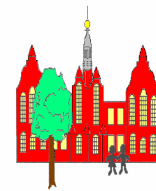


The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

Weekly Newsletter
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Double Good News!

1) Ofsted Letter!

We have received a letter from Sir Michael Wilshaw, the Chief Inspector of School. It is praising our school for the continued good standards that our pupils are achieving. In our last Ofsted Inspection in 2010, we were graded as a 'good' school, and it is pleasing to hear that Ofsted still recognise the achievements of Stepney Primary School.

2) Basic Skills Mark 5 Awarded !

During the first week back to school after the Christmas holidays, we had a Full Basic Skills Review.

This was undertaken by Mrs Louise Frazer, who looked through stacks of evidence that Mrs Brocklebank had collated with help from the rest of the staff. Mrs Frazer also interviewed Mr Browning, Miss Atkinson, Mrs Rodgers and Mrs Wilde as well as spending most of the day analysing documents with Mrs Brocklebank. Each year, we have an annual review, then every third year we have a full review. Once again, we were successful and the school was praised for all the work which has been carried out. We consider that basic skills in literacy and mathematics are the bedrock of our curriculum. For pupils to access the rest of the curriculum they need these skills but they are, of course, fundamental for everyday living! We may now add a fifth tick to our Basic Skills posters!

A Brilliant Assembly !

Our phase 4/5 classes ended the month of January with a wonderful assembly on Thursday. Their thematic unit this term is all about Mountains so they told us all they have

found out so far, including facts such as the tallest mountains in the world are under the sea! They also told us about habitats of different animals and sang us two brilliant songs about adaptations in the natural world. Everyone was certainly impressed by the clarity of the pupils' speaking - we could hear every child's voice! Also noticeable was the singing - really tuneful and with great confidence. There is no doubt that the increased emphasis we are putting on singing with help from Mrs Rice and MASC (Music Academy for Schools and Communities) has already had an impact on pupils' musical abilities.

An Egyptian Experience !

Phase 2/3 visited the 'Hands on History' museum in Hull as part of their thematic unit on the Ancient Egyptians. While one class looked through the Egyptian gallery and took research notes, the other class spent time in the Education room, exploring artefacts. One child was even bandaged up like a mummy, much to everyone's enjoyment! Miss Baitson and Miss Laybourne reported that all pupils were exceptionally well behaved and worked hard, gaining plenty of first hand learning!

Free Football Tickets!

Pupils brought a letter home early this week from the Children's University in Hull. They have been given tickets for the Hull City v Charlton Athletic match on Saturday 16th Feb. The deadline for replies was on the 1st February. We have sent all the forms off to the Children's University.

Rainbow Writing Winners!

This week's winners are:
Year 1—Jayden & Zara

Class 2/3a-Honya & Abigail
Class 2/3b-Stelina & Scott
Class 4/5a-Martin & Natalia
Class 4/5b-Lennon & Mohsin
There were no examples from year 6 as they have had intensive Mock SATs exams.

New Governor Visits the School!

Mr Browning welcomed Mr Peter Bailey to the school last Friday. Mr Bailey, who has been a head teacher of nine primary schools, before he took retirement, was shown around the school and introduced to pupils and members of staff. Mr Bailey is one of the governors, appointed by the Local Authority. We are delighted to have Mr Bailey join our governing body and look forward to working with him, and calling upon his expertise and experience.

Assembly Dates!

February 2013

- Phase 2/3 Assembly—Thurs 7th

Exhibition Dates!

February 2013

- Year 6 Exhibition—Thurs 28th

March 2013

- EYFS/Yr1 Exhibition—Thurs 7th

- Phase 2/3 Exhibition—Thurs 14th

- Phase 4/5 Exhibition—Thurs 21st

Parents/Carers Consultation Day

EYFS/Yr1 & phase 2/3—20th Feb

Phase 4/5 & Year 6—21st Feb

Term Dates!

Break up for half term—**8th February**

Start of 2nd spring half term—**18th**

February

Break up for Easter—**22nd March**

Start of summer term—**8th April**

May Day holiday—**6th May**

End of 1st half term—**23rd May**

Start of 2nd summer half term—**3rd**

June

End of school year—**19th July**

Visit our website for more on these items

What the children need next week

Foundation Stage PE Kits Friday.

Year 1 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—Week Commencing 4th February 2013

Monday

12.30-1pm ICT year 4/5 Miss Northern

3.15-4.15 Mini Skills Rec/Y1 Mr Rookyard

3.15-4.15 ICT Year 6 Mr Turner

Today's Menu: Meatballs in Onion gravy, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables. **Vegetarian option:** Cheese and Tomato Arrabiatta OR Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise **Dessert:** Syrup Sponge & Custard

Tuesday

12.30-1pm ICT year 1 Mr Cameron

3.15-4.15 Basketball Club years 1-6 Mr Rookyard

Today's Menu: Pork Vegetable Pie, boiled potatoes, seasonal vegetables, OR Hot Chicken Wraps **Vegetarian option:** Vegetable Pie **Dessert:** Apricot Biscuit

Wednesday

3.15pm—4.15pm Stepney Community Choir

3.15pm - 4.15pm ICT year2/3 Miss Atkinson/Miss Baitson

3.15pm—4.15pm Football Club Mr Rookyard

Today's Menu: : Beef Cobbler, diced potatoes, seasonal vegetables / Fish Pasta Bake **Vegetarian option:** Cheese & Tomato Pizza **Dessert:** Chocolate Crunch & Pink Sauce

Thursday

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

3.15—4.15 Steel Drums Y6—Mr. Browning/Miss Hatfield

3.15—4.15 All Sports Y2—Y6 - Mr Rookyard

3.15—4.15 Cookery Club - Miss Pullen/Mrs. Stimpson

Today's Menu: Roast Turkey with stuffing & gravy, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables / Assorted Finger roll sandwiches **Vegetarian option:** Jacket Potato with Cheese Coleslaw . **Dessert:** Ginger Sponge & Vanilla Sauce

Friday

3.15pm—4.15pm Football Club Mr Rooyard

Today's Menu: Fish Cakes , Chips/Rice, Seasonal Vegetable. **Vegetarian option:** Vegetable Korma **Dessert:** Banana Muffin