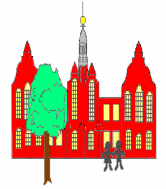


The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

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THE STEPNEY 125

PLAY

In front of a packed hall on Wednesday evening the first performance of the Stepney 125 play took place. With our good friends, Councillor David Gemmell and his wife, Moira, in attendance, we were dazzled and dazzled by a truly stunning show.

The audience was taken through the 125 year history of the school by all the children in years 4, 5 & 6. We heard about the building of the school in Victorian times; learned all about conditions during the first and second World Wars and then travelled through the rest of the twentieth century. Thomas took the starring part of our beloved sites and premises officer, Mr Foston and we heard about the successful campaign by parents, pupils and staff to keep the school open, when it faced closure.

As well as superb acting, which had been coached by Mrs Brocklebank, Miss Northen and Miss Saint, we had brilliant singing. This, as usual, was orchestrated by our very own talented singing expert, Mrs Phelps-Jones. We have had some wonderful end of year productions, including 'The Blues Brothers' and 'Grease' but this was the best so far. It was all about our school and performed by some wonderfully gifted children. Special mention must be made about our singing soloists, Keegan and Phoenix, who hit the notes and in key!

Many thanks go to Mr Miah, who donated a mobile phone for our raffle on Wednesday. Mr Miah, who is one of



our parents, is store manager of Phones 4U in Princes Quay. As usual, Mr Miah's generosity is much appreciated.

Mrs Denholm Returns

On Thursday morning, we had our second performance with a very special guest in attendance. Mrs Lorna Denholm honoured us with her presence. Mrs Denholm was the head teacher at Stepney between 1974 and 1988. As well as being responsible for the centenary celebrations in 1986, she had written the centenary history of the school. This has formed the basis for the play as well as other work that pupils have been doing this summer.

After watching the play, Mrs Denholm met pupils whose parents had been at Stepney in the seventies or eighties. Mr Browning then showed Mrs Denholm and her husband around the school and they were amazed at the differences in the school building since she left. It was a fitting end to the Stepney 125 events. As Mr Browning

pointed out "if felt as though we have come full circle: Mrs Denholm had started the celebrations in 1986 and she had come back to see us twenty five years on." Before she left, pupils presented her with a bouquet of flowers, a Stepney 125 wristband and badge.

Yr 6 Leavers

We have bade a fond farewell to our year 6 pupils, who have left this week. They will be in their secondary schools on Monday for a transition week.

At the leavers' assembly autograph books, prom photos and leavers' certificates were given to each of them. Some children received special awards from the school.

Shepherdson Shield for Behaviour

Megan Wilson

Burhan Shield for Achievement

Sanjidah Ali

Smith Shield for Achievement

Konrad Szarek

Playle Shield for Sport

Kinga Later

Bradshaw Shield for Arts

Paulina Kobus

Leeman Shield for Personal Development

Tegan Abbott

Leavers' Disco/Prom

Another super disco included some wonderful buttons holes and corsages from Mr & Mrs Morfitt. Many thanks to them: it really makes the event extra special for our year sixes.

Visit our website for more on these items



What the children need next week

Foundation Stage PE kits Monday and Friday.

Year 1 Bookworm on Friday morning. 8.55 –9.20. PE Kits Mondays.

Year 2/3A PE Kits Monday & Wednesday

Year 2/3B PE Kits Wednesday

Year 4/5A PE kits Thursday & Friday.

Year 4/5B PE kits Wed/Thursday

Year 5/ 6 PE kits Tuesday.

MENU 1

Monday

ALL CLUBS CANCELLED THIS WEEK.

Today's Menu: Pork Sausages in a finger roll, Diced potatoes, Baked Beans, sweet corn.

Vegetarian option Quorn sausages in a finger roll. **Dessert** Apricot shortcake & Custard.

Tuesday

ALL CLUBS CANCELLED THIS WEEK

Today's Menu Roast chicken with gravy. Roast potatoes. Cabbage, carrots. **Vegetarian option** Mixed vegetable Cous Cous. **Dessert.** Hungarian Chocolate Biscuit.

Wednesday

ALL CLUBS CANCELLED THIS WEEK

Today's Menu Minced Beef & Potato Pie. New Potatoes, Broccoli, Cauliflower. **Vegetarian option.** Leek and Pasta Bake. **Dessert.** Ice cream with Fruit Puree.

Thursday

ALL CLUBS CANCELLED THIS WEEK

Today's Menu: Plain Omelette, mixed Vegetables. **Vegetarian option,** Jacket potato with Salmon Mayonnaise
Dessert Laminton Sponge.

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS ON THURSDAY 21ST JULY AT 3.15PM AND WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER . DOORS OPEN AT 8.45AM SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.55AM.

