

Headlines

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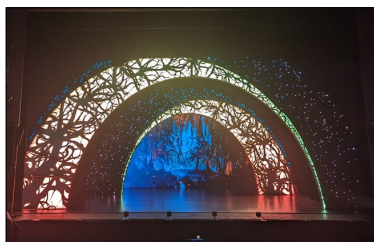
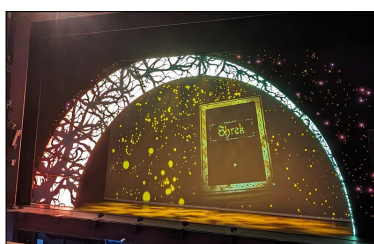


MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

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!



On Wednesday 1st November we had a very successful whole school trip to see Shrek The Musical at the New Victoria Theatre in Woking. This was a fantastic trip, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the staff and children. I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents/carers who offered their help on the day and to the children, who were outstanding ambassadors for the school during the trip; their behaviour was exemplary!

I would also like to say thank you to the many parents who have taken the time to contact us - your kind words are very much appreciated. As many of you have acknowledged this is an enormous undertaking, but very worthwhile. In fact, we are already busy organising our whole school trip for next academic year!



On Wednesday 8th November, Kites children welcomed our visitors and conducted tours of the school for our Open Evening. This was very well attended and we received wonderful comments from our visitors. Well done Kites Class! Once again the parents commented on how well behaved, friendly and polite all the children were.

REMINDERS

Friday 17th November will be a MUFTI Day in school to support BBC Children in Need. We are asking for a £1 donation, if possible. This will be followed by a further MUFTI Day on Friday 24th November for a 'bottle' donation (if you are able) to support the planned Stepgates stall at the Chertsey Goose Fair.

Once again, I must thank all parents/carers of Stepgates Community School for your continued support and generosity; this is very much appreciated by the staff at Stepgates and, of course, the children.

Mrs T Ford
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Grasshoppers Class for the best attendance last week and the week of 16th-20th October.

	16th-20th October	30th Oct-3rd Nov
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.0%	93.8%
Ladybirds	92.1%	96.1%
Butterflies	91.9%	92.5%
Grasshoppers	97.1%	98.1%
Falcons	96.3%	91.9%
Hawks	96.7%	95.3%
Owls	97.0%	90.0%
Kites	94.1%	93.5%

PROUD CORNER



History Shining Stars Trip to The Tower of London

On Friday 3rd November 2023 we went on a minibus to Weybridge train station, got the overground train to Waterloo, we walked to Embankment and then got the underground to Tower Hill. We walked for 5 minutes and arrived at the Tower of London!

We saw the Crown Jewels, including King Charles III crown and Queen Elizabeth II crown too, which was amazing!

We walked 204 steps in the White Tower. We looked at King Henry VIII's armour and we saw some of the King's swords and weapons of historic royalty.

We also went to see the zoo that used to be at the tower a long time ago. They used to have monkeys, tigers and elephants.

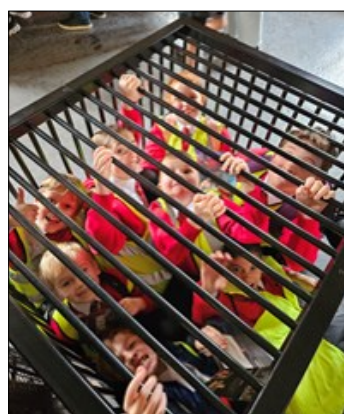
We had lunch in our own special room, which used to be an Armoury Station a long time ago.

We saw ravens and learnt that legend is if the ravens ever leave the tower, it would crumble to the ground!

We then got the train home after a long but lovely day out (after a trip to the gift shop, of course!)

Written by ...

Jude (Y2)
Archie L (Y2)
Aaron (Y3)
Max P (Y3)
Jackson (Y4)
Oscar (Y4)
Bella L (Y5)
Matilda (Y6)
James R (Y6)



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

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

- ♦ Alfie S, Year 6
- ♦ Jack B, Year 6
- ♦ Owen J, Year 6
- ♦ James C, Year 6
- ♦ Elizabeth L, Year 6
- ♦ Alannah B, Year 6
- ♦ Busemeh A, Year 6
- ♦ Matilda C, Year 6 x 2
- ♦ Sophie N, Year 6
- ♦ Ava G, Year 6
- ♦ Aaron C, Year 3
- ♦ Bella L, Year 5
- ♦ Archie L, Year 2
- ♦ Max P, Year 3
- ♦ James R, Year 6
- ♦ Jude R, Year 2
- ♦ Jackson S, Year 4
- ♦ Oscar W, Year 4 x 2
- ♦ Stanley F, Year 5

Well done to:

- Edward H, Year 5 - Rugby Tournament Medal and photos
- Bella G, Year 3 - Gymnastic Medal & Rosette
- Alannah B, Year 6) Disneyland
- Erin B, Year 6) Paris Dance
- Adewonuola O, Year 4) Show
- Dakota W, Year 1) Certificates
- Isla-Rose S, Year 2 - Star of the Week Certificate for Gym
- Freddie J-E, Year 2 - Badge for Teamwork at Football

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

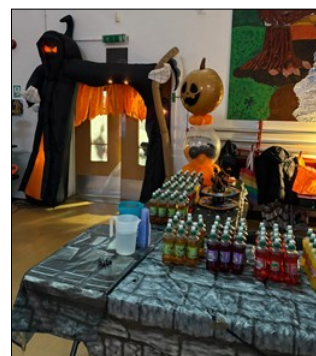
FOSS HALLOWEEN DISCO

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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 was a fantastic £712.23!

Well done to all involved!



FOSS PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION



Judging for the Pumpkin Carving Competition took place on Monday 30th October 2023. We saw some wonderful carved pumpkins; it was very hard to judge as they were all so good!

However, after much deliberation, winners were chosen.

Congratulations to the following:

JUNIORS

Joint winners were The Bicknell Family and The Mackenzie Family
and

Erin B for coming second

INFANTS

Crystal B for winning first prize
and

Omer O for coming second

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

Well done everyone who entered.

Is your child starting school in September 2024?

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 you will need to apply for a school place between **30th October 2023 and**

15th January 2024.

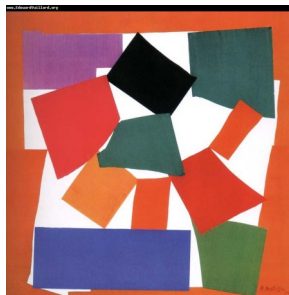
Apply online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

HENRI MATISSE

(31 December 1869 – 3 November 1954)



Henri Émile Benoît Matisse was a French artist, known for both his use of colour and his fluid and original draughtsmanship. He was a draughtsman, printmaker, and sculptor, but is known primarily as a painter.

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.

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



Resilience

INSET DAY



PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2023
FOR AN INSET DAY



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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Following our School Harvest Collection we have received a big thank you from Runnymede Foodbank.



FOOTBALL MATCH REPORTS

STEPGATES VS THE HYTHE SCHOOL

16/10/23

On 16th October the Year 6 football team played a Knockout Cup game against the Hythe School. We were all ready for the game to start and wanted to win because the Hythe is Jack A's old school! Unfortunately, we went 1-0 down to a well-worked goal down the left side. Captain Owen was not happy!

We restarted and we were starting to play some brilliant football and as a result of that, we scored three good goals, all from Prince. The third goal was an absolute scorcher.

That was the first half and now time for Jack A to come on, Charley off for him.

We had a good kick off, used it well scoring nearly straight off through Prince again.

The game went fast after that but then they had a chance. They crossed it in and James C made a super save with his knee and we now had a counter attack and once again, Prince scored.

The final score was 5-1 and because we all played so well, the biscuits got man of the match!

By: Owen

STEPGATES VS MANORCROFT

30/11/23

On 30th October, Stepgates girls football squad played against Manorcroft. It was our first ever match as a team and many of us had never played in a match before. We were really excited and were ready to start.

The match started well, Manorcroft had a couple of shots, they had some strong players. Lily-Louise was placed in goal and played very well. Sadly, they managed to get 4 goals in before half time. We had a chat, we knew we had to switch up some positions. Thanks to Ruby for stepping in as goalie. The second half started and we were playing much stronger. Erin and Daphne switched places. Sophie and Jess had some great shots and Jess managed to sneak a fantastic goal in, assisted by Sophie. Ruby saved some amazing goals and the defenders had some amazing blocking. Manorcroft got another goal, we got really frustrated but we couldn't give up.

We had more amazing shots. The match ended 5-1 to Manorcroft. Next Monday, we are going to try harder!

Players of the match: Jessica and Ruby

By: Sophie, Phoebe and Jess

DATES - 2023/2024

UPCOMING EVENTS - AUTUMN TERM 2023

Monday 13th November	Book Fair this week
Tuesday 14th November	Year 6 Junior Citizen
Friday 17th November	Mufti Day for BBC Children in Need
Friday 17th November	Hawks Class Assembly 9:05am
Friday 24th November	FOSS Mufti Day - Bottle donation to support the planned Stepgates stall at the Chertsey Goose Fair
Friday 24th November	Falcons Class Assembly 9:05am
Mon 27th to Wed 29th November	FOSS 'Elfridges' Gift Stall
Friday 1st December	Grasshoppers Class Assembly 9:05am
Monday 4th December	INSET Day - School closed
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Lunch followed by Pantomime
Friday 15th December	Last day of Autumn Term - Children finish at 1pm
Mon 18th Dec to Mon 1st Jan	Christmas Holidays

SPRING TERM 2024

Tuesday 2nd January	Children return to school
Friday 9th February	Children finish at normal time for half term
Mon 12th to Fri 16th February	Half Term
Monday 19th February	Children return to school
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Spring Term - Children finish at 1pm
Fri 29th March to Fri 12th April	Easter Holidays

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15th April	Children return to school
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Mon 13th - Thurs 16th May	SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) Week
Friday 24th May	Sports Day (Weather Permitting)
Friday 24th May	Children finish at normal time for half term
Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May	Half Term
Monday 3rd June	Children return to school
Monday 10th June	INSET Day - School closed
Tuesday 2nd July and Wednesday 3rd July	Secondary School Induction Days - (Please check with individual school for further details)
Friday 19th July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm
Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July	INSET Days - School closed