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Park Life

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Welcome to Issue 1 of Park Life!

A Message from Mrs Lambert...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the very first edition of 'Park Life' our new newsletter celebrating the achievements and events of the term; we hope that you enjoy reading about what we have been up to. Thanks to Mrs Coelho for putting it together!

We have lots to celebrate! It's been wonderful to have the whole school back with no breaks in learning. No more class bubbles means that we have been able to resume many of the activities that make school life so special and contribute to our sense of community. From whole school assemblies and eating together in the hall to resuming clubs and our first football tournament - it's been great to see the children and staff enjoying a more normal approach to school.

However, although we have had little disruption this term due to Covid-19, please do continue to monitor your children for symptoms and we advise that you book a PCR test if your child becomes unwell with the recognised symptoms of Covid-19. Children should not attend school if they have symptoms and are awaiting the results of a PCR test.

As we approach the half-term holiday and the evenings become darker, may I take this opportunity to remind you to be vigilant around the safety of your children and our whole community; we advise that children continue to be collected from school and that you know where they are when out and about.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful, restful break, enjoying the autumnal activities on offer.

With best wishes,
Mrs Alison Lambert



To keep updated on all of the happenings around school throughout the term, follow us on Twitter!

@stokepark16

Happy Half Term!

From all of us at Stoke Park Primary, have a restful half term break!

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday 2nd November.**



Learning Updates (p2-5)

There has been brilliant learning around the school and at home this term!



Turning Over a New Leaf (p6)

Stoke Park took part in the Queen's Green Canopy Project.



Football Mania! (p6)

Find out how our Year 5 & 6 footballers got on in their first tournament.

Nursery

Wow! Nursery children have settled so well into their new class. New friendships are being made, new routines and rules are being learnt, new activities are being explored. A brilliant start to the first term. We have been learning about colours, matching and sorting in maths using lots of practical resources inside and outside the classroom. We have been using our listening skills in phonics to listen to sounds around us identifying and talking about the sounds. We have been listening to lots of different stories and have recently started to learn Owl Babies and all about owls. We now know that Owls have talons, feathers, eat mice and are nocturnal! With the weather being so sunny we have managed to make great use of the outdoors using our grassy hill to develop our physical skills and creating an ice cream shop. It has been a brilliant start to the school year and we have so much more exploring and learning to do.



Reception

It has been an amazing start to the school year in Reception. We are proud of the way the children have settled into school. They have been getting to know each other and the daily routines with enthusiasm. We have had lots of circle times playing games and listening to each other.

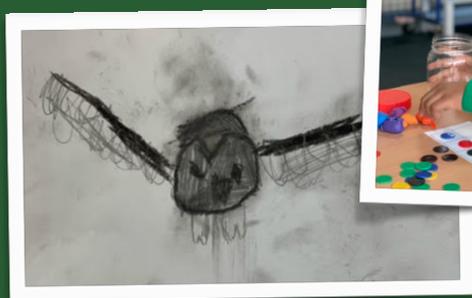
In maths we have been matching and sorting as well as comparing quantities of objects in our classroom and outside. In literacy the class have read 'Owl Babies' and have acted out the story with actions and learnt all about owls and how they live. The children even created their own story called 'Rabbit Babies' which was lots of fun. We have learnt lots of new letters and sounds and are practising these every day.

Outside the children have been active using the bikes, building on our building site, planting bulbs in our garden and being creative in the mud kitchen. We are really looking forward to Term 2!



Year 1

In Year 1 we started off the year with a 'wild rumpus' in the forest area to help us write our brilliant stories of Where The Wild Things Are for our Literacy lessons. We have also been busy exploring place value and adding to 10 in Maths lessons. We especially enjoyed using part whole models and counters to find different ways of making a number. In Science, we have been learning all about seasons and trees by going on nature walks and looking at how the weather has changed throughout the year. In Art, we have been learning different techniques to help us draw and have practiced this by creating amazing drawings of woodland animals. It has been a great start to the year, everyone has been working hard and showing brilliant learning behaviours. Well done Year 1, I hope you all have a lovely half term!



Year 2

We have had a phenomenal start to the year in Year 2! We have been doing lots of new learning, as well as recapping some of what we learnt in Year 1. For the past few weeks, we have been writing stories based on nursery rhymes. Our Incy Wincy Spider stories were amazing and we were so detailed in our descriptions. Miss Cerullo loved reading them!

We have really enjoyed science this half term. In science, we went on minibeast hunts, to investigate which insects live in our local environment and what their habitats are. We really challenged ourselves in D&T. We made pouches and had to learn lots of new skills like tying a knot, threading a needle and sewing a running stitch. In art, we have been exploring different ways to make marks. As you can see, it was lots of fun but a little bit messy! Well done Year 2, you've had a great half term and I can't wait for all the amazing things that we will be doing after the holidays!



Year 3

It has been great first term in Year 3. The children have been excited about all the different subjects they have been studying. In maths, we have been looking at Place Value. In English we wrote some great non-chronological reports all about 'Rocks and Fossils' our science topic. In history, we have explored the Stone Age. We have studied different human and physical features of the UK in geography. In art, we have looked at pattern and different paint techniques. Recently the children have risen to the challenge, sewing their own pouches for our DT project, showing great amounts of patience and determination. This term, they have particularly enjoyed learning about sea shanties in music with Mr Bliss. Have a wonderful half term Year 3 and look forward to seeing you in Term 2!



Year 4



It has been an absolutely brilliant first term in Year 4. The children have been spending the term getting back into the swing of things and showing superb learning behaviours and amazing enthusiasm. In maths we have been looking at Place Value and Rounding. In writing, we wrote some brilliant Third Person Adventure Stories which absolutely wowed Mrs Coelho! We have also been learning all about Rivers in Geography and have learnt words such as tributary, source and channel. Why don't you ask your child what these words mean? In Art, we have been thinking about different textures and negative space. We created wax rubbings of different textures in our environment and chose interesting leaves to create rubbings of. Have a lovely half term, Year 4, and I can't wait to see you in Term 2!

Year 5

Year 5 have really hit the ground running this term, even if the weather denied us the opportunity to share in the Trust's dedicated sports day! The children have played their part in setting and following classroom expectations, and ensuring that the learning environment is a calm and focused place to be. In Maths we have been strengthening our knowledge of place value and honing our skills with addition and subtraction. Our writing has ranged from balanced arguments to writing narratives set in another culture. We have explored the way we map and find locations across the globe, and also tried our hand at some abstract art. All the while we have been very lucky to progress our swimming skills on Friday afternoons. Well done everyone! Have a well-earned break and charge your batteries for term 2!



Year 6

It's been an incredibly busy start to Year 6 and we've had plenty of highlights. We started the year by exploring our own identities through poetry, self-portraits and autobiographies. We've also written stories with a moral and written poems linked to remembrance. In the wider curriculum, we've explored the history of the Caribbean including the Windrush Generation's contribution to life in Britain and will continue to explore this further. In Geography, we've covered 500 million years of geology leading to the formation of the Lake District and, in Science, have discovered Carl Linnaeus's contribution through his classification system for living things. In music, we've enjoyed listening and performing sea shanties and exploring their historical context. In our maths, we've focused on place value and calculation this term and have been ensuring that we have efficient written methods for the four operations. In DT, we designed and made models of playground equipment and reflected on the challenges in both the planning and making stages of this project.



SCHOOL NEWS!

STOKE PARK CHOSEN FOR QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY PROJECT

We were absolutely delighted that Stoke park was one of just 69 schools in the UK to receive a tree gifted by the Queen, to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in 2022. On October 4th, the Lord Lieutenant of Bristol planted the tree in our playground, watched by children from each class and invited guests. What an honour - we look forward to watching the tree grow in the years to come. You can find out more about the Queen's Green Canopy and see our tree on the map here: <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>



High Tea with Mrs Lambert

High Tea is back! At the end of each term, two children from each class are nominated to have a special treat with Mrs Lambert; these are children who have consistently displayed our school values.

Well done to Joe, Emma, Noah, Layla, Noel, Liv, Mia, Reuben, Logan O, Macie, Charlie, Tandie, Rowda, Kyrah, Archie and Maja who were nominated in Term 1.



STOKE PARK FOOTBALLERS STRIVE FOR SUCCESS!

This term our Year 5 and 6 football team took part in a tournament at St Bede's Secondary School. They played two matches against Horfield Primary and St Bernards Primary. In both matches the team showed great spirit, working well together and supporting each other. For many it was the first time they had played together as a team and they demonstrated great sportsmanship to overcome a loss in the first match 2-0 and win their second match 1-0.



FOODBANK DONATIONS

Thank you so much for your generous donations for our harvest assembly - we collected so much food for the North Bristol Foodbank. During assembly we found out where the food goes and how it helps local families in need.



HALLOWEEN CRAFTS

Get crafty this spooky season with some of these easy Halloween craft ideas!



Tissue Box Monsters

Create a monster mash of your own with a tissue box, paint, googly eyes and pom poms. Your monster can be as scary or friendly and cute as you like!

Halloween Toilet Paper Roll Crafts

Use a toilet roll, paper or card and paint and googly eyes to make these terrifying characters!



Chocolate Apples

Put an apple on a sharp skewer and dip in melted chocolate. Roll in sprinkles, nuts, sweets or drizzle with more chocolate!

Black History Month 2021

October is Black History Month and this year the theme is Proud to be... Each class is taking part in a project based on this theme for a whole school display. Each phase has a different theme to look at:



EYFS - Proud to be Black

KS1 - Proud to be Black and British

LKS2 - Proud to be Black and Female

UKS2 - Proud to be Black and LGBTQIA+

Keep an eye out on Twitter for updates on these projects from every class.

As a school we are also producing a video titled 'Proud to Be'. If you or your child would like to contribute towards this video, please let us know!