



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Our final term of the academic year has brought moments of celebration for the Stanton community as we have come together for our end of year service, Stanton Stomp, Sports day and our Year 6 Leavers assembly. Thank you for joining us for these poignant occasions which were a true celebration of life at Stanton and the outstanding talent and character that your children bring to our school every day.

I'd like to end by thanking our pupils, you as parents and staff for making Stanton the truly special place that it is. We have had an unforgettable year filled with some amazing highlights including but not limited to receiving significant praise in our Ofsted inspection, achieving national success in sports and enjoying many unforgettable life and learning experiences.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all children who are leaving us at the end of this year all the very best, as they continue their educational journey. I know that they have all had a great start here and that they will go on to achieve great things, and I hope they will take with them many happy memories of Stanton.

We are all looking forward to seeing those who are returning to us in September, but in the meantime, I wish you all a wonderful summer break.

Yours faithfully,  
*Sarah Matthews*  
 Head of School



## House Points

HOUSE	ASH	BIRCH	OAK
OVERALL	2206	2234	2293



**Congratulations to OAK House who are the first to receive our brand-new trophy!**

## Farewell to Mr Carter



Today we said a fond farewell to Mr Carter, who has been instrumental in the success of one of our most popular events on the school calendar - Sports Day. Thank you, Mr Carter, for all your contributions to the Stanton community over the past four years and driving forward our computing and PE curriculum. I know that all the community would like to join me in wishing Mr Carter every happiness as he embarks on his next adventure!

## End of term church service

This week we came together for our end of term church service.

It was a wonderful celebration as the children reflected on all they have achieved this year. We enjoyed an array of musical performances, including a performance on the ukulele by Amazon class, beautiful recorder pieces and a special song by the choir. To mark the end of their primary school journey, Year 6 were presented with a Youth Bible to help them as they take their next steps. Thank you to **The Gauzebrook Group of Churches** for their generosity and Rev Sharon for leading our service.



## The Stanton Summer Reading Afternoon

On Tuesday afternoon, we enjoyed a wonderful Stanton Summer Reading Afternoon, bringing a close to a fantastic year of reading. The librarians organised an afternoon of book themed activities.

A story themed hunt in the woods for children in EYFS and Y1- filling their story baskets with items linked to their story, before sharing their story with their buddies on the field.

For Y2-4, book puzzles in the forest school area- searching for puzzle pieces to make the front cover of a new library book matched to their reading interests, before enjoying the first chapter with their group on the field.

Our afternoon was finished off with librarians performing a chosen story to groups of children, after a cooling ice pop with friends. A huge thank you to our librarians for organising a super afternoon, enjoyed by all.

Don't forget to sign up for the library summer reading challenge and enjoy lots of lovely reading during the summer break!



## Big Teddy Takeover

This term, we had a special visitor from [Julia's House Children's Hospice](#). She explained what they do at the hospice and gave the children a virtual tour. Julia's House is not a typical children's hospice. They provide practical and emotional support for families caring for a child with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition, providing frequent and regular support in their own homes, in the community or at their hospices. The children listened intently and asked some very thoughtful questions and were very keen to help support by bringing their teddies to school for the day. Thank you to everyone who supported us.



## Year 6 Leavers

Our Year 6 leavers had a fantastic day at Grittleton Adventures, climbing Jacob's Ladder, body zorbing and completing the escape room in a new record time. It was a wonderful way to celebrate fun, friendship and create lasting memories. A special than you to Mrs Edwards who arranged this amazing experience.



Each year we award cups the Dallyn cup for sporting achievements, the Parsons cup for contributions to music, the Pattison cup for effort & the Plumber cup for service to the community. Congratulations to this year's winners, very well deserved.



## Key Stage 2 Production

Well done to our Key Stage 2 children for their outstanding performance of Rock Bottom! Their talent and hard work brought the characters to life, delivering a show full of unforgettable moments.



**Whole School Trip to Technquest, Cardiff**

Technquest in Cardiff is a brilliant science museum where all of the exhibits are hands on, perfect for our children to explore fully. There exhibits are spread over two floors and some of the favourites were the giant piano, the tornado room, the slide, bubble machine, the robotics and the water play area. The older children also got to visit the planetarium, which linked well with their science learning. A massive thank you to all the adult helpers that came along and supported our trip to Technquest. It meant we were able to have a high adult to child ratio which really helped to keep everyone safe on this exciting trip



## CHOIR PERFORM AT CHIPPENHAM CONCERT &amp; VILLAGE FETE

Our choir have had a busy term performing at the local village fete and at the Chippenham Cluster Concert. They rocked it with 'The Eye of the Tiger' and the audience were certainly entertained.

**Poetry Competition**

Congratulations to our very talented poets who entered the 'Once upon a time' poetry competition and had their poems published.





Hi everyone

I can't believe we are at the end of another fun-packed school year. We went for a more low-key approach to our fundraising this year, but have still finished the year with a very healthy balance in the FOSS bank account, ready for school to use on enriching activities next year. Final figures for this year will be presented at our AGM in October, but we estimate that we have raised over £4500 for the school this year.

Here are some stats for you:

- 1000 tickets sold in our Big Summer Raffle
- 300 school rules broken during Break the Rules day
- 174 tombola prizes won
- 161 school tea towels sold
- 68 items of secondhand uniform purchased
- 60 elf names guessed to win the squishmallow at the Winter Fayre
- 50 raffle prizes sourced and won by the school community
- 9 contributions to Year 6 Leaver's hoodies
- 5 non-uniform days
- 2 coaches to the whole school trip to the REME museum
- 1 beautiful willow-woven hedgehog for the school grounds

I want to say thank you to Lisa and Roz who have taken the secondhand uniform sales under their wing and are now running these brilliantly so we can all benefit from some sustainable and affordable uniform for the children. A huge thank you to all of you who took part in FOSS activities, by coming along, volunteering or donating items. Thank you to all the school staff who help with and support our events, in particular Mrs Matthews who is now very adept at drawing raffles! And of course, a big special thank you to members of the FOSS Team for working so hard to bring these events and activities to you and the children.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer holiday,

Yvonne Cole, Chair of FOSS

## Sporting Update

### Staff V Year 6 Netball Match

Yesterday saw the first ever staff v year 6 netball match. The year 6's played well and showed great team spirit but the teachers managed to win the day!

Thank you to Ms Hyde for organising, the year 5 's who did an amazing job umpiring and the rest of the school for cheering everyone on. Until next year...



## 4th at National Lacrosse finals!

Well done Stanton you played so well and were a credit to the school. We are very proud of you and your team spirit. A special thank you to our lacrosse coach, Mr Roberts, who kept encouraging us & everyone else who supported us - we couldn't do it without you!



We also spent the day at St Margaret's Prep in Calne introducing our sister school to lacrosse.



Year 6 took part in Chippenham Games along with lots of other schools, it was a great opportunity to try new sports and make new friends.



## Sports Day 2024

Another hugely successful sports day took place in term 6. We were fortunate to have some lovely weather for the day and in total completed more than 70 heats of many different events ranging from sprints, to javelin, bike races to long distance, skipping races to egg and spoon and of course the Year 6 special race. It was fabulously attended by our school community and enjoyed by all.



Well done **Birch** House. We were impressed by everyone's determination and sportsmanship throughout the day - well done! And a huge thank you to everyone for making it such a success!

## Darling Term 6

We can't believe another school year has gone by. The children have all made incredible progress in all areas of their learning and personal development and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. We wish you all a very happy, fun and safe Summer and we will look forward to seeing you all again in September!

### *Traditional Tales*

Our topic this term has enabled the children to become creative story tellers and writers as we have created whole class alternative stories to The Gingerbread Man, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and finally The Three Little Pigs, which became The Three Little Moles and the Big Bad Tawny Owl. Both Nursery and Reception children have thoroughly enjoyed the collective and creative aspect of storytelling and Reception children have then gone on to write their own alternative stories and the whole class have been inspired to put on their own puppet show performances!



### *Science Museum Trip*

Reception children had a wonderful trip to Technquest Science Museum along with Amazon and Rhine Classes. We spent the day exploring and playing with the exhibits, particularly enjoying the hurricane experience, the ginormous silver slide and the plasma ball!



### *Sports Day Highlights*

Sports day this year was so much fun for Darling Class. We loved the activities in the morning and also the races in the afternoon where everyone showed bravery, resilience, determination and most importantly, we all had a lot of fun. We have some super athletes at Stanton St Quintin and are really proud of all the children.

### *Buddy Woods*

All year the children have loved to spend time with their buddies and this term we had a wonderful morning at Stanton Woods together; finding a furry friend and building it a special home. Then having time to explore and play together. Darling Class would like to say a huge thank you to their Year 6 buddies and wish them all the best for their new adventures.



### *Learning and Playing Together*

Over the year the children have built wonderful friendships and this has shone through in how they work collaboratively and play together.



## Amazon Class- Term 6, To the Skies and Beyond!

During Term 6, Amazon Class have been learning about all things space! We started our learning this term by finding out about the moon, discovering that the moon does not experience different seasons or weathers and the deepest crater is 8,500m deep, among many other fascinating facts. We then looked back to the year 1968 and learnt about a significant event within living memory- the very first moon landing. We explored the life and achievements of Neil



Armstrong and his fellow astronauts who joined him on the Apollo 11 mission. The children collated all of their learning from this term to create large spread fact files about Armstrong and the moon landing.

We have proudly displayed our moon diary home learning projects which have been admired by everyone who has passed through the Amazon corridor. It was wonderful to see so many different ways to represent the different phases of the moon.



In English, we have explored the fantastic book 'Man on the Moon: A Day in the Life of Bob' by Simon Bartram, which inspired us to write instructions for 'How to Look After the Moon' and Bob's moon diaries. Our final English unit explored the poem 'The Moon' by Robert Louis Stevenson, learning how to recite and perform the poem like poets, before collecting our own moon vocabulary to write our own Moon Poetry.



We have been building on our oracy skills this term, learning new talk skills and applying this to topic themed discussion. We have learnt how to build on the ideas of others, as well as learning how to agree and disagree effectively whilst giving reasons for our opinions. We used two inspiring books, 'The Spacesuit' and 'Laika the Space Dog' to debate our given talk points. It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence to discuss and debate grow throughout this year.

Our artwork this term has been inspired by 'The Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh, exploring the textures and patterns used by the artist to create the moonlit night sky. We then used a variety of materials to create our own interpretation on this famous piece of artwork, considering the perspective, background and forefront within the landscape painting. Our creations were positively fantastic!



In DT we had the most exciting time completing our 'Space-themed Bake Off' project as part of Food Technology. We



worked together in groups to Research, Design, Make and Evaluate a space themed treat that met the given design specification. Fantastic team work, imagination and an array of skills used by all.

Ukulele and PE have also been thoroughly enjoyed by the children this term- being guided by Mr Dunn's fantastic musical talents and putting together a range of chords and rhythms to play familiar tunes, whilst learning the skills of cricket and athletics with Miss



Hyde in the temperamental summer weather!

A super finish to a super year in Amazon Class!

## Rhine Class Term 6

The summer term is one of the busiest in the school calendar and this was no exception, with lots of events for Rhine Class including our production of Rock Bottom and transition for our Year 6 children. Through all of this Rhine class have worked incredibly hard to finish the term and school year strongly.

In Science this term we have been learning about Earth and Space: we have been studying the solar system and learning what makes a day and a year and that days and years are different on different planets. We have also learnt more about the moon and why the moon appears different at different times of the month. It was wonderful to be able to spend some time in the planetarium at Techniqest to build upon that learning.

Our computing project has combined using our growing understanding of the solar system with making a movie using the Imovie app. The children were tasked to make a 5-7 minute video presentation, with themselves as narrators, to talk about the solar system and planets within it. They had to learn to import images and edit them to the correct length as well as (for the more advanced projects) add sound effects and transitions. All in all they worked really enthusiastically on these projects and exhibited some excellent team work skills.

Our art work this term has been using Pop Art as our inspiration. The children have looked at the style and techniques used by well-known Pop Artists such as Roy Lichtenstein and Andy Warhol before trying out these techniques for themselves.

There has been some fierce debating as the children have been discussing AI and the advantages and disadvantages.

This term we have been learning how to order ice creams in French. This week they put their new vocab into practice. They had to greet their server, choose a pot or cone, as well as flavour and number of scoops. "Profitez de votre glace!"

