



STEBBING SPOTLIGHT

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 20th July
Year 6 Leavers Party

Friday 21st July
Leavers Assembly 10am

Friday 21st July 3pm
Break up for
Summer Holidays

Monday 4th September
First day back at school

Monday 11th September
Y6 Residential trip

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HEAD OF SCHOOL

COMMUNITY COHESION

We hope you enjoyed reading your child's school report sent out last week. We really appreciate feedback and acknowledgement of the report so please do send in your reply slips as soon as possible. Thank you.

Please take a moment to read the articles in the Spotlight this week from two of our year 6 pupils.

A REMINDER...If you are planning on getting your child's ears pierced, please do so at the beginning of the holiday. Children must not wear earrings for PE so will miss out on these lessons if their earrings cannot be removed.

NOTES

SPORTING EVENTS

Well done for the best
weekly class attendance

Wrens - 7th July
Woodpeckers - 14th July

Would you like to make a comment
about our school? You can do so by
visiting Parent View:

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

With all of the sporting competitions finished for the year we were able to focus on the school's athletics records over the past 2 weeks with all of the children in KS2 competing against each other and former students to break the records and have their name on the sports display. After 2 weeks of hard work and determination, lots of children broke their own personal records and the school records.

This week has also seen Wrens physical literacy sessions with Nick Wilderspin end after 10 weeks of sessions delivered by the experienced coach. All of Wrens have made superb progress over the 10 week programme and most importantly, they have all enjoyed the sessions growing in confidence along the way.

I hope you all enjoyed today's extremely competitive sports day. Thank you for all of your support today and at all sporting events throughout the year - we would not be able to attend the amount of events we do without the continued support of you all.

Mr Le Masurier

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS

Friday 7th July

Wrens: Malachy Rook & Ellode Lyons

Kingfishers: Matllda Page-Blackley & Harry Brinkley

Woodpeckers: Madeline Warren & Francesca Ward

Kestrels: Samuel Pertwee & Alice Bateman

Owls: Georgia Ward & Deisiel McKenzie

AFSS

A massive thank you to everyone who has helped this year before, during and after various events. We have raised thousands of pounds for the school and have been able to purchase some things already!

More details as to what the classes spent their Easter money on will follow and after the AGM in the next term we will be able to get a clearer impression of the total amount for the year.

A sad goodbye to any parents leaving with year 6s. We've had some invaluable help from many of you over the years and will miss the support, wisdom and ideas. We wish you and your children all the best.

We hope everyone has an amazing holiday and we look forward to seeing you all next year for some more exciting events.

WRENS

WOW! What an amazing year we have all had in Wrens class. It has been a pleasure to watch the children flourish. We have had so much fun and learned lots of lovely new things.

It has been fantastic to watch the children grow in confidence during swimming this year. They have been developing their swimming ability and have loved playing different games.

The year 1 children have been learning about place value in maths. They have been doing some fantastic work, they especially liked the place value ice-creams. The reception children have been recapping bonds to 10. They have completed lots of independent activities and are beginning to recall the number facts with increasing independence.

The children were fantastic at Sports Day and the music festival today. They have spent lots of time practising and were so excited to perform to everyone.

KINGFISHERS

Wow! What an amazing year it has been in Kingfishers! It has flown by and we cannot believe the incredible progress every child has made this year! We are so proud of them all.

In English we have been reading Katie Morag. We have enjoyed writing postcards, poems about Grandmas and completing comparison writing about the two Grandmas in the story. Next week we will be retelling the story.

In Maths we have finished off our place value work. We are now learning directional language. We had to guide each other around the Isle of Struay map. We will continue this next week and we are going to use the Bee Bots.

In Science we have been learning about animals including humans. The children designed their own experiments to answer the question, are the older children faster? We tested this last week and wrote up our results.

In topic we have enjoyed learning about maps and aerial view. We drew aerial maps of the classroom and labeled aerial photos of Stebbing. Nell Stone's dad James came in and flew his drone in the classroom and we loved watching the video.

Thank you so much for your support this year. We would like to wish the children the best of luck as they move into their new year groups.

WOODPECKERS

We have nearly made it to the end of Year 3! What a whirlwind it has been.

This week we have been finishing off our English and Maths topics and continued our experimenting for our Bodies topics. We have finished off our Fairy Tales topic with some fantastic Hot Writes. We have had retelling and variations of traditional tales as well as some exciting new stories.

In Maths we have been adding and subtracting different types of measurements and in Science we have been finding out the effects different liquids have on our teeth.

We have now started an exciting project for the final week of the term in which the children have been tasked with designing a theme park! Mrs Capon, Mrs Pickering and myself will be judging the children's designs next week when we are presented with bar graphs to show their research about the public's favourite rides, a ground plan of the park, a budget list and a persuasive poster and tv advert! We are very excited to have our own Woodpeckers class Dragon's Den.

I have had a fantastic first year teaching at Stebbing in Woodpeckers class and couldn't have asked for a better group of children: my lovely little dream team. I hope that the children have had as much fun this year as we have, and thank you all so much for your support. I hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday.

KESTRELS

I can't believe that we have come to the end of another school year! I have really enjoyed my time back with Kestrel's and really looking forward to getting stuck in with the majority of them in September! We have all been working really hard to get units of work finished over the last few weeks as the days get busier with end of term activities. We started off last with a visit from Mr Hughes, who came in to talk to the children about his experiences as a doctor. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him once again for his valuable time. Kestrels have finished off their imaginary worlds topic in English this week and they have all thoroughly enjoyed it. The children have been taking real care and ensuring that every word is purposeful, with the reader in mind. We have also whizzed through decimals and percentages in the last few weeks and I know, that decimals in particular, is an area that they all feel confident in.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a few thank yous. Firstly I would like to thank Mrs Dicks and Mrs Taylor for all of their hard work in writing the children's reports. As well as a fond farewell and thank you to Miss Townsend who is leaving as on Friday next week. She has got a new job as a deputy room leader at a day care nursery in Thaxted. I know that the children and staff will miss her and have all really appreciated her help and support this year and we all wish her the best of luck in her new job. We are having a tea party for her on Thursday afternoon (20th), if you would like to contribute any goodies it would be much appreciated!

OWLS

Having worked incredibly hard thought the year this year, Owls class have been winding down over the past couple of weeks with project work, sports day practise, leavers' preparations and lots of fun!

Last week the children finished their literacy unit of work focusing on explanation texts with some very informative and imaginative pieces of writing. Following that, the children were tasked with producing their final piece of writing in Owls class based on an image that they selected - the freedom gave the children the opportunity to take their story in any direction they wanted to. The results were incredible and were superb identification of the progress the children have made this year.

This week, Owls have been enjoying lots of PE with the slip and slide party, swimming, dodgeball, rounders and finishing off with sports day to round up a year of PE and sport in Owls class.

In preparation for sports day, Owls class were tasked with creating banners, mottos and a mascot to support their house during sports day. Hopefully you met Cecil the lion (Chestnut), Greeny the Dragon (Beech), Usain the Unicorn (Ash) and the red squirrel (Oak).

The children also got the opportunity to write their own report on Mr Le Masurier's year in Owls class - it is only fair that they returned the favour. I have certainly taken on board the children's reflections from this year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Articles from year 6:

Thank you to Sam Corbett and Tom Hammond for their excellent articles featuring in this edition of Stebbing Spotlight.

BIKEABILITY LEVEL 2

BY SAM CORBETT

On the 27th and the 28th of June, 6 students from Owls took part in Bikeability, a cycling course to improve your biking skills and road safety. I passed the test and was awarded a certificate and a badge. My favorite part of Bikeability was cycling down Clay Lane; it was very muddy and we all got soaked. The instructor was very helpful and taught me a lot about road safety. The course was super fun and I recommend it to anyone who enjoys cycling.

BY TOM HAMMOND

Over the past year at school Josh Desmond and I have worked on a project about animal farms. The project helped us to include subjects at school such as maths. At the finish of our project we got to present it to the whole school and teachers and my mum and Josh's grandparents. Everybody enjoyed our presentation and laughed at my cracking jokes. We also gave the results to our favourite farm animal questionnaire and horse won. Josh did a presentation about his horse riding. I thought it was excellent and we found out that other people at the school ride at the same riding school. Michalina rides the same horse as Josh which is called Sunday.

To prepare for our presentation we went to Boydells Dairy farm. We had a nice morning seeing all the animals that they have at the farm. The animals were ducks, cows, chickens, roosters, donkeys, horses, goats, alpacas, lamas and sheep. At the farm they milk the cows and the sheep and I was able to milk a cow. The udders felt very rough.

Josh held a baby goat which is called a kid. I held a lamb and fed it from a coca cola bottle that had milk in. The lamb was very strong whilst he was drinking the milk and he enjoyed it.

They have a shop at the farm where you can buy sheeps milk, yogi pops made from sheeps milk and sheeps cheese.

I have tried a yogi pop which was very nice and my mum has tried the milk and she says it is very creamy.

At the farm we had a picnic for our lunch and then we set off back to school. My favourite farm animals are sheep and cows. Josh likes horses.

I also visited the farm at Easter and saw a sheep give birth and it was amazing.

If you would like to go to Boydells Dairy Farm it is in Shalford near where I live and you can go on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon or in the school holidays.

I have always been interested in farming because I like animals and in the summer holidays I am getting my own chickens. When I go to my new school there is a farm which I might be able to help at.