



STANLEY CROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

To try our best, to tell the truth, to look after each other and our community

## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

Many pupils have visited me this week to share their achievements in class and to showcase their growing skills and knowledge in a range of curriculum areas. Mad4Maths achievement continues to be extremely strong across all year groups and I was particularly impressed yesterday when several members of Team 2 shared with me their 'full marks' in their Mad4Maths activity. Mad4Maths in Team 5 for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils is now focused on challenging all pupils towards end of Key Stage 2 outcomes in preparation for end of year assessments and transition to secondary school. Pupils in this class have also excelled this week with their Mad4Maths scores and four pupils will be representing our school next month at the Primary Maths Challenge event at Parkside Academy. I am sure this will provide them with a great opportunity to showcase their talents further.

In order to support parents/ carers supporting their children with maths skills and to develop parent's/ carer's knowledge and understanding of maths strategies used in school, we will shortly be hosting 'Mad4Maths Workshops'. These workshops provide parents/ carers with an overview of Mad4Maths in school and an opportunity to learn about progression in maths skills from Year 1 through to Year 6. Feedback from parents who have attended workshops in the past has been extremely positive and I hope that many of you will take this opportunity to discover more about primary school mathematics. More details will follow soon.

On Tuesday, I was pleased to welcome Tina from the charity, PDSA, into school. Workshops were held across all Teams which explored the importance of animal welfare and how to care for a pet. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and many took the opportunity to purchase a range of merchandise from the PDSA during a lunchtime sale. Overall, pupils raised £122 through their purchases to support the work of this charity. Well done T.E.A.M. Stanley Crook!

Our Year 5 pupils continue to enjoy their weekly visit to Wolsingham Secondary School on Wednesday afternoons. Working alongside the Design Technology department, pupils have been learning how to use a range of new equipment in designing and constructing a new toy. As always, pupils have been outstanding ambassadors for our school!

Looking forward to next week, we have yet more exciting learning opportunities for pupils across all Teams. On Tuesday, Team 3 and Team 4 will be participating in a Dance Festival competition with several other schools. Pupils in both Teams have been working hard to perfect their dance routines and I am sure that their performances will be of an extremely high standard. Team 3 will be performing a 'Robot Dance' and Team 4 are excited to perform their 'Volcano and Earthquakes Dance'. Having purchased a range of dance costumes to support their routines, I am sure that the pupils will also 'look the part' at the festival!

On Wednesday, we welcome the NSPCC to school as part of their 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' campaign. During the morning, and with the help of mascot 'Buddy', all pupils will learn essential safeguarding information in a lively, interactive and memorable way. By the end of the visit, pupils will feel empowered and able to 'speak out and stay safe'.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr D Christie—Headteacher

For the most up to date information about what is going on in our school including dates for your diaries, parental information and school performance information, please visit our website at:

<http://www.stanleycrook.durham.sch.uk>

Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to be taken straight to our school website!



## Holocaust Memorial Day

As part of Holocaust Memorial Day, pupils in Key Stage 2 have been exploring the background of The Holocaust during World War II and discussing the impact of prejudice on society and beliefs.

## Stanley Crook Primary School football team training sessions

Training sessions for the school football team are to be held after school on Mondays. These sessions are in preparation for the next round of fixtures which begin next month. I am sure our team will do us all proud—go T.E.A.M. Stanley Crook.

## Evolution Exhibit, Hancock Museum—Thursday 2nd February

To support learning in Team 5, pupils will be visiting the Hancock Museum next Thursday. Team 5's current Science unit is Evolution and Inheritance and this visit will enhance knowledge and understanding of this subject area.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

Ballot papers will be sent to all parents next week in order to select our new Parent Governor.

## Children's Achievements in School

Every week, staff choose a pupil from each Team to be recognised for something special they have achieved during the week. This week's chosen children are:



**Congratulations to all of our pupils this week for their outstanding effort and hard work in our school!**

## Diary Dates:

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| 01.02.17 Speak Out and Stay Safe NSPCC (Whole School)     | 01.03.17 'Sc-out-ed' Animals and their Habitats (Team 2) |
| 02.02.17 Evolution and Adaptation—Hancock Museum (Team 5) | 03.03.17 Talking Jesus (Year 2 and Year 6)               |
| 06.02.17 E-Safety Week in school (Whole School)           | 13.03.17 Carbon Reduction Project (Team 5)               |
| 08.02.17 Speak Out and Stay Safe Workshop (Team 5)        | 17.03.17 Saxon Workshop (Team 3 and Team 4)              |
| 08.02.17 Durham Islamic Society (Team 3 and Team 4)       | 20.03.17 Safety Carousel (Team 5)                        |
| 09.02.17 Chinese New Year Workshops (Whole School)        | 27.03.17 Wattle Fence Making (Team 3 and Team 4)         |
| 14.02.17 Valentine Disco                                  | 05.04.17 Easter Celebration (Whole School)               |
| 17.02.17 Stanley Crook Does Strictly (Whole School)       | 07.04.17 Easter Break                                    |
| 17.02.17 School closes for half-term holiday              | 24.04.17 School re-opens for teaching purposes           |

