridays, first come first served!

Donations are always needed!

Homemade and shop bought cakes are all welcome (NO NUTS PLEASE) please bring any cake donations to the office by 10am on the day of the sale.



The money raised goes directly to the children. Previous years we have bought art equipment for all classes and paid to take all of the school children to a Christmas Pantomime.



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Our Week In Pictures...

Year 5 in the news...

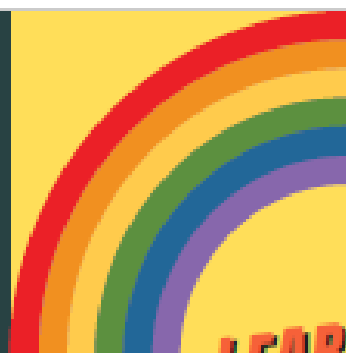
Year 5 went on an educational visit to the Heart of England Forest this week. They got to observe and describe the process of reproduction in plants. Their recall from previous learning was tested and then they had time to build a shelter. We got a little wet and mucky but it did not stop us having fun!





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LEARN 2 COOK ILEAP COOKERY FOR AGES 8-12

Saturdays
12.30 - 2.30PM
@ KES School
Stratford upon Avon

2nd April
14th May
18th June
9th July
17th September
15th October
12th November
10th December

Please book online:
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Do you fancy yourself as the next junior
bake off star?

Or perhaps you want to make wonderful
creations to share with your family and
friends?

Either way, ILEAP has you covered with
our monthly learn2cook sessions.

Alternating between sweet and savoury
recipes, the junior chefs will work with our
experienced staff to create something
different each month, and will bring it
home to share.

With a focus on creating a healthy
balance, the sessions will introduce and
explore ingredients to expand tastes in a
fun and exciting way.



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Footy, Fun and Friendship!

ILEAP Charity and Racing Club Warwick FC
have teamed up again to give young people
with Additional Needs the chance to have
fun, play footy and make new friends!!

Venue: Racing Club Warwick
Day: Every Wednesday during term time
starting 27th April - 20th July 2022
and 7th Sept - 19th October 2022
Time: 4.30pm - 5.30pm (8 - 12 years)

Cost: Just £1 per session
(Book for the Term)

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