

Friday 11th October 2024

STILLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN



Head of School

Dear parents/carers,

We are progressing quickly through the first half term of school already! Our pupils have completed some incredible learning over this term so far. EYFS have been focusing on their fine motor skills to present sounds after learning them in their phonics session.



KS1 explored the importance of their digital footprint through their computing learning. They explored how they use the internet and what they have access to. They clearly articulated the importance of being kind to others online and reporting any concerns they have to a trusted adult.

KS2 have focused on their story writing skills over the course of the term and integrated their SPaG knowledge they have learnt over this term. Pupils then looked at 'publishing' work and exploring the importance of formatting letters correctly when presenting their writing. The pupils created interesting stories to share with their audience.

As we look forward to the next two weeks, we have our a few upcoming events as below:

-Thunk-it performance Tuesday 15th

We are being visited by the Thunk-it theatre group, who will be performing their show new girl and delivering a workshop to our KS1 and KS2 children. Their focus is around inclusion and celebrating our differences. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Carlise via the school office.

-Rescheduled sports enhancement day planned 22nd October

-Sharing assembly Wednesday 23rd 9:10

Parents and carers are welcome to join us on this day to share in the fantastic work that our children have achieved over the past half term. Children who will be receiving a certificate will have a note added to their planner next week. We look forward to seeing you there!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Kind regards,

Miss Tordoff

Head of School



Parent/Carers News

Product Safety Alert—Water beads

Audience: Primary/Secondary Schools

Cascade: Please share with all colleagues and parents

OPSS has issued a safety alert for a product commonly known as 'water beads' (<https://www.gov.uk/product-safety-alerts-reports-recalls/product-safety-alert-water-beads-psa7>), alongside a news story (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/opss-issues-safety-alert-to-warn-of-the-risks-of-water-beads>).

Water beads are marketed to fulfil a variety of different purposes, which can include being used as a toy, or in crafting, home decor and floristry.

The alert highlights the harms caused by the dehydrated bead/s when swallowed that can expand post-ingestion, causing a blockage along the gastrointestinal (GI) digestive tract requiring surgical removal. Additionally, a hydrated or dehydrated bead can cause asphyxiation from aspiration if swallowed. Ingested water beads can be very difficult to detect and do not show up on x-ray, making clinical diagnosis challenging.

They are also looking into the issue of baby personal protective equipment (PPE) type products. For example, there are products for sale that are being marketed for use by babies and toddlers and claim to offer head protection in the event of a fall, such as:

[Baby Head Protection Pillow—Thebossbaby](#)

[BabySafe - Head Protector—TinyWonders](#)

[JINYJIA Baby Head Protector, Baby Head Protector Backpack, Adjustable Toddler Head Protection Safety Pads, for 4-24 Months Baby Learning Walking, Honeybee : Amazon.co.uk: Home & Kitchen](#)

Concerns have been raised that potentially the design and construction of this type of product presents an intolerable risk of harm to babies and young toddlers and they are gathering evidence around the risks. If you or colleagues are aware of any incidents/incident data relating to this product type, anything you share will be hugely appreciated and can only increase the robustness of the evidence base.

OPSSIncidentManagement@businessandtrade.gov.uk



Equestrian Competitions

An exciting opportunity to represent your school at equestrian competitions throughout the country...

The NSEA (National School's Equestrian Association) have been running inter-school equestrian competitions since 1991 and provide an excellent opportunity to enjoy a range of equestrian disciplines with friends, as part of a team or individually. There really is a lot of fun to be had along with the opportunity to meet new friends and to develop your riding skills.

Competitions run throughout the year and there is something for everyone; dressage, showjumping, arena eventing, jumping with style... all at varying levels. The Grassroots showjumping starts at 40cm.

The nearest venue to us is Northallerton Equestrian Centre, but there is the potential to travel to any, if members wish. There is also the potential to qualify for regional and national finals at Hickstead, Windsor and Addington.

To participate, children must have their own pony, equipment (tack, body protector, hat etc) and transport. Most competitions take place on a weekend and it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child is put forward for an appropriate level of class and arrive at the venue ready to ride. The Team Manager will complete all admin for the entries.

Membership for this academic year & registration fees are approximately £25. Entries to competitions are then £18 - £30 per class (depending on the discipline and venue).

Once you become a member, there is no obligation to go to certain competitions or to a determined number. We are able to pick and choose the classes, the venue and the frequency. The next competition in our area is an eventer's challenge (arena eventing) at Northallerton EC on 1st November.

The Team Manager will set up a WhatsApp group for Langton, Foston, Stillington & Terrington members and the usual method of communication will be via this WhatsApp group, but with occasional meet ups on an evening, if the need arises. **We do propose to have an initial meet up on Monday 21st October at 6:30pm at The Stone Trough in Kirkham. Please let us know if you intend to be there.**

NSEA really is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy riding whilst making new friends beyond the classroom.

If you have any questions and/or are interested in finding out more about NSEA, please do get in touch with Miss Stringer or Victoria Tyler (Team Manager) on viclorlouiset Tyler@icloud.com or 07786445459.

Wow Work

Miss Katie Allwood

Wow Work - KS1 = EYFS / YEAR 1 & 2

We have had a very soggy week this week, but we have definitely made the most of it.

The KS1 children have enjoyed learning about different ways that we belong to our school and our community. We shared a snack and a drink together and talked about what makes our community in school special.

EYFS have enjoyed doing some counting and comparing. We counted out a certain number of blocks and talked about who had the longer and shorter tower.



Mrs Catherine Hunter

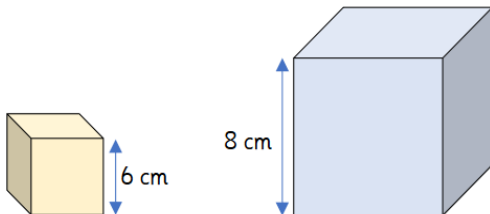
Wow Work KS2 / YEAR 3 TO 6

KS2 have had a brilliant week as they have developed their skills and confidence across all areas of the curriculum. We have been particularly impressed with the standard of story writing from some of our children, and we hope to share some of them with you next week.

Meanwhile, our Y6s have been working on their reasoning and problem solving skills - can you work out the answer to this question?



Here are some different-sized blocks.



Zach is building a tower from blocks that are 6 cm tall.
Esin is building a tower from blocks that are 8 cm tall.
They each build a tower taller than 50 cm,
but shorter than 1 m.
The towers are exactly the same height.

How tall could the towers be?



STILLINGTON PRIMARY DIARY DATES

Non Uniform Day for all at Stillington School https://www.kafunjoprojectus.org/ .	Voluntary Contributions are welcomed which will be donated to the Kafunjo project, to raise funds for them to buy food and medical supplies.
Thank-it Theatre performance & workshop For all the children at Stillington School	Tuesday 15th October at 9.30am until 12
Autumn Half-Term	Friday 25th October (Last Day) Monday 4th November (First Day Back)
Malton Sports Centre KS2 children Dodgeball	Wednesday 4th December PE kit required Leave at 12.20, return to school at 2.45pm
<u>Christmas Dinner</u> —All FST schools come together for lunch at Stillington School.	Friday 6th December 11.45am for all EYFS & KS1 pupils 12.30pm for all KS2 pupils
Christingle & Nativity—Stillington School	Thursday 12th December 4pm to 4.30pm
Christmas	Friday 20th December (Last Day) Monday 6th January 2025 (First Day Back)
Spring half –term	Friday 14th February 2025 (Last Day) Monday 24th February (First Day Back)
Easter	Friday 4th April 2025 (Last Day) Wednesday 23rd April 2025 (First Day)
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 2nd May 2025 (Last Day) Tuesday 6th May 2025 (First Day)
Summer Half—Term	Friday 23rd May 2025 (Last Day) Monday 2nd June 2025 (First Day Back)
Summer	Friday 18th July 2025 (Last Day)