

The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

Weekly Newsletter
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Holidays & Fines

As the holiday season gets nearer we have to remind everyone about the fines procedures for absences from school. If a pupil is taken out of school during term time for a holiday it is the school's policy not to authorise this. If a parent/carer decides to do this, s/he or they are likely to incur fine issued from the Local Authority. For 10 or more sessions (a session is defined as being either a morning or an afternoon), the fine is worked out as £60 per pupil and £60 per parent/carer of that pupil. For example: if there are two pupils and two parents then this would be £60 x 2 pupils + £60 x 2 parents = £60 x 4 = £240.

It is imperative that pupils do not miss time for holidays during the term time to ensure they continue to make progress.

Attendance Improvements!

We are grateful for everyone's help to the school in improving attendance figures. Each Friday, we publish the attendance figures for the week with the percentage of pupils who have achieved 100% for that week, the class total attendance percentage for the week plus the running total for the year. There is also a graph showing this and comparing it with last year. At the end of February in 2013, our total was 93.69%. This year, at the same time it has risen to 95.41% which is a vast improvement.

World Book Day 2014 !

Pupils were particularly excited on Thursday 6th March, as it was 'World Book Day.' Everyone was encouraged to bring in their favourite books to share with their friends. Mrs Phelps-Jones led a special assembly about it

and pupils will be bringing home book vouchers by the end of the week.

Minecraft Come's to Stepney

We are now holding some Minecraft clubs at school. Ms Saint had started one for some of her pupils and we had another one start on Monday for year 6 pupils. We realise there will be many other pupils who would like to be part of this but, unfortunately, we are limited by the number of ipads and time slots at the present.



E-Safety Alert !

This week, we were alerted to a website that is being used at home by some of our pupils. "Talking Angela" is an interactive site for pupils. There were reports that it was being used for paedophile purposes. Latest reports in papers such as the Guardian say that this is a hoax. Nevertheless, we take this very seriously and advise all parents/carers to check the websites and apps that your children are using. We have to be ever-vigilant !

Phase 4-5 Rise to the Challenge !

While we are tremendously excited about new links with Fairview Elementary in Nebraska, via the kidblog site, our year 4 and 5 classes have decided to use a more traditional method of communication as well. They have been writing letters to the USA today on school-headed notepaper and will be sending them across the Atlantic shortly. After all, it is still important to keep our writing techniques and skills polished as well as embracing new technology. We've been told by the post office that it should take approximately five working days for our parcel to arrive in

Nebraska so fingers crossed we should hear from them soon.

Football Result!

Last Friday evening, Mr Darwood and Mr Dear took a small squad to play in a six-a-side tournament. The final result was a disappointing one for us in terms of the score. The team won 1 and lost 5. On a positive note, our team did their best and they all worked together against teams who were more established. Well done to the eight boys who competed. Better fortune next time.

Kidblog - Forums !

We recently posted a forum on Kidblog asking anyone to tell us about their favourite sports. So far, we have had 65 comments from many staff and pupils both at Stepney and in Fairview Elementary in Nebraska. We will be delighted to have more as this is really stimulating our school communities to engage in correspondence with each other. We felt that talking about sport is one that most people are interested in. Our blogging is proving to be a real hit - it's encouraging pupils to type more and write extremely positive comments to other people. Please note that as always, we take e-safety extremely seriously. All comments are checked by us before they are published. We are able to delete any unsuitable comments, although we have not had to do this yet. We currently have 267 pieces of works or articles on the kidblog site, and 937 different 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

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:
Year 1 Gracie & Jackson
Class 2/3a Helin & Kori
Class 2/3b Glebs & Hassan
Class 4/5a Michael & Rahma
Class 4/5b Andy & Saimah
Class 6a Cole & Martin
Class 6b Caitlin & Martina

Mighty Maths Winners

Our weekly winners are:
Year 1 Klaudia & Jack
Class 23a Ellie & Ethan
Class 23b Glebs & Stelina
Phase 45 Rahma, Shakira, Lewis & Adam
Class 6a Martin & Lennon
Class 6b Jayden & David
Class 6b Caitlin & Ellie

Stars of the Week!

Foundation Stage: Esther
Year 1: Aleksander
Year 2/3A: Zainb
Year 2/3B: Al-Horr
Year 4/5A: Precious
Year 4/5B: Scott
Year 6A: Lottie
Year 6B: Ellie



Distinction Awards!

Year 1: Riziki & Labiba
Year 2/3B: Evie & Stelina
Year 4/5A: Dominik & Martin
Year 6B: Alicia

MENU 3

Monday

Today's Menu: Chicken Pasta, Garlic Bread. Peas and Sweet corn mixed. **Vegetarian option:** Macaroni Bake **Dessert:** Milk Pudding.

Tuesday

Today's Menu: Omelettes, Diced Potatoes, Peas & Baked Beans.

Vegetarian option: Tuna Pasta Bake

Dessert: Marble Sponge

Wednesday

Today's Menu: Savoury Minced Beef & Dumping, Mashed Potato, Broccoli, Carrots. **Vegetarian Option:**

Quorn Mince & Dumplings **Desserts:** Muffins

Thursday

Today's Menu: Fish Cake, Potato Wedges, Peas.

Vegetarian option: Mediterranean Vegetable Quiche

Dessert: Flapjack & Chocolate Drizzle

Friday

Today's Menu: Sausage in a bread roll. Chips, Baked beans.

Vegetarian Option: Vegetable sausage

Dessert: Apricot Cookie

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Lunchtime Yr 6 Minecraft

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, **CANCELLED UNTIL AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAY.**

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

3.15pm—4.15pm Sewing Club Year 5-Y6