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ALLOTMENT WONDERS FOR YEAR 2

On Wednesday 28th September, Year 2 enjoyed a visit to Dibden Lane Allotments. They have been



learning about their local area and finding out about what is needed to help plants grow. The weather was very kind to them and they were grateful that an allotment owner was able to tell them more about how to manage an allotment. Here is a trip report...



First we set off to the allotments and we talked there to Mr. Cullimore. Then

we found a massive pumpkin in the leaves. We walked around the allotments and saw a ginormous pepper in the shed. Finally we had our picture taken and we went back to school.

BY JOSEPH K Class 2B

This visit was part of the Year 2 topic, 'Wonderful Wildlife.' The children had spotter guides to help them look for different vegetables, fruit and flowers. When they returned to the classroom, they spent time writing a report using time connectives. Well done Year 2!



FOOTBALL MATCH

On Tuesday 4th October, Storming Stanbridge played a Cup football match against St. Michael C E Primary School. Not knowing what lay ahead of them, Stanbridge played their passing game as normal. We had a golden opportunity to go ahead early on in the game, but Euan Baker's shot glanced the crossbar. Isaac Staples also tested their keeper with a long range effort. Disaster struck midway through the first half as the opposition scored two quick, lucky goals.

In the second half, Stanbridge wee robbed of a penalty as the referee controversially failed to see a St. Michael's defender handle the ball in the box. We felt as if it wasn't going to be our day. The final whistle went and we had lost 2-0. However, we will reflect on this game in training and learn from it.

Report by Euan Baker 6B

Team: Jack Whinham, Harry Houghton, Isaac Staples (Captain), Daniel Brooks, Harry Simons, Euan Baker, Bailey Sloper and Luke Bailey.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- *W/C 10th October—Yr 6 away on camp*
- *Tues 11th October, 1pm—Reception class photos for the Evening Post*
- *Wed 12th October, 7-9pm—Governors School Development Plan monitoring group*
- *Thurs 13th October, 9—10.30am—PIP Group meeting*
- *Monday 17th October, School Photographs for families and individuals.*
- *Thurs 20th October, 6-7pm—'Ofsted... Our journey so far' Parents/Carers meeting*
- *Fri 21st October, 9am—12 noon—EYFS and Yr 1 trip to cinema*
- *Fri 21st October—Last day of term 1*
- *Mon 31st October—Inset Day—SCHOOL CLOSED*
- *Tues 1st November—First day of term 2*
- *Tues 1st November, 4-6.30pm—Parents Evenings (All Yr Groups)*
- *Thurs 3rd Nov, 1—4.30pm—Football Tournament*
- *Thurs 3rd November, 4-6.30pm—Parents Evenings (All Yr Groups)*
- *Mon 7th November, 9.15am and 6.30pm—Parent Tours for new Reception classes (Sept 2012)*
- *Tues 8th November, 7pm—PTA Friends of Stanbridge meeting*
- *Thurs 10th November, 5-7pm Governors Curriculum Committee Meeting*
- *Fri 18th November—Children in Need day*
- *Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance at Downend Technology college - Tues 13th December (TBC)*

YEAR GROUP ASSEMBLIES AND CLASS VISITS

We will now be holding year group assemblies to share what the children have been learning and parents/carers will have the opportunity to share and celebrate the children's work by visiting the classroom after the assembly.

Here are the dates for the coming term:

RA & RB: Tues 15th Nov, 3.20pm for class visits.

1A & 1B: Mon 28th Nov, 2.30pm for assembly time, followed by class visits.

2A & 2B: Tues 8th Nov open doors class visit at 3.20pm.

3A & 3B: Wed 30th Nov, 2.45pm for assembly and class visits.

4A & 4B: Thur 10th Nov,

2.45pm for assembly and class visits.

5A & 5B: Wed 16th Nov, 2.45pm for assembly and class visits.

6A & 6B: Wed 19th Oct, 2.45pm for assembly and class visits.

We look forward to sharing and celebrating our learning with you!

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**Coming soon...
Pick n' Mix home-
work**

We are looking forward to developing a new system for homework across each class to ensure our homework is effective and consistent for all children. This will be launched at the start of term 2 and a parents/carers meeting will be held to fully explain the new system. Thank you for the continued support you give your child with their learning at home.

Can you help?

We are looking for any help with a new project to relocate the school library and reinvigorate reading across the school. The Friends of Stanbridge have already expressed an interest in being a part of this project and we would like to find out if anyone would be willing to volunteer to help with painting of the area between the gym and the hall.

The first step is to paint the whole area, but we would also like a mural to brighten up this space. Does anyone have any artistic talents they would like to share?

This will become our new learning resource centre/library.

As the project progresses, we will also be looking for helpers to organise books and resources.

Thank you in advance!



**A new look
newsletter... Why
monthly?**

We are committed to ensuring our parents/carers are kept well informed about school news and events with plenty of notice. We have now moved to a monthly newsletter to ensure all dates and events are published in advance to help parents/carers plan their time. We are also keen to share and celebrate exciting events that have taken place in school during each month. A new website will also be coming soon!

OUR NEW
SCHOOL
MOTTO...
AIM HIGH AND
FLY!



STANBRIDGE OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

Stanbridge Out of School Club is a childcare organisation that has been running for the last 7 years. The club is led by two long standing, fully qualified members of staff: Jayne and Nikki.

Jane and Nikki work alongside a committee to ensure the best care for the children in a safe, enjoyable environment. As a result of all the hard work put in the recent Ofsted report came back as 'good' with

outstanding elements. The committee, Jayne and Nikki are proud of this achievement but are striving to become an outstanding club. If anyone would like to help achieve this by becoming a member of the committee or would like to be a member of the bank staff, to cover at any needed time, please contact Jayne on 07910258137.

If any parents are interested in using this service there are spaces available after

school on a Monday and Friday at present. As an organisation the club would appreciate any feedback from parents already using this service to help the club go from strength to strength.

Jayne and Nikki would like to say thank you for the support the club have received from the parents adn committee and the close working relationship they have with the school.

NOTICES

**Don't forget...
Inset Day:
Mon 31st
October 2011**

PUPIL PHOTOGRAPHS

Reception class photographs will be taken on the afternoon of **Tuesday 11th October**. These will be published in the Evening Post to celebrate the start of school for these children. Please ensure you have completed the permission slip if you wish your child to be included in these photographs.

The School Photographers will be in school on **Monday 17th October** to take family groups and individual photos.

Morning Routines

A letter was sent last week to inform the school community of the changes to our morning routines. **Doors will now be open from 8.45—8.55am and children can come straight into school.**

Late Arrivals

With the doors being open from 8.45am there should be no reason for your child to be late, however in exceptional circumstances pupils arriving after 8.55am

must be signed in at the office by a parent/carer.

Please be reminded that messages for teacher should be sent by note with your child or via the reception office. Parents/carers will not be permitted to enter the school building during this busy time of day. Staff will be on the doors and will be happy to deal with any enquiries you may have. We are sure this will provide a calm and smooth start to the school day.



OFSTED... OUR JOURNEY SO FAR

Thank you to all parents/carers who came along to our coffee morning on Thursday 29th September to meet the new Head Teachers. The event was well attended and Miss Bertham and Mrs Isaac enjoyed getting to know families better and hearing ideas/views about developing our school further.

We will be holding an evening meeting to keep parents/carers fully informed of our progress in moving the school forward, following the Ofsted inspection in June 2011. This meeting will

take place on Thursday 20th October from 6-7pm in the hall. The meeting will aim to



share with parents/carers details of the inspection process over the coming year and provide information about our steps forward in school development.

We ask that children do not attend this meeting, however we understand that child care may be a problem and so we will be providing a crèche. If you are planning to attend the meeting and bring your child/children, please can you let the office know to enable us to plan for supervision.



FOUNDATION NEWS

Many thanks to all who attended the phonics workshop - it was a great success and we hope you have fun reading at home.

Please can all children bring wellies and waterproofs as the weather is changing and we want to get outside as much as possible?

We will be starting cookery soon so contributions towards buying our ingredients would be much appreciated.

Many thanks to all that have offered their time to help with reading in class. We'll be in touch soon!

Reading books will be coming home soon. It has taken us a little while to assess and collect all the evidence needed to send home the right book for your child.

PARENT LINKS AND PIP

We would like to introduce our three Teaching Assistants who have a role as 'Parent Link' at Stanbridge. Mrs Sheath, Mrs Evershead and Mrs Winterson are trained to support children and families in pastoral issues and can be called upon to support a range of family and learning concerns. They will take it in turns to be around in the play-

ground during the drop off times each morning and will take it in turns to attend our PIP (Parents in Partnership) group each term.

Thank you to all parents/carers who have put their name forward for PIP. We are currently still looking for representatives from the following classes:

1A, 1B, 4A, 6A and 6B

Our first meeting will take place on Thursday 13th October from 9—10.30am and is open to all parents/carers.

If you are unable to make the meeting, please use an OWL form to share your thoughts.

We look forward to meeting with you.

LEAFLETS

VARIOUS NON-SCHOOL ORGANIZATION LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ENTRANCE FOYER. PLEASE POP IN TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON..

(THE SCHOOL TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES ADVERTISED ON THESE LEAFLETS)

NOTICES

Parents Evenings

Tues 1st Nov, 4—6.30pm
And

Thurs 3rd Nov, 4-6.30pm

Ten minute appointments for all parents/carers to discuss their child's progress and targets.

Appointment sheets will be put up in the entrance lobby at 3.00pm on Wednesday 12th October

Birthdays/Cakes

Due to health and safety requirements, allergies and our healthy schools status, please can we remind all parents/carers that we are unable to share/give out cakes/sweets for any occasion in school. Thank you.

Mrs Boyles Football Club

Note change of date:

From: Tues 18th Oct.

To: Thurs 20th Oct.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Attention Year 6 Parents

Please note the deadline for applications for a place at Secondary School is

31st October 2011

Please apply online for a place via www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions

Scooters

Please be reminded that for the safety of everyone, scooters should not be ridden in the playgrounds. Scooters can be left in our cycle store. We advise that these are locked as it has been reported that there has been an increase in cycle/scooter theft in the area.



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Get in touch



Contact the school office for:

- Notification of sickness (choose option 1 when phoning)
- To make an appointment with a class teacher
- General school enquiries: trips, uniform, dinner money, lost property, dates



Telephone: 01454 862000

Or pop into the lobby at the front of the school to visit the receptionist.

Please be aware that teachers are extremely busy in the mornings between 8.30 and 8.55am, preparing for lessons. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please send a note or make an appointment for the end of the day. For urgent enquiries, please see a member of staff in the reception office, who will be very happy to help. Thank you.

Have you visited the school website recently? You can find...

- **Past newsletters and handouts**
- **Dates for your diary**
- **School achievements and celebrations**

FRIENDS OF STANBRIDGE PTA NEED YOUR HELP!

The Friends of Stanbridge AGM took place last week on Tues 27th September. This was a successful meeting, which reported that FoS have raised over £4,000 in the last year to purchase resources that benefit all children.

A huge thank you must go to all adults who have contributed to this group over the last year, especially those who have taken on larger roles such as Chair (Mrs Stacy Pritchard) and Treasurer (Mrs Jo McCormack)

This year, the role of Chair is being shared and Mrs Vickie Coleman has offered to take on this role in partnership with another parent/carer. If anyone

would be interested in joining her in this role, please let the office know. We are also looking for a treasurer—this is not as daunting as it sounds and very easy/manageable! Without these key people Friends of Stanbridge would not be able to operate and raise valuable money for school resources.

It was also decided that we would ask for a parent/carer to lead the planning of each fundraising event, to distribute the workload further. Please take a look at the list of events (to the right) and if you are able to take on the organising of just ONE event, we would be very grateful. A team of adults would be on

hand to help in the organising.

PTA Dates for the year

Be sure not to miss these events—pop them into your school calendar!

- Fri 25th Nov, 4.30—7.30pm: Christmas Shopping Evening & Disco
- Sat 28th Jan, 10am—1pm: Table top sale
- Fri 10th Feb, 2-4pm: Coffee and cakes afternoon
- Mon 26th March, 5-6pm: Spring Bingo
- Fri 29th June, 3.30-7pm: Summer Fair

School Office Opening Hours

**8.45am to 3.30pm
Mon - Fri**

Closed daily between
9.15am and 9.45am
for registration
procedures



Come along to our next meeting on Tues 8th Nov, 7pm at the school, if you think you can help in ANY way!