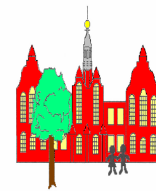


# The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



*A Small School With Great Expectations*

Weekly Newsletter  
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## **Impressive PE Kit Wearers!**

May we thank our parents/carers for their continued superb support of our PE kit campaign. Our Sierra Leonian guests commented on the phase 2/3 pupils, who were taking part in their PE lessons with virtually every child in plain white T shirts and red shorts. They looked absolutely brilliant. It certainly makes the pupils feel proud to be part of the team and their appearance is mirrored by their wonderful attitudes and commitments to their lessons.

## **Croda Visit!**

Our phase 4/5 pupils had a brilliant day this week, working in school with representatives from the Croda factory. During the last academic year, our pupils went to their factory and followed this up with work in school. They took on the roles of chemists, laboratory managers, health & safety officers and researchers, as they worked in teams to make and test different solutions. Using pipettes and measuring cylinders, they carefully mixed solutions to see which would create the most bubbles for a detergent! Results were accurately recorded on a sophisticated electronic spreadsheet as pupils fed back their group's findings to the rest of the class.

## **A Very Victorian Assembly!**

Year 6 educated and entertained us with their assembly about the Victorians. Using drama and superb speaking, they told us about life as a Victorian child and the sorts of jobs that they would have had to do, such as chimney sweeps. This term, they are also studying 'Romeo and Juliet' by William Shakespeare, so they were able to share some of the scenes from

this as well. Although, we tend to say the same thing each year, we are really impressed with the attitude of our year six pupils this year and the brilliant example they are setting to the rest of the school. It is quite noticeable how the behaviour of the oldest pupils in the school filters through to the rest of the school. Well done!

## **PGCE Phonics !**

We are one of three local schools who are 'leading literacy' providers to the Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) students at Hull University. Our resident phonics expert, Miss Atkinson, has been leading this over numerous years now and her work is highly valued by the university. In the autumn term, we host all ninety students for sessions on the teaching of phonics. They are divided into three groups and come in on three different occasions. Miss Atkinson first gives a lecture/workshop to them in the large year six classroom, then allows them to observe the actual phonics sessions that are run with the pupils. After that they have a feed back session. To complement this, Miss Atkinson and Miss Baitson go into the university and provide follow-up lectures (these are often during the half term holiday). The phonics' friezes that adorn many of our classrooms have also been adopted by the university. This is undoubtedly a very strong part of our work to strengthen the teaching and learning of phonics in Hull schools as well as our own and we are indebted to Miss Atkinson and Miss Baitson for this.

## **Rainbow Writing Winners!**

This week's winners are:

Year 1—Cara & Carla  
Class 2/3a-Saimah & Courtney  
Class 2/3b-Taran & Bartek  
Class 4/5a-Alishia & Lauren  
Class 4/5b-Patryck & Milena  
Class 6a-Shannon & Alisha  
Class 6b-Marek & Julia

## **Freetown Visitors Are Shown the Sights !**

Since they arrived last week, our friends from Sierra Leone have been shown around Hull. As well as working with pupils in school they have had a reception at the Endsleigh Centre last Friday, then Miss Pullen and staff from Pearson and Collingwood schools had shown them around the Wilberforce Museum and other attractions over the weekend. Mr Browning escorted them to a special welcome from the Deputy Lord Mayor in the Guildhall. They have also been on a tour around the KC Stadium and seen an ice-hockey match at the arena. It has just been a pity that the weather has been so poor during their stay. We bade a fond farewell to them on Thursday night as they departed back to Freetown.

## **Assembly & Exhibition Dates!**

### **October 2012**

- Phase 4/5 Assembly—Friday 5th
- EYFS/Yr1 Assembly—Thurs 11th (This is the Harvest Festival)
- Phase 2/3 Assembly—Thurs 19th

### **November 2012**

- Yr 6 Exhibition—Thurs 15th
- Phase 4/5 Exhibition—Thurs 22nd
- EYFS/Yr 1 Exhibition—Thurs 29th

### **December 2012**

- Phase 2/3 Exhibition—Thurs 6th

### **Christmas Productions 2012**

- EYFS/Yr 1—18th December
- Phase 2/3—19th December
- Phase 4/5—20th December

**Visit our website for more on these items**

## What the children need next week

**Foundation Stage** PE Kits Friday.

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

**Year 2/3A** PE Kits Tuesday

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

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

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

**Year 6** PE kits Thursday

## MENU 2

### Monday

12.30-1pm ICT year 4/5 Miss Northern

3.15-4.15 Mini Skills Rec/Y1 Miss Richardson

**Today's Menu:** Sausages and Onions with gravy, mashed potato, seasonal vegetables. **Vegetarian option** Vegetable Sausages and onions with gravy. **Dessert,** Shortcake and Custard.

### Tuesday

12.30-1pm ICT year 1 Mr Cameron

3.15-4.15 Basketball Club years 1-6 Miss Richardson

**Today's Menu:** Spaghetti Bolognaise, jacket potato, seasonal vegetables. **Vegetarian option** Tuna Pasta Bake, **Dessert,** Ice cream and fruit salad.

### Wednesday

12.30-1pm ICT year2/3 Miss Atkinson/Miss Baitson

**Today's Menu:** Mediterranean Chicken, diced potato, seasonal vegetables. **Vegetarian option** Plain Omelettes, **Dessert** Lincolnshire Muffin.

### Thursday

12.30-1pm Study Club Y6 Mrs Wilde/Miss Patrick

3.15-4.15 Steel Drums Y6 Mr Browning

3.15-4.15 All Sports Y2-6 Miss Richardson

3.15-4.15 Cookery Club Miss Pullen/Mrs Stimpson

**Today's Menu:** Roast Beef and gravy, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables. **Vegetarian option** Cheese and Onion Pasty, **Dessert** Chocolate Oat Delight

### Friday

**Today's Menu:** Fish Cakes, chips, seasonal vegetables. **Vegetarian option** Mixed vegetables and Cous Cous, **Dessert** Angel Whirl Delight.