

Headlines

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term either at home or away. We have a very busy term ahead of us with many festive activities already in the diary.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and our amazing FOSS team (Friends of Stepgates Community School) for organising another very successful 'Break the Rules at Stepgates' yesterday. The children had a wonderful day breaking rules!

Kites Class have had a very busy couple of weeks in school. On Tuesday 1st, Thursday 3rd and Tuesday 8th the children welcomed our visitors and conducted tours of the school for our Open Mornings and Open Evening, which have been very well attended. We received some wonderful comments from our visitors and once again the parents commented on how well behaved, friendly and polite all the children were.

On Wednesday 9th November, our Year 6 children were able to take part in Junior Citizenship activities at Thorpe Park. This is an invaluable opportunity for the children to learn about 'Stranger Danger', road and railway safety, water safety, fire safety, environmental safety and electrical awareness; the children even had one activity where they learnt how to put someone in the recovery position. The children's behaviour was exceptional and they were a credit to Stepgates Community School.

Today the children in Kites Class represented Stepgates Community School by participating in Armistice Day. The children made their own wreath in class which was placed at the War Memorial by our Head Boy, Olly and Head Girl, Rosie.

Well done Kites Class! Once again you have been outstanding ambassadors for the school.

ATTENDANCE

This year we are aiming for whole school attendance above 95.0%. Unfortunately attendance for the first half term was 94.3%, just below our target. I know we can do better! Our Inclusion Officer has been into school to monitor children's attendance and identify children whose attendance is below 90%. We will be holding Attendance Clinics to meet with parents to discuss poor attendance before the end of term. Please ensure your child is in school every day unless they are really unwell and likely to be infectious.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to parents, Governors, staff and the wider community for your generosity, and express my gratitude for your contributions to the 'Just Giving' page, set up in Memory of Kellie Arslan. If you would still like to make a donation, it is not too late. Please use the link below and follow the instructions on how to donate.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stepgates?utm_term=dXMxx7AmN

Thank you for your continued support, as always.

Mrs T Ford
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE
Congratulations to Butterflies Class for the best attendance in the last two weeks.

	17th-21st October	31st Oct - 4th Nov
WHOLE SCHOOL	92.3%	95.5%
Ladybirds	93.8%	96.9%
Butterflies	97.8%	98.7%
Grasshoppers	90.9%	95.3%
Falcons	95.2%	93.6%
Hawks	93.9%	97.0%
Owls	87.3%	96.7%
Kites	87.0%	90.6%

PROUD CORNER

Well done to:

- ♦ Alannah Brough - Dancing Choreography Competition
- ♦ Erin Boulton - Dancing Choreography Competition
- ♦ Evie Roots - Gymnastics Trophy of the Month
- ♦ Max Pope - Mascot for Abbey Rangers First Football Team
- ♦ Leksiy Arslan - Well Done Certificate for Street Dance
- ♦ Onur Arslan - Well Done Certificate for Street Dance

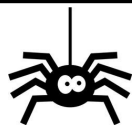
Thank you for sharing your success with the children at our Whole School Assembly.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

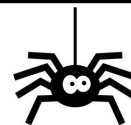
Well done to the following children who have been presented with Headteacher Awards:

- * Khalisa Rehman
- * Bradley Finnerty
- * Lucia Griggs-Stevens
- * Callum Downs
- * Aleesha Ahmed
- * Daniel Hollis
- * Harrison Milton
- * Matthew Finnerty
- * Florence Hazeldene
- * Summer Scantlin
- * Ene Abuh
- * Sean-Paul Selway

FOSS HALLOWEEN DISCOupdate



As mentioned in the last issue of Headlines, the Halloween Disco was a huge success.



We are delighted to announce the profit for the Disco, combined with the Pumpkin Carving Competition and Hamper Raffle was a fantastic £1,050!

Well done to all involved!

FOSS PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION



Judging for the Pumpkin Carving Competition took place on Monday 31st October. We saw some wonderful carved pumpkins; it was very hard to judge as they were all so good! However, after much deliberation, a winner was chosen.



Congratulations to Subhan Khan for winning first prize and

Leo Zhou and Georgia Ruby for coming joint second.

FOSS would like to say thank you for all the amazing pumpkins that were entered in the competition.

Well done everyone who entered.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

COMPOSER OF THE MONTH

BOB MARLEY

(6 February 1945 – 11 May 1981)



Robert Nesta Marley OM was a Jamaican singer, songwriter, and musician. Considered one of the pioneers of reggae, his musical career was marked by fusing elements of reggae, ska, and rocksteady, as well as his distinctive vocal and song writing style.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

PAUL KLEE

(18 December 1879 - 29 June 1940)



Paul Klee was a Swiss-born German artist. His highly individual style was influenced by movements in art that included expressionism, cubism, and surrealism.

HAWKS CLASS ASSEMBLY

Hawks Class assembly was on Friday 4th November. We were so lucky to share our assembly with our grown ups and the rest of the school. Because it was the day before bonfire night, we decided to teach people about the story of Guy Fawkes. It was interesting learning all about how Guy Fawkes tried to put barrels of gunpowder in the cellar underneath Parliament. We also really enjoyed learning the singing and dancing to 'Firework' by Katy Perry.

We hope you followed our safety tips and had a fun and safe bonfire night.

Aneesa Budaly, Year 4

The Value we are learning about this half term is.....



Resilience

INSET DAY

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2022
FOR AN INSET DAY**

Is your child starting school in September 2023?

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 you will need to apply for a school place between 31st October 2022 and 15th January 2023.

Apply online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

FOOTBALL MATCH REPORTS

Year 5/6 Boys Football Match Vs Ongar Place (League game) Wednesday 19th October, 2022

On Wednesday 19th October 2022, Stepgates football team played their very first match against Ongar Place School. Everyone played outstandingly well and due to that, we won 3 – 0. The goal scorers were Wisdom, Olly and Prince. Subhan played really well in goal for us and made some incredible saves. We all played as a team and after the game we were all really happy about the result.

By Olly and Harrison

Year 5/6 Boys Football Match Vs Cardinal Newman (Knockout Cup) Friday 4th November, 2022

On Friday 4th November 2022, the boy's football team played a match against Cardinal Newman School. Everyone played really well but unfortunately, we lost 2 – 1. Wisdom scored a great goal and Subhan made some great saves in goal. It was a close match.

By Olly

Year 5/6 Girl's Football Match Vs Cardinal Newman (League game) Friday 4th November 2022

On Friday 4th November 2022, the girl's football team played their very first game against Cardinal Newman School. It was a rough, difficult match, as we were losing 3 – 0, but that didn't stop us! At half time we were 3 – 1 down so had a team talk, pulled ourselves together and won 4 – 3!

Lola made some amazing saves and kicks in goal. The girls in defence did some amazing tackles. The girls up front did some superb tackling. Our goal scorer of the match was Amelia.

By Aleesha and Bells

Thank you to those who came to support us and a huge well done to both teams for making an excellent start to the season. This was the first football match ever for some of our players. We are so proud of you all.

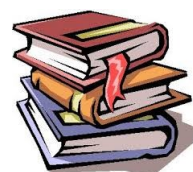


It's cold outside!!



Remember that just because it looks fine in the morning, things can change by lunchtime and your children may be outside for a considerable time throughout the school day.

Children must wear a warm winter coat and hat and gloves if they want them. If you would like your child to wear boots to school, they must bring in a spare pair of shoes to wear whilst inside the school building.



BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is returning to Stepgates next week. Don't forget to come in after school and take a look.

Remember the more books you buy, the more free books we can get for our school.

DATES - 2022/2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - AUTUMN TERM 2022

Mon 14th to Fri 18th November	Book Fair
Friday 18th November	Children in Need Mufti Day Falcons Class Assembly 9:05am
Tuesday 22nd November	Flu Vaccinations - Years R-6
Friday 25th November	FOSS Mufti Day - 'Bottle' donation for the planned Stepgates stall at Chertsey Goose Fair on Saturday 3rd December Butterflies Class Assembly 9:05am
Mon 28th Nov to Fri 2nd Dec	Christmas toy and book donations for Salvation Army Christmas Gift Appeal
Tuesday 29th November	FOSS Bag2School Collection
Saturday 3rd December	Chertsey Goose Fair
Monday 5th December	INSET Day - School Closed
Tuesday 6th December	FOSS 'Elfridges' Stall
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Jumper Day FOSS 'Elfridges' Stall
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Lunch followed by Pantomime
Friday 16th December	Last day of Autumn Term - Children finish at 1pm
Mon 19th Dec to Mon 2nd Jan 2023	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 3rd January	INSET Day - School closed
Wednesday 4th January	Children return to school
Friday 10th February	Children finish at normal time for half term
Monday 13th to Friday 17th February	Half Term
Monday 20th February	Children return to school
Friday 31st March	Last day of Spring term - Children finish at 1pm
Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April	Easter holidays

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April	Children return to school
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday - School closed
Friday 26th May	Children finish at normal time for half term
Mon 29th May to Fri 2nd June	Half Term
Monday 5th June	Children return to school
Monday 12th June	INSET Day - School closed
Friday 21st July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm