

# The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



*A Small School With Great Expectations*

Weekly Newsletter  
Week: 14th—18th May 2012  
[admin@stepney.hull.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stepney.hull.sch.uk)  
[www.stepney.hull.sch.uk](http://www.stepney.hull.sch.uk)

The School Learning Platform is at [www.stepney.hull.dbprimary.com](http://www.stepney.hull.dbprimary.com)

## YEAR 6 SATS NEXT WEEK

It is that time of the school year again! Our year 6 pupils will be undertaking their SATs exams next week. They will be undertaking papers on Maths, Reading and Writing during the week. They have been working extremely hard since September and we are already proud of their attitude and work ethos this year. May we remind parents/carers that the children will benefit from sleep and early nights next week. We have also suggested to the 'early morning footballers' that they take it easier next week so they are not tired and sweaty before their tests!

## Rainbow Writers in Phase 4/5 show us their work!

On Thursday, we had the first of our class assemblies for the term. The two year 4/5 classes proudly showed us the brilliant writing they have been doing as well as singing the Rainbow song.

The 'Rainbow Writing' initiative has already helped our pupils to improve their writing and, like 'Big Maths' has proven to be popular amongst children, parents and staff alike. The basis of 'Rainbow Writing' is that the children start with a basic sentence, such as 'The boy ran to the shops', which they describe as a grey sentence because it hasn't got much detail and is not particularly interesting. Then they add different coloured words to make their sentences come to life:

**Red Words** are 'Wow!' doing words (or verbs);

**Purple Words** are 'Wow!' descriptive words (adjectives and adverbs);

**Blue Words** are 'Wow!' connectives;

**Orange Words** are 'Wow!' opening words or phrases at the start of a sentence;

**Green Words** are additional phrases and clauses.

Whilst we have always taught children to use these words in their work, they tend to forget to use them. By introducing the colours, the children find it much easier to remember. It's simple yet effective! When staff discuss work with the pupils, they now talk in terms of "Have you used any purple words?" which pupils relate to. Of course, we still tell them that these are verbs or adjectives at the same time.

Coupled with the strategy we are putting a much bigger emphasis on the quality and amount of writing that pupils are expected to produce.

## Library Innovations

As part of our move to improve the reading opportunities for the children, we are revamping our library. This week, we had a new state-of-the-art 'Interactive Whiteboard' installed in this room and before half term we will be auditing and 'weeding' our book stock to ensure it is appealing to our young readers.

Meanwhile, our online 'Bug Club' reading scheme has proven to be a 'number one hit' with the pupils.

## Football Result vs Broadacre

Broadacre Primary Year 4 Football team and forty of their parents visited our school for a match. Organised by Mr Burton, it was the first match by our year 3 and 4 pupils. Even though we lost both matches 4:1 and 3:1, they played well together and did their best against a more experienced side. Well done to everyone concerned and thanks to Mr Burton, Mr Dodsworth and Mr Fory for all their efforts.

## Rainbow Writing Winners

We have been celebrating this week's Rainbow Writing winners, with some brilliant examples of work. These have been displayed in the assembly hall and last week's work has been displayed in the glass fronted cabinets in the corridor and on the landings, where they will remain for a few weeks.

Year 1—Mahdiah & Sunny  
Class 2/3a—Alishia & Joshua  
Class 2/3b—Courtney & Jennifer  
Class 4/5a—Charlotte & Alisha  
Class 4/5b—Lewis & Callum  
Class 6a—Jonathan & Mikolaj  
Class 6b—Nathan & Jakob

## Rainbow Writer's Homework

As part of their new rainbow writing work at school, pupils are bringing home a prompt sheet each week. They need to think of ideas and discuss them with adults at home so that when they return to school, they will be more prepared for their writing in school.

## Assembly & Exhibition Dates!

Our phase assembly and exhibition dates for this term are as follows:

### May 2012

- Phase 2/3 Assembly – Thurs 24th
- EYFS/Yr1 Assembly – Thurs 31st

### June 2012

- EYFS/Yr1 Exhibition – Thurs 21st
- Phase 2/3 Exhibition—Thurs 28th

### July 2012

- Phase 4/5 Exhibition – Thurs 5th
- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly—Thurs 12th

## Other Dates for your Diary!

### Summer Half Term Holiday:-

School Ends on Thursday 31st May and reopens on Monday 11th June  
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 Thursday

**Year 2/3B** PE Kits Thursday

**Year 4/5A** PE kits Wednesday.

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

**Year 6** PE kits Tuesday.

## **MENU 2**

### Monday

12.30pm Reading Club Mrs Phelps-Jones,

3.15-4.15 Multi Skills Miss Richardson, Reception & Y1

**Today's Healthy Eating Menu,** Savoury minced beef, mashed potato, broccoli. **Vegetarian menu** Cheese & Tomato Ar-rabiatta 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 KS 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**