



# NEWSLETTER

## Issue 5

Motivate Educate Nurture

What an incredible term! The weeks have just flown by, with so many amazing experiences in and out of the classroom. From trips to tournaments and a Jubilee picni, there have been so many opportunities for Stanton children to learn, develop and grow.

Today has been a very special day as the children celebrated and learnt about the Queen and her Platinum Jubilee. Thank you for all your support in dressing the children in red, white and blue. Please ask them what they enjoyed the most about the day? Was it the picnic, the entertainer, the wonderful 'big pudding, assembly or their personalised mug? Throughout the day, I have been most impressed by the togetherness and community spirit shown as the children supported each other – this shows that the culture of nurturing and helping others is strong. I could not think of a more appropriate characteristic to shine through on a day when we were celebrating The Queen's care and dedication to others. I talk a great deal in assemblies about thinking of the needs of others before ourselves and I was delighted to see this in action today.

Thank you again to the whole Stanton team: staff, parents, governors and wider community for their continued support.

We wish you all a lovely half term.

Yours faithfully,

**Sarah Matthews**

Head of School



## A few highlights from our Jubilee Celebrations

### Jubilee Art

Each child created a picture which we have proudly displayed in the corridor for all to enjoy.



### Red, White and Blue



### Big Pudding

Thank you to everyone who entered our Big Pudding Competition – there were so many amazing ideas. But well done to the winner design – The Elizabeth Red Velvet Cake.



**Big Lunch**

Thank you to Chef Will for his amazing Jubilee Lunch



**Entertainment**

Thank you to Dave Hickory for entertaining the children (and adults!) – they absolutely loved every minute!



**Something special to keep**

A huge thank you to FOSS for the children's Jubilee Mugs.

Each child designed their own personalised mug with a picture of the Queen.



Thank you also to the Gauzebrook Group of Churches for the beautiful books they gave to each child. They can't wait to read!



**Village Jubilee Competition**

The competition is to make the best portrait of the Queen or a crown, A4 size and in any medium - paint, collage, pasta, papier-mâché or even cake form! Age groups are under 5 years, over 5 to 11 and over 11 to 16 years. Name, age and address on the back or attached to art work. Deliver to 29 Lower Stanton St Quintin by Saturday 4th June. (We promise not to eat any of the cakes) Entries will be displayed at the celebration on the Green or in the Parish hall if wet.

## House Points for Term 5 - Well done to Survivor

It was also a pleasure to welcome Amelia and Roman for an afternoon treat this term as they were the first children to reach 100 house points.

### Points for Term 5

**Ash – 251**

**Birch – 306**

**Survivor – 307**



## Library Update



The countdown has officially begun! We are very excited to announce that the library renovation has now reached its final stages, with the furniture in situ and books beginning to line the shelves, making it almost ready for the grand opening! I have included a sneak preview pictured here.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to the parent volunteers who gave up their time to completely redecorate the library and to those who attended on Saturday to construct the furniture and

really bring the library to life. We think you are simply wonderful.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to the dedicated members of FOSS who have worked tirelessly over the past year to arrange fundraising events, enabling the library project to be funded. We simply could not have funded this project without your support. I extend this thank you to everyone who has supported these events, being a vital part of the fundraising efforts.

We cannot wait to share this space with you and show you how our vision has come to life for the benefit of every child of Stanton School and beyond. I truly believe this space will allow every child to be inspired by reading, whilst surrounded by the most wonderful books to explore and ignite imagination. It really does make me quite emotional to see what we have achieved for our children and I cannot wait to see the space filled with excited readers!

We therefore invite you to join us during one of our library open events on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June, between 3pm and 4pm each day**. This will follow on from our Grand Library Opening for the children in school.

We can't wait to welcome you.

Mrs Anderson

## Dance Festival

The Chippenham Schools area 'Top of the Pops' dance festival was held this term and was a huge hit (pun intended) with the children and parents who were able to make the show. 20 students from Rhine participated and worked on their choreography over many weeks prior to the show, under the guidance of Miss Amy from Dancing Academy in Chippenham. The event was so popular it had to be held over two evenings in the Neeld hall and Stanton St Quintin did themselves proud with a show stopping performance of their 60s,70s,80s,90s, & 00s mash up. There were excellent individual performances throughout the group but what was most impressive was the togetherness and mutual support they provided each other in making their dance such a success. If you would like to watch it click [here](#).

Special mention to Rachel Brown (Jessica's mum) who helped with the loan of costumes and also on the day with hair and make-up! Mr Carter



## Outdoor Learning

This term for our outdoor learning at the woods, Amazon Class have been focusing on how we solve problems and support others, debating and identifying animal classes. We have been so fortunate to be able to visit the woods this term. Thank you to all our lovely parent volunteers for helping us to go. Visiting the woods provides the children with a fantastic opportunity to explore learning in different ways and build strong relationships with each other. We have been very lucky to witness the bluebells in full bloom and see two Roe Deer this term, something they could not experience in the classroom!

Back at school, Rhine have been using our outdoor spaces for their computing lessons this term. The children have been using iPads to create their own movie trailers, selecting locations from our school grounds to film in.

Darling class have been focusing on how plants grow in our outdoor spaces. They have created a super sunflower circle behind Kholia and with plants provided by Mrs Farquhar, have weeded and planted all of our vegetable patches with what promises to be an excellent crop of vegetables. Thank you Mrs Harwood for working so hard with the children to get the plants in the ground. Thank you also to Eli for helping Mrs Harwood to weed Rhine's veg patch! Mrs Todd



## Sporting Update

### Cricket tournament Match Report: by Anja

*Before I start my match report, I feel it is important to explain the rules of the version of cricket we played.*

- *Eight players may play per game.*
- *An over is 5 balls and there is 1 over per player.*
- *Batting consists of a pair facing two overs and then a new batting pair comes in.*
- *Scoring: runs are added in the usual way, but 2 points are added for wides and no balls with an additional bonus runs available if a ball is hit from the tee within 3 seconds of the no ball being called.*
- *Fielding: Players are rotated after each over, so everyone gets a turn at bowling. Batters are out if they are bowled, caught, run out, hit wicket or stumped. However, you keep batting until the end of your over and 5 runs get added to the fielding teams score instead.*

*Confused yet? I think the grown ups were a bit too, but it was brilliantly umpired by students from Hardenhuish.*

#### SSQ vs Kings Lodge:

*We lost the toss and Kings Lodge elected to bat first. Our bowlers did an amazing job keeping their runs to a minimum and getting a few wickets too (see notes above as to how that affects the score).*

*On our turn to bat, the opposition bowled quite a few wide balls allowing us to score extra runs from the tee balls, which were surprisingly tricky to hit. Archie and Jessica opened the batting followed by me and Kaidan, Brooke and Daisy and finally Henry and Elliot.*

*I'm pleased to say we were victorious.*

#### SSQ vs Kington St Michael

*Following on from the success of the previous match, when we won the toss as captain Archie elected to bowl first. Again, we did a good job at keeping the opponents runs to a minimum with great teamwork in the field.*



*When it was our turn to bat Jessica and Archie opened as before followed by me and Kaidan, Brook and Robyn and Henry and Elliot. As the previous match we managed to score additional runs from wides as we got the knack of hitting the tee balls.*

*Once again we were victorious!*

#### SSQ vs Queens Crescent

*Once again, we fielded first. Queens Crescent were really good at batting and managed to get a few boundaries, creating a huge score for us to chase down in the batting.*

*The challenge on this occasion however proved to be too much for Stanton St Quintin Primary and we applauded Queens Crescent for their win.*

#### SSQ vs St Peters

*In our final game we refocused after winning the toss and decided to continue with fielding first, allowing the opposition to set a score for us to chase down.*

*This time we were successful and won the match.*

*Then it was a wait to see where we had finished as we had 3 wins and a loss. We hoped that we had done enough to get second. It was a relief to hear that we had indeed come second and qualified to participate in the county tournament in Swindon later in the school year. This is an incredible achievement particularly considering the winning team Queens Crescent is a much bigger school than ours!*

*Finally, I would like to say congratulations to captain Archie, Brooke, Kaidan, Daisy, Elliot, Henry, Jessica and Robyn for all your hard work and fantastic teamwork.*

**Thank you to Anja for a very detailed report and wish you the team the best at the county finals next term.**



Hi everyone, it was such a pleasure to phone the winner of our Coldplay ticket raffle a couple of weeks ago - she was so excited to have won and squealed down the phone to us! She lives in Cumbria and is planning on surprising her husband with the tickets on his birthday - how lovely! A big thank you to you all for entering and crucially, for sharing the poster so we could maximise the fundraising from the tickets - we raised close to £350 - fantastic! Don't forget our next rags2riches collection on 13th June! Our next FOSS event is the Rainbow Run and Summer Fair - it's our first colour run at Stanton and we are sooo looking forward to seeing the children take part and the whole school coming together in the school grounds for a BBQ etc. The event is free to attend and we will be asking the children to raise some sponsorship money for taking part in the colour run - the challenge is for them to get all 7 different colours on their T-shirts! You will be able to pre-order your BBQ food and bring some cash to spend at our stalls. More details to follow after half term, so make sure you have the date in your family diary! Have a wonderful holiday and enjoy the Jubilee celebrations! Thanks, Yvonne and the FOSS Team.



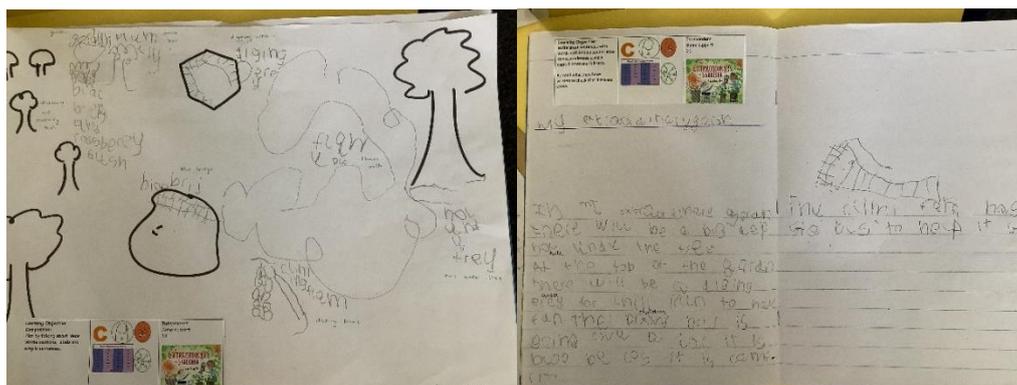
## Darling Class Update

Despite this being only a short term, Darling Class have been very busy. We are enjoying our topic 'Down in the Garden' as it has enabled us to look more closely at our immediate environment and to learn from the nature that surrounds us.

As Spring has turned towards Summer we have observed new flora and fauna in the woods and the school pond and we have used this as inspiration in our play, art, cooking, science, maths patterns, number composition and writing.



With a fascination of worms in the class we decided to make a wormery together and Reception children then wrote instructions for how to make your own. We have had a lot of fun redesigning the small woods area, inspired by the story *The Extraordinary Gardener*. There were a plethora of imaginative ideas from everyone and some showcase writing from Reception.



In the garden, we have planted a variety of vegetables and also a sunflower circle, which we are carefully watering and nurturing. We have also welcomed some furry friends to Darling Class and are fascinated watching them grow and change.



Thank you Darling Class for a wonderful start to the Summer term.

## Amazon Class Update

## Amazon Class- Term 5, A Day in the Life of a Victorian Child



During Term 5, Amazon Class have taken a step back in time to explore the Victorian period. We started our learning adventures by visiting Sevington Victorian School, becoming Victorian children for the day. We experienced an authentic Victorian school day and compared this experience to what school is like now. There were quite a lot of differences! We used this experience to immerse ourselves in writing Victorian diary entries all about our first day at school and aged a portrait to complete our diaries.

This term we have also learnt about the contrast between families who were wealthy and families who didn't have very much. We have learnt about the different jobs Victorian children were expected to do, learning about the dangers of being a chimney sweep, coal miner and factory worker. We couldn't believe that some children started work as young as five!

We have enjoyed making Victorian scones, marbles and peg dolls and enjoyed lots of stories set within the Victorian period, such as 'Daisy Saves the Day' by Shirley Hughes.

To finish of our term, we have been finding out about the Platinum Jubilee to prepare for our Jubilee celebrations. We had lots of fun writing limericks about the Queen and sketched proportionate portraits of Queen Elizabeth, framed in our own homemade royal frames.

A super start to the summer term in Amazon Class!

Please visit our blog to find out more about the exciting things we have been learning during Term 5: [Amazon Class Blog](#).

## Rhine Class Update

This term Rhine have shown great determination, resilience and buckets of enthusiasm in all areas of school life. We are so proud of our Year 6 children, who approached their end of key stage assessments with such maturity and the rest of the class were superb at supporting their peers. Year 6 enjoying chocolate muffins (fuel) for breakfast on the last day of the tests!



We have welcomed two visits from experts to support our Health Education and completed Basic First Aid Training – an invaluable life-skill where the children learnt how to help keep themselves and others safe in a medical emergency.



We also took part in an amazing concert at Malmesbury Abbey with local village schools. The children again represented the school with such enthusiasm and it was a pleasure to see them sing with big smiles on their faces.

In Science this term we have been studying genetic inheritance and adaptation and also the work of significant scientist Charles Darwin and his theories of natural selection and evolution. In Computing we have been learning how to create our own video trailers using iMovie and the children have loved directing and filming their own trailers as well as learning to edit the scenes they have created. We will publish the finished products for parents to enjoy, as soon as final editing has taken place.



Well done, great work Rhine! We are looking forward to another exciting term of learning. To find out more about our learning visit [Rhine Class Blog](#).

**Dates for the term – Remember to look out for Friday reminders!**

Date	Class	Activity/Event	Notes
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Term 6 Begins		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1	Phonics Screening	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Library Opening	Please pop in on <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June, between 3pm and 4pm</b>	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Rhine – selected	Golf Festival	More details to follow
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Darling	Trip to Slimbridge	Please see email for details
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	All	FOSS – Rags to Riches	Please leave bags in the playground
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Rhine -Year 4	MTC check	Please see email
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Rhine – Yr5/6	Lifepath – Malmesbury Abbey	More details to follow
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Rhine – Yr 6	Chippenham Games	More details to follow
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	All	Sports Day	More details to follow – parents invited
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	All	Stanton Village Fete & Dog Show	Held at Stanton Manor
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Rhine	Class Trip to Solar Farm	More details to follow
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	All	School Photos – Classes & Year 6 Leavers	Please make sure children come in school uniform not PE kit
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Cricket Team	County Final	More details to follow
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Rhine – selected	Girls Cricket Tournament	More details to follow
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Rhine – selected	Year 3 and 4 cricket tournament	More details to follow
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	All	Reserve Sports Day	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Rhine	KS2 Production - 4pm	More details to follow
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Rhine – Yr 6	Leavers Assembly & Treat	More details to follow
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	All	End of Year Church Service at St. Giles	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	All	End of Year Woodland Walk	More details to follow nearer the time
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	All	Annual report to Parents	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6	Transition Week	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	All	Moving up morning	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	All	Colour Run & School Fete	3-5pm – save the date. If you can help, please contact FOSS.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	All	Last day of term	<b>Finish at 2pm</b>

