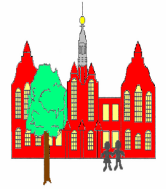


# The Stepney Star

Weekly Newsletter  
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## **Asda Gro Sure Challenge!**

Two members of staff from our local Asda store on Beverley Road popped around this week to deliver a presentation to the whole school in assembly, then worked with phase 4-5 back in their classrooms. Together with 'Unwins', Asda are bringing the 'Gro Sure' challenge to schools. Stepney has been chosen as Asda's focus school. Our pupils were shown how to plant vegetable seeds as part of a competition to see who could grow the biggest veg! The Asda staff were delighted with the response from our pupils and impressed by how many of them were involved with growing things, either at home or on their parents' allotments!

## **A New Governor**

We were delighted to show around a new member of our governing body this week. Father Malcolm Crook is joining the team. Having moved from a parish in Nottingham in the last year, he is eager to take up the challenge of helping us.

## **Romans R Us !**

This Thursday, it was the turn of our years 4/5 classes to show and share their work with parents and carers. Once again, they and their children were organised into different groups and then moved around a carousel of different activities. These included writing a report; looking at children's books; making Roman mosaics; working on the pcs in the ICT suite and taking part in a quiz. We had over thirty parents who all seemed to enjoy themselves.

## **Astro Turf!**

On Monday, our Foundation Stage

area saw the removal of the old turf and the arrival of some high quality astro turf! In less than a day it was transformed. Instead of becoming a muddy mess, we should have many years of authentic looking grass for our youngest pupils to enjoy!

## **Basic Skills Review !**

Every year we have a review of our basic skills provision. This is conducted by an outside consultant, appointed by the local authority. On Wednesday Mrs Rozenbroek, the deputy head teacher at Gilshill Primary School undertook the review. She looked at a wealth of evidence that Miss Atkinson and Mrs Wilde had gathered from teachers. Mr Browning showed her around the school and she was very impressed by the behaviour and learning attitudes of all the pupils. In particular, Mr Burton's pupils eloquently explained how the 'Big Maths' scheme works. Mrs Rozenbroek was looking at how we teach literacy and numeracy. Although we won't have her final report for a few days, she was very positive about many of our initiatives, as well as suggesting some improvements. Once again, it was a pleasure to show how well our pupils apply themselves to their school work.

## **PGCE Students Starts !**

Mr Thomas Wilson, who is studying for the 'Postgraduate Certificate in Education' at Hull University spent a day in phase 2/3 today. Before starting his final teaching placement at the end of April, Mr Wilson will be spending the next few Tuesdays getting to know the pupils and planning his work for the summer. He will mainly be based in Miss Baitson's class.

## **After-School Clubs: Endeavour Pupils Collecting Brothers and Sisters**

Please may we remind you that if an older brother or sister, from Endeavour or another high school is picking up children from an after school club, they need to wait on the front playground. We realise they may have come to Stepney themselves but they need to remain outside with parents of other children. They are not allowed in school or in the clubs.

## **Endeavour Staff Visit Stepney !**

Martin Ritchie, the head of the Maths department at Endeavour, and two of his staff visited our school today. They were interested in watching some of our new 'Big Maths' activities. Miss Northen and her class showed them a great maths lesson, with many skills being shown.

## **Exhibition Dates!**

Exhibition dates for this term:

### **March 2012**

- Year 6 Exhibition - Thursday 15th
- EYFS/Yr 1 Exhibition – Thursday 29nd (Please note that this is an alteration from the 22nd)

## **Other Dates for your Diary!**

### **Easter Holidays:-**

School Ends on Friday 30th March and reopens on Tuesday 17th April.

### **May Day Holiday:-**

School is closed on Monday 7th May

### **Summer Half Term Holiday:-**

School Ends on Thursday 31st May

and reopens on Monday 11th June

(This is later than usual to coincide

with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Celebrations)

School Ends for the Summer on Friday

20th July

**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 Wednesday& Friday.

**Year 4/5B** PE kits Wednesday & Friday

**Year 6** PE kits Tuesday.

## MENU 2

### Monday

12.30pm Reading Club Mrs Phelps-Jones, Miss Northern Y4,

12.30pm Pet Care Mrs Crichton EYFS/Y1

3.15-4.15 Multi Skills Miss Richardson, Reception & Y1

**Today's Menu:** Savoury minced beef, mashed potato, broccoli. **Vegetarian menu** Cheese & Tomato Arrabiatta with Penne

**Dessert** Chocolate Sponge & Pink Sauce

### Tuesday

12.30 Study Club **Y6** Mrs Wilde, Miss Patrick

3.15-4.15 Basketball Club Miss Richardson Years 1-6

**Today's Menu** Chicken Curry, Rice, mixed vegetables. **Vegetarian menu** Tuna Mayonnaise Baguette **Dessert** Lincolnshire Pudding

### Wednesday

12.30pm **Friendship Club Years 4.5.& 6** Miss Saint

3.15-4.15pm Sewing Club **Y6** Mrs Chrichton

3.15-4.15 pm Football Club Mr Burton Y4,5 & 6 (**NOW FULL**)

3.15-4.15pm ICT Games Miss Atkinson & Miss Baitson Y2 & Y3

**Today's Menu** Roast Beef, roast potatoes, carrots & cabbage. **Vegetarian menu** Mediterranean Quiche **Dessert** Chocolate Crackle

### Thursday

3.15pm **Steel Drums** Mr Browning - Year 6

3.15pm-4.15pm All Sports K/S 2 Miss Richardson

3.15pm Cookery Club Rec—Y6 Mrs Heidstra, Miss Pullen (**NOW FULL**)

12.30pm **Study Club** Mrs Wilde& Miss Patrick

**Today's Menu :** Meatballs in Tomato Sauce, sweetcorn greenbeans **Vegetarian menu** Vegetable casserole **Dessert** Coconut Shortcake & Custard

### Friday

**Today's Menu:** Breaded fish, chips, peas & mushy peas **Vegetarian menu** Hot Vegetable wrap **Dessert** Banana Muffin

**Always available Jacket Potato, Homemade Bread, Fresh Fruit, Assorted Yoghurts, Fresh Juice, Milk**