

Headlines

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

What an exciting time the children at Stepgates have had this week - they have enjoyed a Themed Week celebrating the forthcoming Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

The week has been full of activities for the children to celebrate and help them recognise this historical event as a school community. In their Art lessons they have been designing and painting Coronation flags using a range of stimulus; in their History and Geography lessons the children have been learning who King Charles is and how he will be a modern King with ecological influences. They have also considered how King Charles will make an impact as our new Monarch, both here in the UK and throughout the Commonwealth, as well as considering the fundamental British Values; in their English lessons, classes have been reading texts and partaking in a 'Big Write' for the Coronation and in their DT (Design Technology) lessons some children have designed and made food fit for a Royal Tea Party.

The week finished with a Royal Tea Party and themed Mufti Day; the children all looked wonderful in their outfits. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all parents/carers for your very generous cake donations for our Royal Tea Party. The children and staff have had a fantastic afternoon!

Years 2 and 6 are ready and raring to go with their SATs tests!! They have worked very hard with all the staff and we wish them 'Good Luck' - we know they will all do their very best and we will be proud of their achievements.

HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to our previous Head Boy, Marselo C and Head Girl, Arabella M, Deputy Head Boy, Harrison M and Deputy Head Girl, Aleesha A. All have been excellent role models.

This term I am pleased to announce that our Head Boy is Harrison M and Head Girl is Lola B, selected by the children. I am sure they will also be excellent role models in our school community. Congratulations also to our new Deputies: Daniel H, Jennafer H and Brooke H. Well done!

I hope you all enjoy the Coronation Bank Holiday weekend.

Mrs T Ford
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Hawks and Falcons Classes for the best attendance in the last two weeks.

	17th-21st April	24th-28th April
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.1%	94.8%
Ladybirds	96.8%	95.5%
Butterflies	94.7%	95.6%
Grasshoppers	95.3%	95.3%
Falcons	97.3%	98.5%
Hawks	98.2%	93.9%
Owls	96.4%	94.6%
Kites	94.1%	90.3%

PROUD CORNER



WELL DONE TO:



- ♦ John E (Year 4) - Football Trophy
- ♦ Amelia W (Year 6) - Football Medal
- ♦ Kieran EH-F (Year 3) - Acro Dance Medal and Certificates
- ♦ Edward H (Year 4) - Swimming 5m badge & Certificate and Rugby Medal & Trophy
- ♦ Iris M (Year 2) - Level 3 Swimming Certificate / Badge
- ♦ Jayden P (Year 5) - Green Belt Karate / Certificate
- ♦ Elizabeth L (Year 5) - Green Belt Karate / Certificate
- ♦ Km O (Year 1) - Gymnastic Trophy of the Month

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:

- * Ruby G (Year 5)
- * Evie R (Year 1)
- * Jobin J (Year 1)
- * Freddie J-E (Year 1)
- * Jack B (Year 5)
- * Bradley H (Year 5)

BUTTERFLIES CLASS



Lolly, the school dog, came to see us when we were doing our science. She was our special guest. We were learning about whether animals are herbivores, omnivores or carnivores. We found out that Lolly likes to eat chicken, turkey, peas and dog biscuits. This means Lolly is an omnivore because she eats meat and vegetables.

It was lovely to see Lolly and thank you to Mrs Robinson for bringing her to see us.

Written by Butterflies Class

OWLS CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 28th April, Owls Class performed their latest class assembly based upon "The Amazing Americas".

Through songs and acting, which showcased lots of learning both in school and at home, the pupils delivered a wonderful assembly and the Owls team were extremely proud of the pupils.

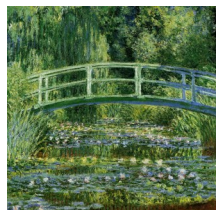
Lots of key messages such as those linked to deforestation, sustainability and protecting our planet provided the context of our assembly and the pupils enjoyed sharing these topical messages with their families and members of the wider school community.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Claude Monet

14 November 1840 – 5 December 1926



Oscar-Claude Monet was a French painter, a founder of French Impressionist painting and the most consistent and prolific practitioner of the movement's philosophy of expressing one's perceptions before nature, especially as applied to plein air landscape painting. The term

"Impressionism" is derived from the title of his painting *Impression, soleil levant* (*Impression, Sunrise*), which was exhibited in 1874 in the first Salon des Refusés (exhibition of rejects) mounted by Monet and his associates as an alternative to the Salon de Paris.

Monet's ambition of documenting the French countryside led him to adopt a method of painting the same scene many times in order to capture the changing of light and the passing of the seasons. From 1883, Monet lived in Giverny, where he purchased a house and property and began a vast landscaping project which included lily ponds that would become the subjects of his best-known works. He began painting the water lilies in 1899, first in vertical views with a Japanese bridge as a central feature, and later in the series of large-scale paintings that occupied him continuously for the next 20 years of his life.

COMPOSER OF THE MONTH

Ludwig Van Beethoven

(Baptised 17 December 1770 – 26 March 1827)



Ludwig van Beethoven was a German composer and pianist. Beethoven remains one of the most admired composers in the history of Western music; his works rank amongst the most performed of the classical music repertoire. His works span the transition from the classical period to the romantic era in classical music. His career has conventionally been divided into early, middle, and late periods. The "early" period, during which he forged his craft, is typically considered to have lasted until 1802. From 1802 to around 1812, his "middle" period showed an individual development from the "classical" styles of Joseph Haydn and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and is sometimes characterized as "heroic". During this time, he began to suffer increasingly from deafness. In his "late" period from 1812 to his death in 1827, he extended his innovations in musical form and expression.



SQUIRES VISIT TO SUNBEAMS NURSERY

Squires in Chertsey came into Sunbeams on Friday 28th April with enough baskets, compost and plants for each child in the nursery to plant up three pot plants each, as part of their sustainability project. We had a choice of Lobelia, Petunia and Sweet Alyssum.

They helped the children plant their baskets and every child was able to take home a lovely basket of flowering plants. You can see a photo gallery of this on the School Website (Parents Area / Whole School Gallery).

The children have now been tasked with looking after their plants, observing them grow and watching which insects come to visit them. We are hoping they will keep us updated by sending in photos of the plants progress during the summer.

Sunbeams would like to say a big thank you to the Chertsey Squires.



DATES - 2022/2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - SUMMER TERM 2023

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

Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III - School closed
Tues 9th - Fri 12th May	SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) Week
Friday 19th May	Hawks Class Assembly 9:05am
Thursday 25 th May	Class Photos
Friday 26th May	Ladybirds Class Assembly 9:05am
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
Mon 5th - Fri 9th June	Year 6 (Kites) Residential trip
Monday 12th June	INSET Day - School closed
Wednesday 14th June	Year 6 to Guildford Cathedral
Friday 16th June	Falcons Class Assembly 9:05am
Friday 23rd June	FOSS Summer Fair - Further details to follow.....
Tuesday 27th June	Secondary Induction Day - (Please check with individual school for further details)
Wednesday 28th June	Secondary Induction Day - (Please check with individual school for further details)
Thursday 29th June	Sports Day (Weather permitting)
Thursday 6th July	Year 6 (Kites) to Harry Potter Studios
Friday 7th July	Butterflies Class Assembly 9:05am
Saturday 8th July	Black Cherry Fair
Friday 14th July	Grasshoppers Class Assembly 9:05am
Friday 21st July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm

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CLOSED**



INSET DAY

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY 12TH JUNE 2023
FOR AN INSET DAY**

Stepgates Community School



SUMMER

Fair

Come and join us
for some classic
Summer Fair fun

Friday
23rd June

3:00PM – 5:30PM

50p
ENTRY

School Sports Field, Free Prae Road, Chertsey
All welcome (including non-Stepgates families!)



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