



Stillness Junior School

“Our “Best At all Times”



Weekly Round Up Page – Week 8

Dear Stillness Families

As the school was closed due to teacher strike action, World Book Day will now take place on **31 March 2023**. More information will be emailed out closer to the day.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend break.

Mrs M Nichol - Headteacher

Hire our Facilities

We are delighted to offer our facilities for hire during the School holidays and outside normal school hours (5.30pm - 10pm) and facilities within the school, including the sports hall.

Our lettings are open 7 days a week with closures only during bank holidays and extended opening hours during school holidays.

We also have a school mini bus available for hire that can seat up to 17 passengers.

If you are interested in the above, please contact Kim Kennedy on kim@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk.

Y3 News

Another busy week in Y3!

The week started off with an assembly all about our new Garden area; the children learnt that they will be using the garden with their class every week for 30 minutes outdoor learning. The Y3s used it for a tranquil wellbeing session led by the Wellbeing Champions.

In English, we were continuing with-chronological reports and researched, investigated and explored them in more detail. In maths we have been looking at fractions and will continue with this next week; comparing and ordering non unit fractions and looking at fractions on a number line.

In topic the children explored the geographical features of Italy and the UK. This included map work and looking at the topography of both countries; we will continue this next week. In science next week we will be looking into light in more depth. In RE next week the children will be looking at the importance of prayer to Christians and how prayer is related to Good Friday. Lots of interesting conversations have arisen from our RE topic!

Next week is Curriculum Week and on Thursday it will be Maths Day for the whole school – an exciting maths trail has been planned!

Don't Forget:

Y3's dress up day for Curriculum week is next Thursday and the theme is Roman outfits. Most Roman children wore a simple tunic, which was belted at the waist. Boys wore a tunic down to their knees and a cloak if it was cold. Rich boys could also wear a toga with a purple border and girls would wear a tunic with a woollen belt that was tied around their waists.

Spelling tests are on a Friday

Please practise the times tables at home (3, 4 & 8 in particular)

If you have any questions or queries then you can email the Y3 teachers at Y3@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk

Have a restful weekend!

Mrs R Gachette – Y3 Lead

Y4 News

The Y4 children have had another wonderful week. In English, we have become newspaper reporters and the children spent some time on Monday creating their very own newspaper companies with different roles and staff badges. On our chrome book day, the children worked together to collaboratively improve a very repetitive and boring newspaper written by their teachers. Next week, they will be attending a press conference in order to interview the Y3, Y5 and Y6 children about current events at Stillness Junior School. They will then each be in charge of writing an article for their newspaper. In Maths, we have been learning all about converting mixed numbers into improper fractions. Next week, we will be moving on to equivalent fractions and adding fractions together that have a common denominator. In Science, we started our brand new topic - sound. The children went around the school on a sound hunt and wrote down what sounds they could hear in different parts of the school. They then wrote down their observations using the scientific language from the start of the lesson.

Next week, the children will learn about how we actually hear sounds and more scientific language such as vibration, sound wave and amplitude. Finally, in Topic this week, we have been finding out about the Norse Gods and Goddesses. We learned about how they have been used to tell stories and are still used in our modern era. Next week is curriculum week so we will have lots of fun activities planned such as dressing up, drawing, drama and a workshop to end the week.

Don't forget:

- Y4 Viking dress up day is on Tuesday 7th March. If you need an outfit for your child then please let your class teacher know.

Miss M Rooney – Y4 Lead

Y5 News

It's the end of another fantastic learning week in Y5. This week was especially exciting because Jan's Secret Garden has been opened to the children. Our brilliant Eco Warriors showed each class around the garden and let the children know the expectations when in the garden. We even got to complete some of our mindfulness in the peaceful space, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We look forward to using the space more throughout the curriculum.

In English this week, the children have continued to look at poetry and created their own sea monsters which they used in the poems they wrote today. We were very impressed with how descriptive their poems were and the figurative language used throughout. Well done everyone! In science the children are continuing to learn about the stages of human development. They focused on infancy and childhood this week, creating line graphs to show the growth rate of babies. In Topic the children learned all about the ancient city of Chichén Itzá and created a tourist information leaflet to share all the information they learnt about it. Finally, in Maths, the children explored how to find equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. They have really excelled in this topic. Next week, we will move on to Area and Perimeter.

Don't forget:

- Homework is available on Google classroom each week

We look forward to seeing you next week and hope you have a lovely weekend.

Ms O Gayer – Y5 Teacher

Y6 News

The week appears to have flown by, albeit with a lot to pack in!

This week in Maths, the children have been looking at fractions, decimals and percentages and converting between them. Next week, we will be looking at percentages in more detail and working on how to solve multi-step problems. In English, we have been exploring Shakespeare's 'Tempest' which will continue into next week.

In Science, we looked at the job of the heart, the types of blood vessels and different parts of the blood. Did you know that the blood vessels in your fingertip measure 1,000 metres? Fascinating! Next week, we will be... DISSECTING ANIMAL HEARTS! Please can children bring in an apron/overall/top that they don't mind getting dirty.

We were also treated to a Science workshop by a Y6 parent team (Finn P's) who took us on a journey of heart-stopping fun. The children had the opportunity to do CPR on Bob (who was a willing participant to 69 children!) and use a stethoscope and an oximeter to measure their pulse rate before and after exercise. Judging from the squeals of delight during the activities, I'm sure we will have many of the children joining the NHS sometime in the future!

In Topic we looked at what it was like to be a child in Tudor times learning that physical punishment was welcomed in schools, especially as it was another way to keep warm. Something as harmless as making a mistake could result in being beaten with a stick! Next week, we will be looking at Tudor entertainment.

The finale of the week was our visit to the Globe theatre to watch 'The Tempest'. Although the hustle and bustle of public transport was a little 'tempestuous', the play kept us on our toes until the very end – an incredible portrayal of one of Shakespeare's last plays.

Don't forget:

- W/B 6th March – Creating a replica of a Human System Termly Project due in (see Spring's Newsletter)
- 7th March – Dissecting a heart! Please can children bring in an apron/overall/top that they don't mind getting dirty.
 - 10th March – Curriculum Week Dress Up Day

Restful weekend wishes

Mrs M Chisholm – Y6 Teacher