



STOW-ON-THE-WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL



HEART- HAND -MIND

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that everyone is settling back into the swing of term and routines. We are keeping our focus very much on the curriculum whilst monitoring the COVID situation and impact. We have been very fortunate to only have one case in school so far this term so we have allowed the juniors into the hall together for lunch and assemblies, and everyone together outside but we are still keeping infants and juniors in their key stage bubbles when indoors for now to limit the risk of any infections. We will keep you informed at all times of any changes in line with South West Public health guidance for schools.

Here is some great news on the curriculum to start the year....



CURRICULM GOOD NEWS

As you know we are a very musical school, often singing, performing and taking part in whole class music lessons and specialist instrumental lessons (supported by funding from our amazing PTFA). I am delighted to share with you that we have been awarded the prestigious Music Mark award as a school in recognition of all our work in the area with the children.

Our feedback read as follows

“We have recognised your commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum and the value that you place on music, and as a result, we would like to celebrate it by nominating your school to become part of the Music Mark community. Music Mark works to support and enable the music education sector to deliver high-quality musical and social outcomes for all children and young people. On behalf of Music Mark and from us at GM/MMG, we would like to thank you for all the hard work your school does to support this collective vision.”

I would like to say a massive well done to the children and staff especially Miss Paveley who is our music subject leader for this fabulous recognition of their team efforts in this creative part of our curriculum.

New staff member

We are keeping up an enhanced cleaning regime and we are very pleased to welcome Mrs Lorraine Buckley onto our school staff as school cleaner. Mrs Buckley replaces Mrs Cato who left last week and she joins Mr Catley our cleaner in charge. I know they are doing a brilliant job keeping us all safe and as clean as possible, and going above and beyond for our children.

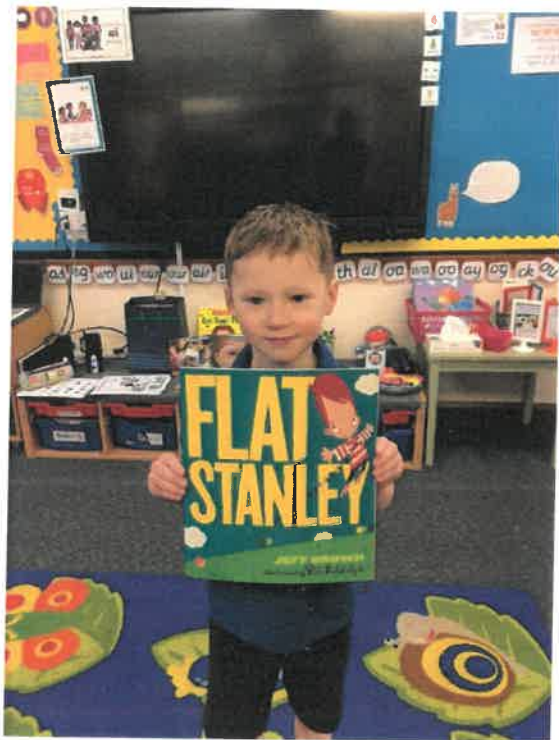
Food Hygiene Rating - Kitchen good news

Here is some more good news to help start the year off well. I am delighted to announce that **YET AGAIN** we have been graded with 5 the top mark for catering establishments in a recent Environmental Health Inspection of our kitchens and lunchtime catering arrangements. A massive well done to Mrs Taylor and Mrs King for their sustained excellent work achieving 5 with the food standards agency every time! It is very reassuring to parents that all our procedures are top marks!



BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Thank you to Evie for her fabulous birthday book brought in last week, what a lovely new addition to Class 2 library. A second big thank you to Stanley for his very appropriately named book Flat Stanley- what a lucky class Class 2 are this week, hope you enjoyed your birthdays!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our fabulous stars of the week and to everyone who earned a certificate in school this week.



Class 1 - Gracie-Mae Pebody for working really hard in all areas and for being so positive and happy all the time.

Class 2 - Harrison Ray for a super effort all week especially in Art.

Class 3 - Eric Rothera for being honest, kind and hard working.

Class 4 - Thea Shaw for being hard working, caring and an amazing artist.

Class 5 - Holly Smith for being amazing all week.

VALUES – these are our three school values and rules). This week, these children have embodied our school rules and values:

HAND (these children have been safe)

Dean Belson for playing really safely, well done for being such a sensible child.

HEART (these children have been supportive)

Elijah Rogers for being such a kind and caring boy

MIND (these children have persevered in their learning)

Kegan Booth for persevering in class with his learning

Jolie Huckson for persevering in her work

CURRICULUM CERTIFICATES

HISTORY- Ulyana Hoad

ART

Tuscany Dunham

Reuben O'Driscoll Taylor (walrus painting)

William Lloyd (husky painting)

DT - Emily Meakin and Phoebe Harris

PE - Bethany Antiojo

MUSIC - Naomi-Lee and Emma Marais

MATHS - Poppy Bundy

MATHS PASSPORTS

Effie Powles - Antarctica

Mia Fenney - Scotland

Ethan Erwood - Northern Ireland, well done everyone!

Harleigh Paige Perkins, Poppy Leighton, Logan Taylor, Ella Goode, Thea Shaw and Arlo Perkins, all achieved their passports this week- YAY!!

BONUS MERITS

Tori Cook for fabulous story mapping and sketches about London, based on the topic Class 2 are doing, wow the work is stunning!

Hollie Buckley for beautiful art work at home and for good behaviour and attitude in school, well done Hollie

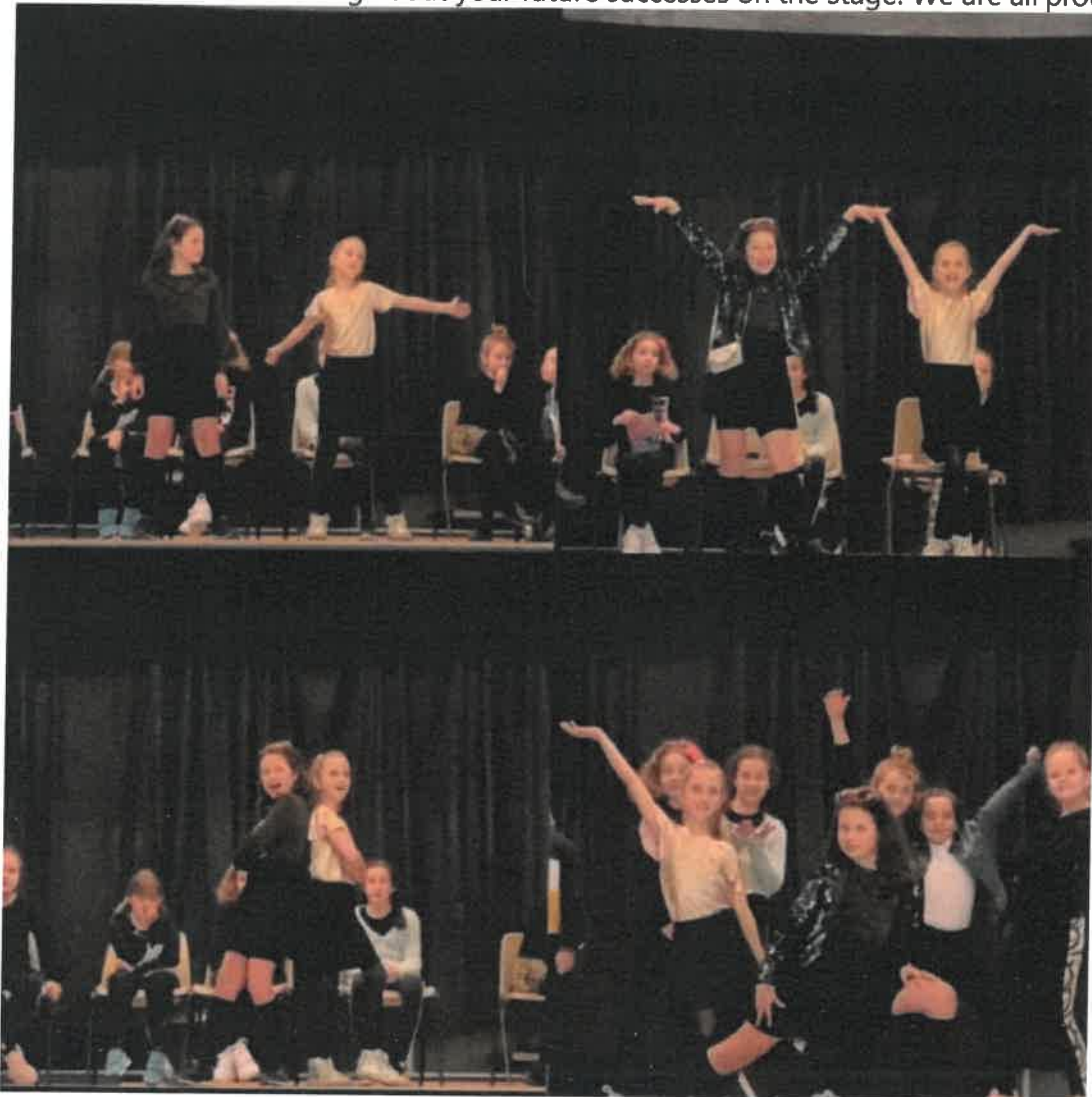
Oscar Clarke- amazing fact file writing about polar bears

Mrs Barbers Awards

Mrs Barber our dinner lady in the Infants would like a special mention for **Freya King and Toby Cripps** for the fabulous manners and helpfulness at Lunchtimes, well done to both of you for being such great, well-mannered children!

Successes outside school

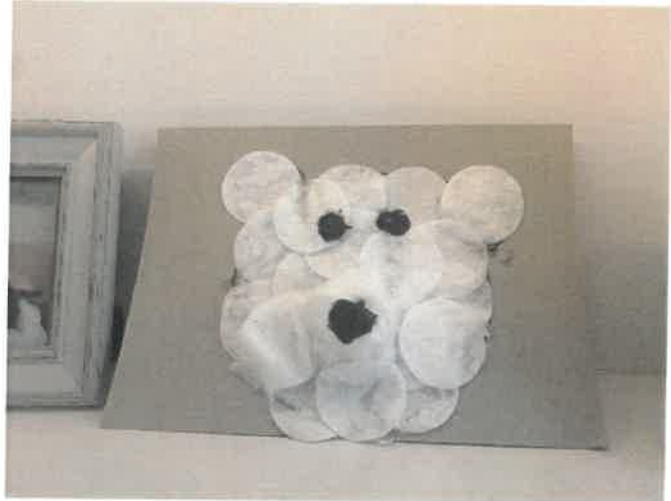
Congratulations to **Poppy Bundy** who took part in a Performing Arts show before Christmas (at Vivid performing arts). She was the joint lead in their performance of High School Musical. It was her first performance on stage and in front of an audience. I have read the wonderful feedback that she received from her teacher. Poppy told us all about it in assembly this week and her mum tells me that she loved learning her lines, songs and dance moves and really enjoyed the whole acting experience. Well done Poppy, it's a very big brave step to take and we look forward to hearing about your future successes on the stage. We are all proud of you.



Congratulations also to **Jude Williams** who cooked these absolutely beautiful looking sausage rolls last weekend, they look totally delicious - what a chef!



Grace Cox in Class One has been learning all about The Arctic and created these wonderful pictures at home. Well done Grace.



Music art

This amazing artwork was designed by Thea outside school following a task set in school to design a piece of music using shapes and lines and dots for the notes and instruments. Thea went home and painted this glorious piece. They are being sent off to hopefully be created into a piece of music by a London Orchestra - well done Thea and Class 4.



Operation Encompass

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. We have been part of this for several years but thought it was an idea to remind parents about this system. Operation Encompass is the mechanism for reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school we have ensured that staff have been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the children in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved. There are further details for parents in the Operation Encompass Letter, which will be available on our new website.

WellChild

We are delighted to have received a super certificate from WellChild with a letter of thanks for our donation made last year of £213.06 to support seriously ill children and their families. The certificate of thanks is attached to this newsletter.



WellChild
the national charity for sick children

HOUSE POINTS

RED	YELLOW	BLUE	GREEN
216	215	225	214
204	188	181	240

So the winners this week are **GREENS**!!!! Very convincingly too!

Attendance

This week we have had amazing attendance overall since Christmas and especially from our Juniors, let's keep it up, hardly anyone away all week!

We are continuing with our attendance pots in each classroom so remember you have to be in it to win it!!! Next draw will be in February on the last day of half term.

Have a lovely weekend and see you all next week

If you have any questions or concerns do please ring us on 01451 830784 or email at any time head@stow-on-the-wold.gloucs.sch.uk
admin@stow-on-the-wold.gloucs.sch.uk

Don't let little worries become big concerns! Please talk to us if we can help in any way or if you have any worries at all.

Together We Can Succeed

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