



Friday 10th December 2021

The Stratford Standard



Highlights from the Desk of School Council...

The past few weeks have been a great achievement, school council made posters to promote Wear Wellies day and we all wore wellies for a day to raise money for the charity Winston's Wish. Over all, we raised £131 to help this charity. Winston's Wish is a charity to help children who are grieving for a member of their family, they give them the help and support they need. We had a school assembly about it and researched what the charity does to support grieving children.

We also had a school Christmas fair, and the school council made wooden reindeers to sell there. We made them out of googly eyes, pipe cleaners and wooden discs. We used a red pen to colour the nose. Each pupil handed in £5 to get a 10 tokens to spend at the fair. We sold the reindeer for 2 tokens (£1) each and they were sold out by the end of the day! Y6 ran the stalls for around two hours whilst the other classes attended the fair.

We are looking forward to working together to help make our school even better in the new year!

Conor and Martina

REMEMBER:

Monday 13th December - Christmas Panto for All Classes

Wednesday 15th December - Y1&2 Christmas Play 9.30am and 1.30pm

Thursday 16th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Friday 17th December - Reception Nativity 9.30am

Friday 17th December - School Closes at 2.15pm - ALL CHILDREN TO BE COLLECTED by 2.15pm.

The school calendar is also available on the school website.

Christmas Jumper Day

Children can come into school wearing Christmas jumpers on Thursday 16th December - we ask for a minimum £1 donation to go to the Save the Children charity.



Friends of Stratford Primary
Christmas Raffle

1st Prize: Luxury Hamper worth over £150
2nd Prize: Luxury Hamper worth over £100
3rd Prize: Luxury Hamper worth over £75

Tickets Just £1.00 each

Other prizes include: vouchers/tickets for...

EVERYMAN MAD ASK ITALIAN

Plus MANY MORE FAB PRIZES

Tickets will be available for sale from 29th November

Draw Date: Thursday 16th December 2021

Please return your raffle tickets and money to the school office by Wednesday 15th December.



Arden	209
Hall	252
Hathaway	273
Shakespeare	200

Weekly Attendance by Class

Reception	91.0%	
Year 1	94.8%	Whole School:
Year 2	97.2%	95.58%
Year 3	96.4%	
Year 4	99.2%	
Year 5	95.9%	
Year 6	94.1%	

Celebration Assembly

Well done to the following children who received certificates in the last Celebration Assembly of this term:

- YR Lottie B and Lenny M
- Y1 Cecily R and Florence B
- Y2 Imogen J and Darcey M
- Y3 Sara C and Ewan MB
- Y4 Tobias V and Chloe B
- Y5 Fabian C and Olivia P
- Y6 Isla M and Thalia JG

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.

Notes for Parents:

Last day of term - Friday 17th December. School will be closed from 2.15pm.

Please ensure that your children arrive at school before 8.50am to avoid them being marked as late in the register.

Safeguarding Corner

You can still access support over the holiday period.

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Year 3 have enjoyed being very creative in their Art lessons this week!





Spotlight on our staff

10 Questions with... Miss Desai



1. What is your role at Stratford Primary?

I am a teaching assistant and teach Relax Kids to all year groups, across the school.

2. What made you want to be a teacher?

I became fascinated with child brain development, particularly the formative years, following the birth of my eldest child, and began my journey into education through volunteering in schools. I feel privileged being part of the learning environment and witnessing the profound and positive impact teachers have on growing minds. Each day is so varied and every day the intrinsic love for learning grows stronger.

3. What are you most proud of?

My two daughters are my greatest achievement! Their empathy, patience, humility and courage, continually inspire me to learn and grow. I am also proud of all the children, at Stratford Primary, who are embracing their brain animals!

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

I love travelling and exploring new places, especially locations steeped in history. Anywhere with a beach is a bonus! Many hours are spent crafting and I also have a penchant for musical theatre too!

5. Tell me your funniest joke!

What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the normal alphabet?

The Christmas alphabet has No-el!



6. What was the last book you read?

Recently, I re-read the enchanting novel, *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. I am also re-reading *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen, with my eldest daughter and the *Genie and Teeny* books by Steven Lenton (who we were fortunate to have met at school), with my youngest.

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

We are all unique! Recognise when your meerkat is beginning to panic and use the tools you have to calm it down; your brain animals will then work as a team! And, it's perfectly okay to make mistakes, the important part is to learn from them; and, remember the power of YET is your superpower!

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

There are so many periods in history I would like to visit, so I'd have to opt for whistle-stop tour through the ages. I'd go as far back as the ancient civilisation of the Indus Valley and the Ancient Egyptians. Quick stop to Ancient Rome. Then swinging by the enthralling Renaissance age of exploration and finally arriving in the late modern period.

9. Have you got a hidden talent?

I think it would require an archaeological dig as it's buried so deep within me.

10. Have you got any top tips for parents?

My go to for parenting advice are in the form of books - in particular 'The Whole Brain Child' - by Dr Dan Siegal, who provides strategies to aid care-givers in nurturing a child's developing mind and Dr Laura Markham's, *Peaceful Parent, Happy kids!*



SANTA IS COMING TO STRATFORD!

Shakespeare Lions are delighted to confirm that Santa will once again be visiting Stratford in December and has asked the Lions to help him while he tours around in his sleigh. He is also hoping to catchup with some of his fans at Morrisons, Tesco, Maybird and at a couple of markets in town.

Santa will be joined by a number of elves carrying collection buckets if anyone wants to fling in coins or notes. An alternative of donating by phone or online will be available. As usual, any monies raised will be used to support groups and individuals in our local area.

Full details about routes, dates and times can be found on our website together with information about how to track Santa online during his tours around the town!

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