

STOKES WOOD

PRIMARY

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are looking forward to a restful and enjoyable Easter break. As we look ahead to the summer term, we have lots of exciting events and activities planned for the children.

In this edition, you'll find important dates for your diary, updates on our recent achievements and some helpful reminders. As always, thank you for your continued support — it truly makes a difference in our school community.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved in school life, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Liz Christensen - Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 3rd April - Y6 Exam Stress Workshop
- 8th April - Y5 Viking Day
- 11th April - Last day of term.
- 14th of April to 25th of April - Easter Holidays
- 28th April - Return to school after Easter.
- 29th April - Paid Non-Uniform day for Elexis Brown Foundation.
- 30th April - Y1 Battle of Bosworth Assembly



BIG SPRING CLEAN FAMILY EVENT

As part of the Big Spring Clean Week, we invited our families to join us after school to take part in a variety of activities such as sunflower planting, bird-feeder making and litter picking. We were also joined by our mental health nurse who had a great time chatting with you all. It was lovely seeing our families come and join in. Our school and area around it are much cleaner thanks to your help. Keep on eye on your emails for the next event.

RECEPTION'S VISIT TO THE LIBRARY

Our Reception children walked to the library this month. They learned road safety and when to safely cross the road.

At the library, they checked out the selection of books. Once they had read a story, they made their way back to school. They came back with big smiles.



CAREERS WEEK AND WORLD BOOK DAY



National careers week took place this year from 3rd to 7th March. To show our children the wide variety of jobs that are possible for them, we invited several professionals in to talk to them. We had several guests including PCSO Pete Smith, a community support officer; Dr Krusha Patel, a health science technical leader; Stephanie Smith, a barrister; James Meer, who works within IT; Natasha Tiyan, a Paramedic; Julia Mason, an author; Dr Maria Teresa Jn Tala, who works in Cardiac Surgery; Libby Brierly, a book keeper with a passion for Therapy dogs; Mel Thomas, a sergeant police recruiter and a member of the Hunted TV show team and Mike Williams, a sports journalist. We would like to thank all these special guest and hope they have provided the children a new insight into new career paths.

As World book day fell during our Careers week, we invited the children to dress up as what they wanted to be when they grew up and they did not disappoint. We had teachers, vets, rockstars, youtubers, rappers, army men, doctors and many more. It was brilliant to see all the effort that the children put into their costumes and how many different jobs were on show!

We are excited to launch the Stoke Wood School Logo Design competition. We are very proud to be called Stokes Wood Primary School. However, our current logo is now 43 years old and we feel it needs a little update and refresh to bring it into 2025. We do not want to lose the theme of the 'wood' and trees. As we are also a 'blue' uniform school, we are hoping to reflect this colour in some way in our logo. We are also a diverse and caring community and these values could be reflected in our logo. We are asking the children, parents, staff and friends to have a go at designing our next school logo. This can be hand drawn or created on a computer. Some ideas are below but these are not exhaustive. Entries need to be brought into school by Friday 2nd May. We will then shortlist and ask the school community to vote for a winning design. This will then be used on all of our branding materials and school uniform. (Please do not worry - school uniform with the old logo will still be acceptable to use until you need to purchase anything new). Let's get creative and start designing!



RECEPTION BOTANICAL GARDEN

As part of the curriculum, our reception children learn about life cycles and different plants. They took a trip to the University of Leicester Botanic Garden. While there, they participated in different activities such as pond dipping, mini-beast hunting, bark rubbing and more. It was a beautiful, sunny day and the children had a lovely time. Several tired but happy children fell asleep on the bus on the way back to school!



Y1 GORSE HILL FARM TRIP

Our Year 1 children took a trip to Gorse Hill City Farm to learn more about farm animals and their environment. This included seeing some cows, alpacas and some more fluffy animals such as rabbits and guinea pigs which the children had the opportunity to pet. It was a great trip that our pupil enjoyed!



Y2 VICTORIAN DAY

As part of their history topic, Year 2 learn about the Victorians. To get a better idea of what life as a Victorian was like, we invited in an expert who showed the children and their parents various aspects of Victorian life, including washing and games.



Y3 MANDIR TEMPLE VISIT

Year 3 having been studying Hinduism in class this month. As part of this, they visited the Shree Sanatan Mandir temple in Leicester to show them where Hindus go to worship. The children asked some great questions and were very respectful. Well done, Year 3!



On 21st March, Stokes Wood Primary was a sea of red! Our amazing children all dressed in red as part of our fundraising for Comic Relief. The children and staff raised over £221. How amazing! If you would still like to donate and raise even more money, the Comic relief trip is still active on your child's Scopay account.

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CELEBRATORY DAYS

In March, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day and Eid al Fitr with non-uniform days. On St. Patrick's Day the children dressed in green and learned all about the history of St. Patrick, Ireland's patron saint who was originally from Wales! On 28th March, to celebrate Eid al Fitr, we invited the children to dress in clothes that are special to them - whether they are worn for cultural or religious celebrations or simply make them feel special. They learned about Eid and the feast which celebrates the end of Ramadan, where Muslims around the world spend the month fasting. We hope your children told you something new about these festivals and celebrations around the world.



FOOD WASTE PROJECT

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we were joined by a representative from Liverpool University this month to talk to the children about food waste. The children had a very exciting assembly learning all about the different food that can be put into food waste and all the benefits and actions we can take around school! Thank you to Miss Williams for organising this project.



Stokes Wood COLOUR DASH!!!!!!

On the 4th of April, Stokes wood will be taking part in a colour dash to raise money for Leicester Children's holiday homes!

Children will receive sponsorship form to fill out to raise money for this brilliant cause. Please send children to school in clothes they don't mind getting dirty/paint all over!

STOKES WOOD EASTER EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

To celebrate Easter, we are holding an egg decorating competition!

We are asking the children to bring in a decorated hard-boiled egg on the 11th of April. 1 child from each class will win a prize for the best decorated egg!



SEAGRAVE GIRLS FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

During the "Let's Girls Play" event week, seven Year 3 and 4 girls had the exciting opportunity to attend a football skills-based event at Seagrave Stadium. The girls had a wonderful time working alongside the LCFC staff, developing their understanding of the sport and competing in friendly matches with other schools. Samantha was awarded Player of the Day by the coaches and received a pair of goalkeeper gloves from a successful retired female Leicester player. Congratulations!



GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Stokes Wood	1-0	CTK
Stokes Wood	1-0	BCP
Stokes Wood	0-0	Forest Lodge

The girls demonstrated outstanding skills and teamwork throughout the football tournament, ultimately securing first place in the league. Their impressive performance has earned them a spot in the finals, which will take place this May. How impressive!



Eight of our Year 5 attended a leadership training session with Inspire. The children explored various aspects of leadership and different roles and responsibilities in areas such as playgrounds/sports, eco, media and wellbeing. With their new skills, they are ready to make a positive impact in their respective areas!



Y5 ENHANCED LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Stokes Wood	0-3	Forest Lodge
Inglehurst	0-0	Woodstock Primary
Heatherbrook	1-2	Stokes Wood

BOYS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The boys showcased an exceptional performance during the football matches. Their growth and improvement were evident in every game. Their teamwork and commitment shone through, resulting in some fantastic goals. Even in a tough match, they demonstrated resilience and determination. Their hard work and dedication have truly paid off, making their accomplishments even more impressive.

Sixteen gymnasts competed in the gymnastics competition showcasing their rhythmic routines which they have been perfecting over the last couple of months. All the children performed amazingly, with many receiving individual medals and two of our teams making it to the finals. A big thank you to Miss Smith for working so hard to prepare the children.



RISE GYMNASTICS COMPETITION AND FINAL

The two teams who qualified to represent West Leicester went to gymnastics competition final in Rutland. Both groups delivered their best performances yet, securing 2nd and 4th place in the county! Their hard work and dedication truly shone through and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements. Well done to all our finalists for their outstanding efforts and commitment!



YOUNG MARKETERS MEETING WITH CHRISTINE HOLTON

Some of our children attended a Young Marketers meeting with Christine Holton. The children had an amazing morning learning and developing ideas for the upcoming market day. They had the opportunity to sow vegetables in their school allotment and take home some tasty pea shoot plants that they will nurture.

GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The girls delivered an outstanding performance at the tournament. Despite facing numerous challenges, they remained resilient and battled through every obstacle. Their exceptional teamwork led to a well-deserved victory. Well done, girls!



Dovellands	0-0	Stokes Wood
Beaumont Lodge	1-0	Stokes wood
Wood Stock	0-1	Stokes Wood

BOYS FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT MATCHES

Congratulations to the boys for an outstanding performance at the Year 4 development matches. All boys played with extraordinary skill, turning the games into thrilling, nail-biting events. The teamwork was impeccable, with fantastic passes and seamless communication throughout. All boys upheld the Stokes Wood spirit of respect for every player on and off the pitch. We are bursting with pride and eagerly anticipate more exciting matches in the future!

Braustone Firth	1-0	Stokes Wood
Stokes Wood	1-1	Parks
Stokes Wood	2-0	Catherine
St Mary's	2-0	Stokes Wood
Stokeswood	1-0	Queensmead

April

LET GIRLS PLAY FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Stokes Wood joined many other schools in Leicestershire for the Let Girls Play event. Throughout the day, Year 1 and Year 6 students participated in football during their PE lessons. At lunchtime, all the KS2 girls played football on the field, joined by the girls' football team. The leaders took charge and ran four activities during the event, showcasing their leadership skills and teamwork. Adding to the excitement, Liz Kendel, MP, visited the school, interacting with the students and encouraging their enthusiasm for sports. Her visit was a highlight, inspiring the children and adding a special touch to the day.

The event was filled with energy, collaboration and memorable moments for everyone involved. The children not only enjoyed the physical activity but also learned valuable lessons in teamwork, leadership and sportsmanship. It was a day that celebrated the spirit of community and the joy of playing together.



YEAR 4 RUGBY EVENT

Eight of our Year 4 children attended a T1 Rugby event where they focused on the value of respect throughout the day. The children learned the basic rules of T1 Rugby and demonstrated exemplary behaviour. Stokes Wood pupils were shining examples of respect, making us incredibly proud of their conduct and sportsmanship. Throughout the event, they engaged enthusiastically in all activities, showing great teamwork and support for one another. A big thank you to the organisers and leaders for creating such a valuable and enjoyable experience for our children.



LEICESTER TIGERS RUGBY EVENT

Some of our children had the opportunity to train with one of the Leicester Tigers coaches this month. They learned all the different skills that are involved in Rugby and left with big smiles on their faces. Thank you to Mrs Freeman who organised the event.



CROSS COUNTRY MALLORY PARK WINNERS

Congratulations to the three children from West Leicester who represented their region at the cross-country county finals and secured their places! Well done!

2nd Place Medal	3rd Place Medal	3rd Place Medal
Joandra Kalu-Nsi Y4	Roux Miles Y4	Daryl Mbakop Y4