

At Stebbing we show **KINDNESS**, demonstrate **RESPECT** and foster **BELONGING**.  
We are **ASPIRATIONAL!**

## HEADTEACHER

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Family Consultations next week. We are hoping you have booked an appointment, but if you haven't had a chance to, booking will close 72 hours before the event.

As part of the consultation there will be an opportunity to discuss our Behaviour Policy in more detail, should you wish. This is being reviewed by our Governors.

To read our proposed policy and Behaviour Expectations, please see the attachments accompanying this parentmail.

Thank you

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

Thank you for all of the wonderful donations so far for our new positive playtime initiative. We are very close to opening our brand new sand pit, tree swings and climbing tree.

However, there are a few aspects that still require a few more resources to get off the ground. Therefore, if you have any of the following items or know any local companies who may be willing to donate any items, please let me know.



Dressing up clothes	Sand pit equipment	Logs for a seating area
Tyres	Scooters/trikes/balance bikes & helmets	Wellies

## SPORT @ STEBBING

Unfortunately, our sporting calendar has been a little interrupted with the recent wet weather cancelling three events this week. However, we were able to squeeze in four events last week before the weather took a run for the worse. On Wednesday 1st March our year 5 tag rugby squad took part in the Uttlesford finals at Carver Barracks finishing in an impressive 6th place after a morning of matches. The following day saw our year 3/4 tag rugby squad also attend the Uttlesford Finals coming in 2nd place earning themselves a place at the Regional Finals (which have been postponed). We concluded the week with a year 6 girls and boys football tournaments at Dunmow ST Mary's where our teams, made up of children from Owls and Ospreys class worked incredibly well as a team - demonstrating fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. With the postponed events, the final weeks of Spring term promise to be an incredibly busy time for sports at Stebbing and we cannot wait!

## AFSS

Hello from your AFSS! We got some unfortunate news but also some good ones. Let's start with the most important which is that we will sadly need to postpone the gin cocktail making night on Friday 17th March. The feedback we have received have been heard and we will re-arrange the cocktail making for another day later on in the spring. We will be informing you of the new date and details of the event on ClassDojo and Facebook. Now to the happy news of celebrating mothers on the morning of Friday 17th! As usual, the event will start after drop off in the school hall where we will serve coffee and tea. Please bring along reusable cups if you have them. We also kindly ask you to give your child/children £1 per muffin to purchase on the morning for them to give as a present. That's a breakfast treat sorted! We also have plans for Easter but those will be revealed on ClassDojo next week. Egg-citing!!!



## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 3rd March	Friday 10th March
Wrens	Daisy & Hallie	Henley & Delilah
Robins	Louie.P & Jake	Harvey & Jasmina
Kingfishers	Ivy and Millie	Logan & Sienna
Woodpeckers	Wren & Louis	Archie & Isla
Kestrels	Ji & Elly	Ethan & Kaydn
Ospreys	Rocco & Lia	Betsy & Frankie
Owls	Alex & George	Henley & Noah



## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 3rd March	Friday 10th March
Wrens	Rainbow	
Robins	Esmæ	
Kingfishers	James D	Albert
Woodpeckers	Albie	
Kestrels	Zach	Darcy
Ospreys	Archie	Oliver O
Owls	Malachy	Poppy-Jean

## PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 3rd March	Friday 10th March
Wrens	Stanley	
Robins	Jenna	
Kingfishers	Jacob	
Woodpeckers		Lottie
Kestrels		Isabelle
Ospreys		Emily
Owls		Lan

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
03.03.23	Alex	Ospreys	Woodpeckers	
10.03.23		Woodpeckers	Wrens	



# WRENS



# ROBINS



In PE Wrens have started their new sequence of Dance lessons last week, exploring how we can move to different types of music. We have been treated to a Dance Workshop with Darren this week and danced to Happy.

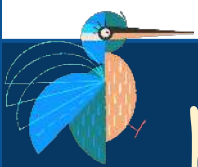
With our Explorer's Topic in mind Wrens have been on a Yoga Safari, practicing poses and learning interesting facts about African animals.

Wrens have used our Topic for inspiration and created animal art with paint handprints, we can not wait to show you more on our community month exhibition.

It is a very busy time for Robins, being Community Month. We have been writing motivating, mindful quotes and decorating them, ready to deliver our Random Acts of Kindness and hopefully bring smiles and warmth to the hearts of our local residents. We enjoyed our walk to deliver the Exhibition flyers in the High Street last week. Robins were very focused and conscious of road safety as we went and managed to do it in record time!

In English we have begun learning about Instruction Texts and looking for the features of these within WAGOLLs and WABOLLs (What A Good/Bad One Looks Like). We are beginning to know that Instructions need a heading, numbers, they need to be in the correct order and sometimes they have time conjunctions (first, then, next, etc.). This week we have also found out about paragraphs and are now trying to recognise, understand and use them in our writing. In Grammar we have been learning about how some spellings change when a suffix (-ed/-ing) is added to a root word. We are showing a good understanding of plurals, knowing when it is 's' or 'es', and before long we'll have

Grammar Tests of our own to do! How grown up!



# KINGFISHERS



# WOODPECKERS



We have had another great 2 weeks in Kingfishers! In Maths we have been exploring and representing repeated addition, multiplication and arrays. I have been really impressed with how well they have grasped this and they have really enjoyed our hands-on approach to the learning.

In English we have nearly completed our animal fact files! Kingfishers have been exploring and learning lots about their chosen animal as well as developing their research skills. We have also been clarifying our knowledge of animals in Science, focusing on grouping animals, offspring, survival and having a healthy lifestyle.

In Geography we have been learning about continents and cardinal directions and Kingfishers created their own world map. We then applied our knowledge of cardinal directions to support us in finding specific places in an Atlas.

Kingfishers have participated in various exciting activities over the past 2 weeks. They thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day and everyone looked amazing dressed up as their favourite characters. They were very excited about Darren's Dance workshop and quickly learnt a new dance routine which they couldn't wait to tell me all about! And they all braved the snowy conditions and completed our leaflet drop around the village, promoting Stebbing School's Art Exhibition which will take place at the end of the March!

It has been another productive and very busy couple of weeks in Woodpeckers class.

In preparation for community month and our Art week, we have been designing leaflets that we then posted within our local village. We created some fantastic, colourful work and we were very proud with what we had produced.

In Science, we have been building on our understanding that we need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. We carried out a number of experiments that included the use of feely bags, filled with a range of different objects (along with a dark tent). We made predictions and discussed the science in more detail.

We then progressed onto noticing that lights is reflected from surfaces. We conducted an experiment that involved a variety of different materials. In groups, we used a torch to decide which would be the most reflective and which would be the least. We all made predictions prior to our investigation and carefully observed. We discussed our findings at the end of the end of the lesson.

In maths, we have been exploring multiples of ten. We began the lesson with a game that allowed us to investigate and deepen our understanding of related calculations. We then moved onto dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number with exchange and remainders. We focused on partitioning a number into tens and ones and sharing into equal groups. We used place value counters to represent the calculations along side.



It has been a super busy two weeks in Kestrels. We are so excited that it is community month and have enjoyed some activities in school already. We took part in a street dance class with Darren and boogied to S Club 7. We have also started our volunteering in the shop and the first group were kept on their toes in a very busy first shift, restocking the shelves, serving customers and organising the egg delivery into egg boxes. Back in the classroom we have been busy learning all about fractions in Maths with Mrs Clark. We have explored mixed fractions, comparing their value and placing these onto a number line. With Mrs Earle we have continued to learn about properties of shape. In English we have been enjoying watching videos of Wallace and Gromit's inventions. We have then been learning how to write explanation texts to describe the contraptions they invented. We had a super exciting Science lesson and created electrical circuits. Today we made circuits and thought carefully about a complete or broken circuit. In Geography we made our very own water cycle using paper plates. In RE we have continued to discover different creation stories, comparing them to the ones we are familiar with. Even with all of that we have even managed to share our art unhomework and begin our class assemblies for this half term. Well done Kestrels!



We have been powering through our work at the moment! We have spent the last few weeks working on the very last fractions unit of the year, which I am sure will be a bit of a relief for the children! Although, I know they all feel so much more comfortable working with all sorts of different fractions problems now. In English, the Pandora unit of work has come to an end and the children have produced some really super hot writes which have been turned into iMovie creations. Watch out on your child's profile to see what they have made. Ospreys have also enjoyed a workshop with Darren this week too- they did a great job and listened to the instructions carefully and let loose! Some super dance moves were spotted!

In Science, we have continued our work on forces and completed an investigation based around air resistance. We look forward to completing some more investigations in science week which takes place next week! In PE we have been working on netball skills where we have had our resident expert Mrs Rodgers supporting us with all of her knowledge and experience of the game.

Just a gentle reminder about our trip to the White Hart in a few weeks, make sure you have visited Parentmail to give consent and make payment. Many thanks!



Another two weeks under our belt as Owls class and we it has been filled with lots of wonderful learning opportunities, hard work and laughter. We have been powering through the maths curriculum as we have completed our decimals unit of work on Wednesday with an incredibly successful hot maths assessment. Our next hurdle to overcome is the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. Whilst this goes on, we also utilise SATs starters and maths club to reinforce prior learning specifically focusing on our arithmetic methods. In English, the children have been applying their passionate opinions on animals being kept in captivity to construct arguments for and against - it proved quite challenging to push our own feelings to one side to present the conflicting viewpoint. With a little practice, the children were soon able to present both sides of the argument using a range of conjunctions to create flow. The restructure to the teaching week has meant that Owls class now enjoy a fantastic yoga session with Mrs WIGmore to start the week on a Monday morning before kicking off the week with Mrs Bucknell working on their creativity in writing, PSHE specifically focusing on online behaviours and place knowledge in Geography focusing on America. We've also managed to create and deliver our community month posters, attend a few sporting fixtures and continue our work in science understanding how to draw and create circuits using scientifically accurate drawings and symbols.



We are super excited to be having Art Week soon at Stebbing, the week of March 20th. Our theme is based on **Plastic Pollution**, and doing our best to prevent unnecessary plastic taking up precious planet space in landfill, and polluting our oceans. Each class will have a fiction book with which to begin their week and inspire their art, so you will see on the ClassDojo page requests for particular plastic items.

**One thing Owls need (which don't come along too often) are toothbrushes! Even the small heads from an electric toothbrush would do - please bring them in. They can be left at the office or brought directly to me or Mr Le Masurier. I personally will disinfect the toothbrushes before the children use them, but toothbrushes in particular are an item that cannot rot; they just build up and build up, so we'd like to reuse/repurpose/upcycle them and inspire others to also.**

**If toothbrushes are hard to come by perhaps plastic hair brushes/combs or nail brushes would do the trick.**

Perhaps we have in our midst at Stebbing a future winner of the Turner Prize!

A leaflet will pop through doors soon inviting our Stebbing Community to visit our grand **Art Exhibition** and parents will be able to pop in and see the Exhibition each afternoon at collection time, from Tuesday 28th. We do hope you will be able to see the Art we will have created during Art Week, along with art done in our lessons at school, so far this year.

*Mrs Lonnen-Smith*

# EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
13.03.23	Science week
15.03.23	Kingfishers trip to Stansted Mountfitchet
17.03.23	Red Nose Day
20.03.23	Art week At exhibition open to parents Tuesday 28th-Friday 31st (3-3.30pm)
22.03.23	Ospreys making pizzas at the White Hart
24.03.23	Wellbeing workshops for Owls and Ospreys
30.03.23	Year 6 trip to Chelmsford science museum
31.03.23	End of term
17.04.23	Back to school