

# Headlines

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

This week our Year 4 children have had a fantastic time on their residential trip to Henley Fort. Throughout the week they have taken part in a wide range of fun activities, including orienteering, low ropes and rock climbing. Their behaviour has been exemplary and they have been outstanding ambassadors for the school.

It has been a pleasure to welcome parents into school this week for our Parent 'Drop-in' sessions; once again these have been a huge success and very well attended. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to look through your child's work and see their classroom/learning environment.

If you are unable to attend Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings next week (Tuesday 14th March), please contact your child's class teacher, as these meetings are a valued opportunity for you to celebrate your child's achievements and support their learning.

### SAFE PARKING

I fully appreciate how difficult it can be to park near the school when picking up and dropping off your children, however, can I ask parents to show consideration to the residents of Stepgates by not parking across driveways or the school's electronic gates. Please can I also ask you to take care with your speed when pulling in to park, pulling out or driving along Stepgates. It is dangerous and makes crossing the road unsafe for our children, as well as being very irritating for our neighbours. If you or your child has difficulty accessing the school then you are welcome to park directly outside the school entrance with your 'Disability Badge'. Thank you in advance for your consideration and safe parking.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 2nd March the children were invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book to celebrate World Book Day; they were asked to bring along a copy of the book to share with the class. Everyone looked amazing - we saw some wonderful costumes, including characters from Harry Potter, Cat in the Hat, James & The Giant Peach, Horrid Henry, The Highway Rat, Matilda, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, as well as princesses, an astronaut, Spongebob, Where's Wally? .... and many more. The children had such a fabulous time and shared a wide selection of books.

We also saw some fantastic costumes by the staff.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents for providing the fantastic costumes for your child(ren) to wear and the very generous donation of books for the Book Sale. We raised an amazing £160.95!



## STEPGATES SHINING STARS

This term we have selected our 'Stepgates Shining Stars' for History. The children are enjoying working on an exciting project with Miss Campbell; they are entering the Tower of London Schools Coronation Competition and creating an illustration for a specially designed Coronation bench to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. Congratulations to the following children who are wearing their stars with pride:

Jude R	Year 1 (Butterflies)
Archie L	Year 1 (Butterflies)
Aaron C	Year 2 (Grasshoppers)
Max P	Year 2 (Grasshoppers)
Oscar W	Year 3 (Falcons)
Jackson S	Year 3 (Falcons)
Stanley F	Year 4 (Hawks)
Bella L	Year 4 (Hawks)
James R	Year 5 (Owls)
Matilda C	Year 5 (Owls)
Subhan K	Year 6 (Kites)
Amelia W	Year 6 (Kites)

Mrs T Ford  
Headteacher

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

	20th-24th February	27th Feb-3rd March
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>94.4%</b>	<b>96.1%</b>
Ladybirds	97.8%	98.8%
Butterflies	95.2%	94.3%
Grasshoppers	92.2%	96.3%
Falcons	97.3%	97.6%
Hawks	93.0%	94.9%
Owls	94.6%	95.8%
Kites	90.0%	95.0%

# PROUD CORNER



## WELL DONE TO:



- ♦ Adewonuola O, Year 3 - Tap Dance Certificate
- ♦ Erin B, Year 5 - Modern Dance Certificate
- ♦ Alannah B, Year 5 - Modern Dance Certificate
- ♦ Isla W, Year 4 - Swimming Certificate
- ♦ Ella C, Year 2 - Gymnast of the Month Trophy

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:

- \* Logan W, Year 6
- \* Jayden P, Year 5
- \* Chanel D, Year 5
- \* Brooke H, Year 6
- \* Erin B, Year 5
- \* Ene A, Year 2
- \* Basim Z, Year 2

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### COMPOSER OF THE MONTH



#### **Louis Daniel Armstrong**

(4 August 1901 – 6 July 1971)

**Musical Genre: Jazz**

Louis Daniel Armstrong nicknamed "Satchmo", "Satch", and "Pops", was an American trumpeter, composer, vocalist, and actor who was among the most influential figures in jazz. His career spanned five decades, from the 1920s to the 1960s, and different eras in the history of jazz.

### ARTIST OF THE MONTH



#### **Andy Goldsworthy, OBE**

(Born 26th July 1956)

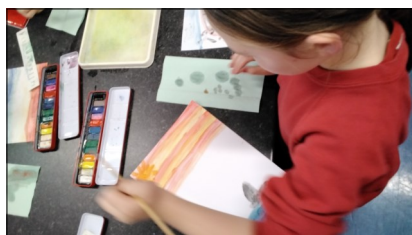
**Art style: Sculpture**

Andy Goldsworthy OBE is a British sculptor, photographer and environmentalist who produces site-specific sculptures and land art situated in natural and urban settings.

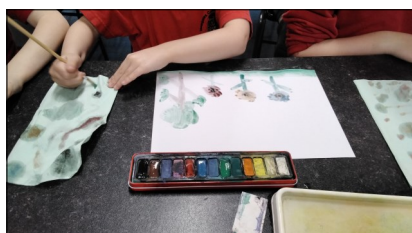
He lives and works in Scotland.



## ART & CRAFT CLUB



Art and Craft club enjoyed creating their own masterpieces with watercolour paints. They mastered different techniques with brushes and paint to compose their own master creations.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### OWLS CLASS

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, we were lucky enough to have the "Who Cares" drama production visit us in school. The aim of the workshop was to remind us of the fantastic work of our NHS and the vast range of jobs within the NHS, some 300+ of them!

Many of us were also lucky to visit Chertsey Museum on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to complete the class learning about the Viking Civilization, which is deeply linked to rich local history for Chertsey. Whilst at Chertsey Museum, the children learnt much about the Anglo Saxon and Viking civilisations, made replica weapons and games for leisure time and also toured our local area, most notably Abbeyfields, where we saw part of the original structure of Chertsey Abbey - a thoroughly enjoyable day!

**Owls Class**

### LADYBIRDS CLASS



#### LADYBIRDS CLASS TRIP TO CHERTSEY MUSEUM

Ladybirds had a fantastic time at Chertsey Museum on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. The trip helped to promote our topic of 'The Olden days'. The children started with an interactive session, discussing and handling objects from the past. The children sat and listened brilliantly, and gave lots of thoughtful answers to the education lead. We then split into groups to explore the museum, which the children loved: pressing buttons, touching objects, learning about Chertsey history and dressing up.

It was a very educational and worthwhile experience. Well done Ladybirds for your brilliant behaviour, and for representing Stepgates so well.

The Museum is an excellent resource, and has free admission. They would love you to visit.



## RECENT SPORTING EVENTS AT STEPGATES

Mrs Brough would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and parents who have supported these events and would also like to add how incredibly proud we are of the sportsmanship our children always demonstrate.

### Sports Hall Athletics Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, some children from Year 5 and 6 competed in a local sports competition at Walton Xcel. All of us competed in 3 or 4 events, a maximum of two track and two field. We did many events such as; relay races, obstacle races and others such as javelin, chest push, speed bounce, long jump and triple jump. We were all very tired at the end and were proud of coming 5<sup>th</sup> out of 7 schools.

Written by the team

### Girls Football Match V Cleves Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, the girls team played a match against Cleves. Unfortunately, Lola was poorly, so Bells played in goal instead. In the first half, Sophie scored which made it 1-0 to us, then in the last 5 minutes of that half, they scored too. In the second half, they managed to score 3 goals. We had many shots but they did not go in. Unfortunately, we lost 4 – 1. Bells made some amazing saves, Sophie played very well and the player of the match was Sophie.

Written by the team

### Boys Football Match V Thorpe C of E Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, Stepgates boys football team played a match against Thorpe C of E. First, we sadly conceded a goal to make it 1-0 to them. Then Harrison took a goal kick and assisted Prince to make it 1-1. It came to half time and shortly after that, one of their players passed it back to the keeper who got a bad touch and accidentally let it in to make it 2-1 to us. Prince then passed it to Olly and Olly scored bottom left to make it 3-1. Subhan made some amazing saves in goal to keep us in the game. Everyone played a massive part in the match. Player of the match was Owen.

Written by the team



Mrs Brough would like to congratulate all the dancers in achieving such success in their first ever competition. This was also the first time some of the children had ever performed on stage, and for some, the first time they had ever danced! What a fantastic achievement!



### ERPSSA DANCE FESTIVAL

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, Stepgates Dance Crew competed against other local schools in a Dance Festival. This was held in the theatre at Notre Dame School, which was an incredible experience for us. All the schools were amazing and did a brilliant job. As it was World Book Day, it had to be based on a book. Our theme was the Lost Boys of Neverland. Danced by: Gui, Max, Joey, Alfie, Wonu and Ellie (from Year 3), Matilda, Vivian, Erin, Ruby and Alannah (from Year 5) and Rosie (from Year 6), this is what our dance was about:

*Based on the classic story Peter Pan, through their playful antics, the Lost Boys always look out for one another, showing support, teamwork, courage and forgiveness. The fairies are constantly looking over them to remind them of the true meaning of friendship, and the magic this can bring to our lives.*

It was really tough but we pushed through and gave our best performance yet! We were delighted when the results were announced and we got 2<sup>nd</sup> place! We were so happy and proud of everyone.

We are so thankful to Miss Blankert for accompanying us and to Mrs Brough for choreographing our amazing dance!

Written by Rosie (Year 6)

## RECENT SPORTING EVENTS AT STEPGATES... Cont'd

### Boys Football Match V Holy Family (Friendly)

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Stepgates boys team played a tough game against Holy Family. The game started and about half way through the first half they scored a well-worked goal, to make it 1-0 to them. We had many great chances and Daniel took some free kicks but sadly, he hit the crossbar. Half way through the second half, Holy Family scored again to make it 2-0. Subhan and Jack A made some great saves and Kacper did some great defending to earn him player of the match.

Written by Daniel

### Boys League Match V Ongar Place Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Stepgates boys football team played a match against Ongar Place School. Sadly, we conceded a goal but didn't let our heads drop. Then it came to half time. Prince took a shot that came off the goal keeper and Owen got on the rebound and scored to make it 1-1. Then we got a free kick on the halfway line and Harrison smashed it against the crossbar and went in to make it 2-1 to us. Shortly after that, we conceded 4 goals to make it 5-2 to them and that was the final score.

Player of the match was Harrison.

Written by Harrison and Olly

## DATES - 2022/2023

### UPCOMING EVENTS - SPRING TERM 2023

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	FOSS Mother's Day Stall
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	FOSS Mother's Day Stall
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	FOSS Easter Disco - <i>(Further details to follow)</i>
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of Spring term - Children finish at 1pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holidays

### SUMMER TERM 2023

**DURING MAY ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL CLASSES WILL TAKE PLACE  
NO AUTHORISED ABSENCES WILL BE GRANTED DURING THIS TIME**

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School Trip - Years R to 6 to Windsor Castle
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday - School closed
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III - School closed
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) Week
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Book Fair this week
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photos
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Children finish at normal time for half term
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 (Kites) Residential trip
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day - School closed
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Secondary Induction Day ) <b>(Please check with individual</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Secondary Induction Day ) <b>school for further details)</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 (Kites) to Harry Potter Studios
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm