



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Bassistry world music day on Tuesday was so much fun. I am sure the children all came home and told you all about it. Marcel and Philippe worked alongside all the classes in the school, learning a fun ensemble of songs which were presented in an end of day assembly. The atmosphere in school was buzzing! We are looking to move to an online platform to share all our learning experiences (photos and videos) with you at home. We have so many wonderful things happening at school; we want you to be part of your child's learning. I will let you know when we have this system set up as there will be a link to log onto the app and permissions needed.



Tag Rugby

This week 27 children represented the school in a Tag Rugby competition here at Stockham School. We had 3 teams take part for Stockham School. There were 8 teams altogether from local Wantage and Grove schools. It was an all Stockham final with our A team winning the tournament.

Congratulations to the following Year 5 and 6 children who have been selected to be **Reading Ambassadors this year:**

Year 5 – Jasper, Emily, William, Elijah G and Teddy

Year 6 – Toby, Alexa, Abigail, Harry B and Olivia

Dates for your diary:

Monday 9th October – Year 5 swimming sessions start, Year 3 visit to the library

Thursday 19th October – End of term 3.10pm

Friday 20th October – INSET day.

Monday 30th October – Children return to school for term 2

Monday 6th November – Flu spray for all children (separate consent letter will be sent home)

Wednesday 8th November – Year 1 trip to Wantage museum

Monday 13th November – Anti-bullying week (more information to come soon from Miss Lovegrove and the anti-bullying ambassadors)

Monday 13th November week – Teacher-parents/carers meetings – more information about how to sign up to a slot with your child's teacher(s) will be sent out soon

Friday 17th November – Children in Need day – led by our newly appointed school council members and Mr Burbank

Tuesday 21st November – School photo day (individual portrait photos and siblings photos who attend Stockham school)

Friday 1st December – Non-school uniform day – bring in a luxury item for our Christmas hampers

Tuesday 12th December – Whole school trip to the Pantomime in Swindon

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas dinner day and present room

Wednesday 20th December – School finishes at 12pm

Monday 8th January 2024 – Children return for Term 3.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Class News

- Year F** We have had another great week in Foundation. All the children really embraced the Bassistry workshop on Tuesday and showed the greatest rhythm and performance skills! We have been learning more about classroom routines this week and also had fun playing some playground games in PE. We have been doing some lovely maths work, especially thinking about the number 4 and how we can build this number in different ways.
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been using our imagination as we have moved on to a new story in English called 'Not a Stick', we have been imagining what we would use the stick for and writing sentences about it. In maths we have been continuing to learn more about place value and we have been learning to compare numbers using the greater than, less than and equal to signs.
- Year 2** This week in maths, Year 2 have really started to master counting on and back in tens from different numbers and even made it over one hundred! In English we have started learning how to write a discussion using questions, adjectives and keeping what we want to talk about nice and organised. We cannot stop doing art at the moment and have been finding lots of opportunities to turn sound effects into colourful Pop Art as we have been enjoying this style so much.
- Year 3** Year 3 have had a busy week. On Tuesday, we learned all about Stone Age tools as part of our history topic, and we were even lucky enough to handle some real Stone Age artefacts! We then made our own Stone Age tools by carving (or 'kapping') a bar of soap. In English, we have begun writing fact files about the Stone Age and in maths we have been learning to count in steps of 50. We also earned our marble treat!
- Year 4** This week in Year 4 we have been showing off what we have learnt so far this term. In English the children amazed us with this descriptive writing, using powerful verbs and adventurous adjectives to write about an autumn scene. In maths we have just finished learning about place value, the class worked really hard during the end of unit assessment! On Tuesday we had an amazing day with The Bassistry Team! It was lovely to see all the class getting fully involved in the singing, clapping and dancing! They loved showing off their song at the end of the day in our whole school assembly!
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a busy week! In English, we have been exploring character descriptions from different texts, including our class book The Explorer. In maths, we have finished our place value unit and carried out our first assessment. We have now started looking at addition and subtraction strategies. We really enjoyed Bassistry and performing at the end of the day. I was very impressed with Year 5's rhythm!

Year 6 Year 6 have been busy this week deepening our understanding of our text *The Ways of the Wolf*. We have been using the text to conduct our own research about wolves and learnt how to make effective and concise notes in order to do presentations about our findings. In maths we have been investigating different types of numbers such as prime, square and cubed and we have also begun to refresh our knowledge of multiplying using the column method. As a class we loved the Bassistry Music workshop. We loved making the different rhythms as groups and putting it all together to make some wonderful music. As scientists, we have been learning about how reflections can be used to help us see and we enjoyed seeing what happened when we shone a light at mirrors and changed the angle the light hit it.

Soaring High

This week the following children have earned "Soaring High":

Year F Zarah - what fun you had at the Bassistry workshop! The energy you showed to try something new and different was fantastic and your performance and love for the music was so great to see, well done!

Lola - we have really seen your listening skills recently and you have done your very best in phonics this week, keep up the good work, you should be so proud of yourself!

Year 1 Mariam and Valentin for having the most positive learning attitude this week, you have both shown great perseverance with your learning and when approaching new challenges. The adults have really noticed how hard you have both been trying, keep it up!

Year 2 Joshua - For a surge in confidence and motivation to do your best in all tasks. You should feel incredibly proud of what you are achieving.

Tia - For smiling through every challenge with courage and determination. You are a pleasure to work with.

Year 3 Erin - for some brilliant non-fiction writing about the Stone Age. You remembered lots of facts and organised your writing really well. We are looking forward to reading your completed fact file.

Morgan - for always being ready to learn and working really hard in all subjects. You make sure you follow instructions to try and improve your work and challenge yourself which is great to see.

Year 4 Rocco for your hard work during our maths assessment this week! You showed real concentration and amazed us with your super mathematical knowledge! Well done, Rocco!

Amelie for always being ready to learn! You demonstrate amazing listening skills in and out of the classroom and are always willing to help out others around you! Well done. Amelie.

Year 5 Thomas for showing great reliance this week! You have worked really hard in all your work and been a great friend to others. Well done Thomas!

Louis for showing great confidence in class. You have been working really hard in all your work, thinking carefully about your answers. You have also shown great team work and been a good friend to others in the class. Well done Louis.

Year 6 Leon for great enthusiasm and contributions during the Bassistry music workshop. You joined in really well and enjoyed yourself, which was lovely to see. Well done, Leon.

Max E for great contributions in our guided reading lesson this week. You were fantastic in role hot-seating as the main character from our book and thought through your answers and responses carefully. Well done, Max.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 5 for having the tidiest room. Well done!

Second-hand uniform

Good quality, second-hand uniform is available from Friends of Stockham with all money raised coming directly to school. For information on availability of items, please see this facebook group or email friendsofstockham@gmail.com.

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Stockham-School-Second-hand-uniform-sale-103641978169121>

School Uniform

If you need new uniform please order online or by telephone. The website is pmgschoolwear.co.uk and the order line is 0800 4046644.

Book bags and PE bags are also available to be purchased from [pmgschoolwear](http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk).