

# The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

Weekly Newsletter  
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## Welcome Back

It was wonderful to see everyone back this week, after a much-needed holiday. This is another very short half term, but extremely busy. This week, we have had the first of our consultation days, and our year 2 and 6 pupils are going to be busy preparing for their SATs exams in May. Our two GTP students, Mr Ingram and Miss Hindson, are back with us after spending the first five weeks of the term based in another school, which is all part of their scheduled training. They are doing a brief swap, with Mr Ingram in Class 2/3b and Miss Hindson in Class 4/5a, before returning to their usual classes.

## Famous Children's Author in Yr 6

Shoo Rayner, the brilliant children's author and illustrator visited year 6 to tell them how he writes books for children. He told them about one of his new characters - Axel Storm, son of rock star parents and an adventure himself! Shoo told the pupils how he came up with the idea for the series of eight books, whilst staying in Bristol and then drew Axel himself. Apparently, Axel is Shoo's middle name and comes from his mother's Norwegian background. Everyone was fascinated and captivated with this presentation.



## Trust Consultation

The governing body of Stepney Primary School is considering becoming a foundation school and joining the **West Hull Co-operative Learn-**

**ing Trust** with 1st September 2013 as the proposed implementation date. The governing bodies of Pearson Primary School, St George's Primary School and Chiltern Primary School are also considering becoming foundation schools and joining the same Trust. On Wednesday we sent out letters to our parents and other stakeholders, while staff received emails with similar documentation. The consultation period started at 12 noon 20th February and will extend to 12 noon on 20th March 2013. Please see our website for further details.

## Monster Madness !

Endeavour School once again played host to a Design & Technology event for our year 6 pupils on Tuesday. Working in two of their D&T rooms, our pupils started work on Moving Monster Models, using Cams. Led by two of the Endeavour teachers, pupils looked at different types of Cam, before designing their 'pop-up' monsters and beginning work on the actual models.

## Tables Galore !

Staff were in early on Monday morning for last minute tidying up after the carpet fitters had finished on Friday. Classrooms now look great with brand new carpets. On Tuesday, brand new tables replaced old ones in all our classrooms as the big transformation continues.

## Internet Survey So Far !

We now live in an age where we use more technology in our lives. At Stepney, we aim to give our pupils more opportunities to develop their ICT skills to help them with their school work and in preparation for their future lives. Over the last few years we have made more use of ICT in school

and improved the availability of online resources for our pupils. We have asked parents and carers of our pupils if they would complete the survey below to give us a clear idea of ICT usage by our pupils and help us to make further improvements. We have put the results so far on our website. If you still have a questionnaire form at home, please will you complete it and return to school.

## Anyone for Golf?

Chris Myers, from Sportsability Ltd has written to us about a new Junior Golf Academy that is starting at One Stop Golf next week for year 5 and 6 pupils. The academy is a fun way to try golf and gain the skills and etiquette required to progress on to the golf course. The facilities available are fantastic including a new state of the art driving range, 9 hole pitch and putt course and PGA qualified coaching. All coaching staff are CRB checked and hold Safeguarding and First Aid certification. If you are interested, then please see leaflet on our website in February's daily diary page.

## 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

## Term Dates!

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**

**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 25th 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:** Beef burger in a bap. Potato wedges, seasonal vegetables. **Vegetarian option:** Spaghetti Napolitano

**Dessert:** Jam 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:** Beef & Potato Pie, boiled potatoes, rice, seasonal vegetables **Vegetarian option:** Vegetable Curry

**Dessert:** Apricot Muffin

**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:** Roast Chicken and stuffing & gravy, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables. **Vegetarian option:** Leek and pasta bake. **Dessert:** Banana sponge & custard

**Friday**

**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:** Beef stew & herb dumpling, mashed potato, seasonal vegetables. **Vegetarian option:** Cheese and Onion pasty. **Dessert:** Chocolate sponge & chocolate sauce

**3.15pm—4.15pm Football Club Mr Rookyard**

**Today's Menu:** Breaded fish, chips, Seasonal Vegetable. **Vegetarian option:** Mixed vegetables & cous cous.

**Dessert:** Flapjack & chocolate drizzle