

The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

Weekly Newsletter
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School Audit

It has been an extremely busy first half of the week. Auditors from the Local Authority have been in from Monday to Wednesday undertaking a full and detailed financial audit of the school. The team wanted to look through all our documentation to ensure we are doing everything correctly; that all accounting is accurate; procedures are in place; policies are up to date and that the school is working within all legal and official boundaries. It is testament to Mrs Codd, our highly organised and efficient School Business Manager, and her equally able admin team, that the auditors praised the wealth of information that was prepared for them. A full report will be sent to the school in due course, but the initial feedback was that it went well.

Basic Skills Review

While the auditors were in our staff meeting room looking through one set of folders, we had a different team in another classroom. This team consisted of another head teacher and a deputy conducting a Basic Skills Review. This was for the renewal of our Basic Skills Quality mark. They spoke to members of the school leadership team as well as a school governor and pupils. Pupils' books were examined, data was looked at and they walked around classrooms. Once again, we won't have the official outcome until we receive the report but they were impressed with the work ethic around the school and our focus on improving the basic skills of our pupils.

Basic Skills At Home

After a long day at school, working hard and concentrating well, it is essential that children can unwind when they get home in the evening. However, they can still do things at home to help improve their reading, writing and maths, as well as improving their knowledge in other subjects. Reading each day, whether to themselves or to another person; practising times tables or their handwriting can really make a big difference. Pupils can access our key learning sites, such as Bug Club and My Maths via our school website. They also love going on Kidblog, which helps them to communicate with their friends in an e-safe way!

Practising each day, even for short periods, has been shown to improve pupils skills. As the old saying goes "Practice Makes Perfect" or, as we often say "Practice Makes Progress"

Mrs Metcalfe Visits Year 5/6

Mrs Metcalfe, our school nurse and Stepney Governor was in school this morning for her usual Wednesday surgery. She found time to pop upstairs to talk to our oldest pupils about the work they have been doing this half term on the heart and blood. Mr Browning had shown her the wonderful work that the pupils have been doing on Kidblog for this and she was keen to find out what they knew. Mrs Metcalfe was suitably impressed with the answers she heard and complimented the pupils on how much they have done. She was equally generous in her praises for the exciting and imaginative learning opportunities that the staff have provided. This has included dissecting sheep hearts and making 'fake blood'. Please look on

our kidblog site and add your own comments on the pupils' work.

Star Reader Assembly

Mahdiah led the assembly with a wonderfully confident powerpoint presentation about her favourite books and, as usual, took questions from the rest of the school.

Attendance Matters!

Please will you ensure that if your child has a medical appointment out of school that they come into school if it is later in the day and/or return to school after the appointment. They should not be having a whole day off for this. Similarly, if children or parents sleep in, please bring the children into school for the rest of the day.

Spring Term Assemblies

We were treated to two phase group assemblies this week. On Thursday, it was the turn of phase 3/4 with a detailed presentation about mountains. Friday's assembly was hosted by phase 1/2, telling us about traditional stories. Both were brilliant! The next one is on 11th February with Phase 5/6.

SPRING TERM 2016 Dates

Spring First Half Term 2016
Monday, 4th Jan to Friday, 12th Feb

Half Term Holiday
Monday, 15th to Friday, 19th Feb

Spring Second Half Term 2016
Monday, 22nd Feb to Thursday, 24th March 2016

The school is closed to pupils on **Friday 11th March for a staff training day.**

Easter Holiday 2016

Monday, 28th March 2016 to Friday 8th April 2016

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

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**Please bring your
PE Kit
to school on
Monday mornings!**

At Stepney, we promote the British Values of **Democracy, Individual Liberty, The Rule of Law** plus **Mutual Respect & Tolerance**

Our Stars of the Week Winners are:
 EYFS Karol Year 1 Kawther Year 2 David Year 3 Nahim
 Year 4 Samantha Year 5 Madiha Year 6 Seraphimna

Star Reader Winners
 This Week's Winners are:
 Year 1 Kaewon
 Year 2 Shuzila
 Year 3 Nikola
 Year 4 Franek
 Year 5 Alanta
 Year 6 Julia

Mighty Maths Winners
 This Week's Winners are:
 Year 1 Nicola
 Year 2 Sofija
 Year 3 Maria
 Year 4 Michal
 Year 5 Bartek
 Year 6 Adam

MENU 3

Monday
Today's Menu: Meat Balls in Gravy, creamed potato, seasonal vegetables. **Vegetarian Option:** Creamy vegetable Risotto. **Dessert:** Chocolate Velvet Cakes.

Tuesday
Today's Menu: Beef Bolognese or Fish Pie, seasonal vegetables. **Vegetarian option:** Spaghetti Napolitaine **Dessert:** Bakewell Tart and Custard.

Wednesday
Today's Menu: Chicken Curry served with Narn Bread. **Vegetarian Option:** Five Bean Curry. **Dessert:** Sticky toffee biscuit.

Thursday
Today's Menu: Choose from Beef, Pork or Turkey, served with Homemade Yorkshire pudding & gravy. Oven roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables. **Vegetarian options:** Veggie Toads **Dessert:** Lemon Iced Sponge.

Friday
Today's Menu: Breaded Fish, chips, peas/beans, bread & butter. **Vegetarian option:** Curried vegetable Pastey. **Dessert:** Fruit & Ice-cream with shortbread fingers.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Monday
3.15-4.15 EPICfootie! Y4,5,&6 Mr Jones

Tuesday
3.15-4.15pm Choir Years 2,3,4,5,&6 Mrs Rice

Wednesday
3.15-4.15pm SKILLSschool Y1,2,3 Mr Jones

Thursday
3.15-4.15pm HIGH5netball Y4,5,6 Mr Jones
3.15-4.15pm Cookery Club. Rec. Y2 & Y2 Mrs Bayley
3.15-4.15pm Sewing Club Years 5 & 6 Mrs Crichton

Friday
3.15-4.15pm FUNDAYFriday Year 1 upwards Mr Jones.

Always Available Jacket Potato with various fillings, Sandwiches/Wraps, Fresh Fruit & Salad