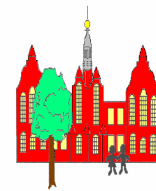


The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

Weekly Newsletter
Week: Spring Half Term 2014
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No School Next Week!

May we remind you that next week is the half term holiday. We re-open on Monday 24th February, at 8.55am.

Tablet PCs for Outstanding Attendance!

Last term, we started a prize draw for parents whose children achieved 97% attendance or more for the whole term. The winner received a hamper which was provided by Tesco Express. As well as continuing this at the end of a full term, we are starting a new scheme this spring.

At the end of each half term i.e. at spring half term holiday, at Easter, at summer half term holiday and at the end of the summer term every child who has achieved 100% for that half term will be entered into a draw to win a Tablet PC. There will be a new competition each half term. It is clear that good attendance and good punctuality go hand in hand with good learning and progress! If a child is in school on a regular basis they have a much better chance of improving their grades and enjoying being at school. Our first draw has been made this morning. Yesterday, parents were notified if their child has had 100% attendance during this first spring half term. The winner was Hassan from 2/3b. 109 pupils had 100% for this half term.

Computing on Ipad Training

From the start of September 2014, schools will be working with a brand new National Curriculum. One of the exciting aspects of this will be the new focus on computing in schools, rather than just ICT skills. For years, pupils have been developing and honing their use of word and publisher for their work, as well as spreadsheets

and other software to enhance their learning. In the autumn, they will also need to know how to do such things as: using algorithms, debugging programs; understanding computer networks and how to use a variety of software on a range of digital devices to accomplish given goals. This is one of the reasons for us investing in ipads this year and the services of David Andrews. We have set up our kidblog site, which is going from strength to strength. More pupils are putting work on it and commenting on others' work through their blogs. This week, David has been working with pupils, their parents and staff on a range of apps which need careful programming skills. Apps such as 'A.L.E.X.' and 'Kodable' are fun and inspiring ways to help pupils understand and use algorithms.

Roman Cooking

We certainly believe in giving our pupils as much first-hand experience as possible. As part of their continuing unit on the Romans, our phase 4/5 pupils sampled Roman Cooking. Tony Farley from 'Big Cook, Little Cook' visited us again to cook up some authentic Roman dishes.

Football Result

Stepney 5 - Clifton 5
We witnessed a nail-bitingly close match between Stepney and Clifton Primary School football teams last week. With the winter sun giving some warmth to proceedings, both teams were competitive and produced some entertaining football. With magnificent goals from the likes of our star striker Chief as well as Jayden, Stepney quickly went into a commanding lead. Both teams fielded their full squads, making numerous

substitutions so that everyone got a game. With the final minutes ticking by and Stepney still in the lead, Clifton pulled back and equalised so the game ended in a draw. Many thanks to Mr Dear, our team coach, and Mr Darwood, who did a fine job of refereeing the match.

This Week's Theme

In our assemblies and each school day this week we have been thinking again about 'e-safety as Tuesday 11th was 'Safer Internet Day'

Latest on Kidblog

This week, our year 6 pupils have been considering endangered animals in the science and literacy work this week. They have published some non-chronological reports on real and fictitious endangered animals on kidblog. Phase 2/3 have been uploading pdf versions of some brilliant ebooks that they have written and Foundation Stage have been putting on photos of their Gingerbread men. Please go to these blog pages and feel free to post your own comments.

Spring Exhibition Dates

March 2014
- Phase 2/3 Exhibition—Thurs 13th
- Phase 4/5 Exhibition—Thurs 20th
- EYFS/Yr 1 Exhibition—Thurs 27th
April 2014
- Yr 6 Exhibition - Thurs 3rd

Term Dates

Half Term Holiday
Monday, 17th February 2014 to Friday, 21st February 2014
Spring Second Half Term
Monday, 24th February 2014 to Friday, 11th April 2014
Easter Holiday
Monday, 14th April 2014 to Friday, 25th April 2014

Child Protection: Please remember to report Child Protection concerns to Miss J. Atkinson

What the children need next week

Foundation Stage PE Kits Friday.

Year 1 PE Kits Monday.

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

Rainbow Writing Winners

Our weekly winners are:

Class 2/3a Ethan & Liya

Class 2/3b Michal & Mahdiyah

Class 4/5a Lewis & Shaheed

Class 4/5b Bartek & Hollie

Class 6a George & Paige

Class 6b Mohsin & Patryk

Mighty Maths Winners

Owing to our ipad focus this week, we didn't have an assembly this week for Mighty Maths.

Stars of the Week!

Foundation Stage: Leon

Year 1: Blake E-R

Class 2/3A: Wiktor

Class 2/3B: Whole Class

Class 4/5A: Sebastian

Class 4/5B: Lauren

Class 6A: Emilia

Class 6B: Lottie



Distinction Awards!

Year 1: Blake M and his mum & Tallulah

Class 2/3B: Madiha & Karolina

Class 4/5B: Connor & Daniel

Class 6B: Therese

MENU 1

Monday

Today's Menu: Braised Sausages & Onion with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots & Broccoli **Vegetarian option:** Vegetable Sausages & Onions with Gravy. **Dessert:** Chocolate Crispy Bun

Tuesday

Today's Menu: Spaghetti Bolognese, Garlic Bread, Peas and Sweet corn. **Vegetarian option:** Spaghetti Napoliteine, Garlic Bread, Peas and Sweetcorn. **Dessert:** Chocolate Treacle Sponge & Custard

Wednesday

Today's Menu: Chicken & Vegetable Pie. Boiled Potatoes, Carrots and Cauliflower. **Vegetarian Option:** Vegetable Pie, Boiled Potatoes, Carrots and Cauliflower. **Dessert:** Muffins.

Thursday

Today's Menu: Roast Beef & Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Peas & Sweet corn Mixed Cabbage. **Vegetarian Option:** Leek Pasta Bake. **Dessert:** Jelly or Ice cream.

Friday

Today's Menu: Battered Fish, Chips Peas or Baked Beans. **Vegetarian Option:** Vegetable Risotto. **Dessert:** Flapjack and Custard

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Lunchtime ICT KS 1

3.15pm-5pm Football Club, Y3,4,5&6 Endeavour High School.

3.15pm—4.15pm Ipad Development Y3,4,5,&6 (10 places only.)

3.15pm—4.15pm School Choir Y1—Y6

3.15pm—4.15pm Basic Maths Rec/Y1

Lunchtime Reading Year 2/3

3.15pm 4.15pm Bug Club Whole school

3.15pm—4.15pm Story time Rec/Y1

3.15pm- 4.15pm Netball Y3,4,5,&6

Lunchtime Study Club Y6

3.15pm—4.15pm Cookery Rec-Y3

3.15pm—4.15pm Eco Art Club

3.15pm—4.15pm Card Making Y5-Y6

3.15pm—4.15pm ICT Whole School

3.15pm—4.15pm Gymnastics Y1& 2

3.15pm-4.15pm Football Y3,4,5, & 6

3.15pm—4.15pm Sewing Club Year 5-Y6