

The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

Weekly Newsletter
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Leavers' Assembly and Award Winners !

Our year 6s made a big impression as they performed their final telling of the 'Troy Story' to another packed house of parents and their year 4 / 5 friends. We were also delighted to welcome former Stepney headteacher, Mrs Lorna Denholm and her husband, and Councillor David Gemmell and his wife. Both couples have become close friends and supporters of our school. We also had two other special guests: Daz and Jo, the ladies who had created the impressive 'Wooden Horse,' watched as their masterpiece took centre stage. Their colleague, Raveen, was unfortunately ill and not able to attend. Bouquets of flowers were presented to these ladies, as well as to our year 6 staff. The evening before the Lord Mayor, Councillor Daniel Brown and his wife, Councillor Lynda Brown had been our guests. A tremendous amount of work has gone on back stage. Mrs Wilde, Miss Patrick, Mrs Rodgers and Mrs Holmes have been working hard all year to prepare the pupils for their SATs and, once these were finished, they then turned their attention to this wonderful production. Aply helped by our resident singing expert, Mrs Phelps-Jones, the pupils have risen to the challenge with passion and energy! While continuing with their day to day school lessons, rehearsals have been squeezed into every possible free moment.

Leavers' Prom !

Of course, our year 6 pupils couldn't leave without their prom. The rest of the school were invited to join them, but there was no guessing who the special people were. Each one of them

was given a button hole, by Mr and Mrs Morfitt and Mr Fory took photos of them under the special balloon arch. There were one or two tears of sadness at the end of the day!

Attendance and the Olympics !

We had our end of year attendance and punctuality assembly. We awarded certificates to the many children who always get to school on time; certificates and badges to those who have had 100% attendance for the summer term and very special certificates to those who had been at school every single day this year. Amongst these children were three sets of family pairs. Mr Browning asked Connor in phase 2/3 how he managed it and did he have any days when he didn't feel well? Connor, whose sister also got 100%, replied that "he just kept on coming to school no matter what". This is just the attitude we need! As an extra special treat, it was announced that the school had received sets of tickets to two of the Olympic football matches, both of which will be played at Manchester United's Old Trafford Game. The names of those who had achieved 100% attendance for the year were put into a hat and two lucky winners drawn. These were Brina and Jordan, both from year 6. Mr Browning delivered the tickets to both sets of parents who were delighted!

Transition Afternoon !

Next Monday afternoon (16th July) the pupils will visit their new classes. They will be told on the day, who they are going to be working with in September. The classes will be as follows:
Nursery: Miss Hatfield

Reception: Miss Pullen

Year 1: Mr Cameron

Class 2/3A: Miss Laybourne

Class 2/3B: Miss Baitson

Class 4/5A: Miss Atkinson & Ms Saint

Class 4/5B: Miss Northen

Class 6A: Miss Patrick

Class 6B: Mrs Wilde

Visit from Vancouver !

Pat Naidoo, a lady who specialises in teaching EAL children (English as an Additional Language) in Vancouver, Canada, visited the school on Tuesday. First, she spoke to Mr Browning and Miss Atkinson, and heard about all the work the school does to welcome and educate children who arrive at Stepney with little or no English. She then observed a lesson in phase 2/3 and one in phase 4/5 as well as watching our phonics sessions. Mrs Naidoo commented on the wonderful progress that these children make at Stepney and the commitment from the staff to ensure a good education is provided to them. She also shared some of the techniques and strategies that they use in British Columbia.

Reports Out to Parents !

On Wednesday, reports were handed out to parents and carers. These give details of the pupils' attainment and progress this year, as well as describing other general achievements. If there are any issues parents/carers wish to raise after reading their children's reports then please arrange to see the class teacher.

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.

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Monday

ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS CANCELLED UNTIL THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Today's Menu: Beef Curry, Rice, seasonal vegetables. **Vegetarian option,** Spaghetti Napolitaine. **Dessert** Flapjack and Chocolate Drizzle.

Tuesday

ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS CANCELLED UNTIL THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Today's Menu: Southern Style Chicken, jacket mid potatoes, seasonal vegetables. **Vegetarian option,** Vegetable Crumble. **Dessert** Caribbean sponge and custard.

Wednesday

ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS CANCELLED UNTIL THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Today's Menu: Meat and Potato Pie with Gravy. **Vegetarian option,** Leek pasta bake. **Dessert** Chocolate and fruit Krispie Buns.

Thursday

ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS CANCELLED UNTIL THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Today's Menu: Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables. **Vegetarian option,** Vegetable Korma. **Dessert,** Ice cream.

Friday

Today's Menu: Breaded Fish, chips, seasonal vegetables. **Vegetarian option** Stir Fry vegetables with noodles. **Dessert** Hungarian Chocolate Biscuit