

Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 10th April 2024

Advanced Notice

8 th April	-	CULTURAL WEEK
17 th April	-	Football first assembly
19 th April	-	Pupil attendance meetings (invites too be sent out)
22 nd April	-	Year 6 crucial Crew
22 nd April	-	Eco Day / Earth Day
23 rd April	-	Fire Service in to work with yr2 and yr5
29 th April	-	Inset Day – School Closed
21 st June	-	Inset Day school closed
24 th June	-	Sports day
25 th June	-	Back up sports day
11 th July	-	Yr6 leavers Assembly
12 th July	-	Summer Fair- Parents Welcome

We'd like to wish all of our parents, carer and pupils a warm welcome back following the Easter Break.

Important information

Please join us in welcoming back Mr Hughes – we have missed him! Mr Hughes will be working in year 1 for 2 days a week and Reception for 2 days once fully returned, we know you will all be thrilled to see him!

Swap shop

Notice to parents:

All lost property of school uniform etc held in school will be added to the swap shop facility unless claimed.

Please can all parents who feel that lost property may be here belonging to you be collected asap. Thank you

School Visitors

Today we have had other schools visit us to look at the work we have done so far with Expressive Arts. Miss Morris has been working in partnership with 3 schools in developing Expressive Arts, Area of Learning. This has been a great experience and has allowed us to share good practice, identifying strengths in our school and areas on how we can improve.

Reports to parents.

Reminder: reports will now go out on Thursday 11th July 2024.

Cultural week

The 1st week back, the whole school will be exploring and celebrating Cultural Week. The classes will be learning about a country and culture of a particular place in the world, see the selected countries below:

Nursery – France

Year 2 – Hawaii

Rec - Mexico

Year 3- Italy

Year 1 - Egypt

Year 4 – Spain

Year 5 - Japan

Year 6 – Thailand

On Monday 15th April at 2:30pm parents and carers are invited to come along to school to share the children's learning with them, we look forward to seeing you all.

School Trends Uniform

Reminder, you are able to access ordering of our school uniform through the School Trends website. Just go ahead and search for our school. <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/> However, if you require additional items we have some stock in school, held at the office.

PARENT PAY - reminder

From this week our school will no longer be able to accept cash, instead we will be moving all our payments to parent pay, this is a secure system that will allow you to make all future payments to the school for trips, activities and uniform.

If you do not already have your sign in details please see staff at the office.

Please note pupils can only have one parent pay account, for any further details please see office staff, thank you.

Attendance – Miss School Miss Out!

Last week's attendance (before Easter Break) stood at 90.5%. Well done to Year 6 with an attendance of 92.08%.

What's been happening this week in school

Nursery

It's been all systems go in nursery this week as we all try to settle back into our routines. For cultural week, we chose France! Having looked at how different their flag is to ours, we all have painted a French flag. We've also looked at Claude Monet and have recreated some of his watercolour paintings and recreated the Eiffel tower using dried spaghetti. To monitor the weather, we have worked together to make a visual weather station and every day we now fill it in!

Please can parents remember that every day children need to come to school with a suitable waterproof coat.



Reception

This week has been cultural week and reception has been learning all about the country of Mexico!

We have had such a great time so far learning about the country, what it is like, the language they speak and lots more! We have looked at Mexican food and created our own nachos station in the classroom. The pupils absolutely loved tasting their nachos and it was great to see some of them trying brand new foods.

We have also completed lots of craft, we have made our own sombreros and even created sombrero biscuits. This was lots of fun!

We have also looked at the artist Frida Kahlo and created our own art inspired by her.

In PE, we have been learning some Spanish dances!

It has been a great first week back so far.



Polite reminder- children should not bring toys into school in case they get damaged or lost.

Year 1

Welcome back to the summer term! This week is cultural week and we have been learning all about Egypt. We look forward to showing you all our work on Monday at our sharing event! Here is a sneak peak of some of the things we have been doing.



Our topic for the next term is 'St Athan Animal Sanctuary'. If you have an animal at home please could you send in a photograph/ video of your animal that your child can share with the class. Alternatively, you could email them to me at ckenefick@stathanps.co.uk

We would love to have the opportunity to meet some of your pets, if you are able to bring your pet in to show the class then please speak to Mrs Kenefick and we can arrange a suitable time.

Year 2

Aloha! Year 2 have started exploring Hawaii as part of their culture week.

We started the week off by using Google maps to explore different areas of the Hawaiian Islands. Pupils discussed the similarities and differences between what they had seen compared to Wales. We loved walking down streets and were jealous of their weather!

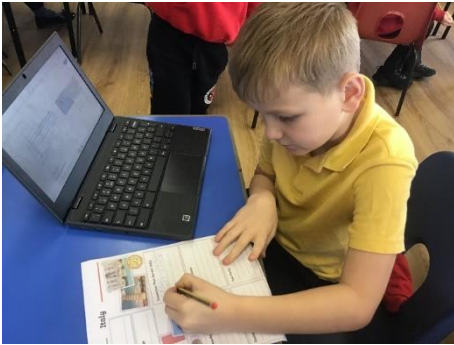


Following this, we have been learning some new moves in PE. Pupils have learnt about Hula dancing and have been very creative by developing their own dances.

Year 3

Ciao from Year 3

This week we travelled to Italy. The children have been learning to count in Italian, say their name and how they are. We have learnt about the famous artist Leonardo da Vinci and his famous painting of the Mona Lisa. We have looked at some of the Italian landmarks and have been learning how to use persuasive techniques to encourage people to visit them. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 15th April to show you our learning.



Reminder- 19th June Year 3 class assembly to start at 9:15am

Year 4

What a fantastic first week back for year 4. This week has been cultural week and year 4 have been exploring lots of Spanish activities. We have learnt Spanish numbers to 20 through singing, learnt Spanish phrases such as hola and como estas? Year 4 have created their own portraits in the style of Pablo Picasso which were amazing! Year 4 have looked at the Spanish flag in detail and drew and coloured their own. Also, we have designed and written recipe pages for the Spanish cakes, magdalenas. We can't wait to have lots more fun this week!

We hope to share our learning with as many families as possible on Monday!



Year 5

Welcome back after a lovely Easter Break! We hope you all had a relaxing 2 weeks off.

This week is Cultural Week in school and Year 5 are focusing on Japanese culture. We have been working independently to research information about Japan. We have found out lots of interesting facts and anecdotes - did you know it's polite to slurp your noodles?

We have been looking at the climate of Japan and comparing it to Wales. We were given the choice of how to present this - some of us did bar graphs and some of us did line graphs and we chose which area to focus on e.g. Rainfall, hours of sunlight, temperature.

This week we had a taste of Karate in our PE session. We learnt that it is about being respectful and should only be used as self-defence. We enjoyed learning the different blocks. We also counted each move in Japanese to 10.

Our aim for this week is to work independently to create either a fact file or leaflet about Japan. Everything that we have done so far will go towards this goal. We look forward to sharing this with you next week.

Upcoming notices:

- We are looking forward to sharing all of the information about Japan that we have been working on this week with parents on the 15th April at 2:30.
- Year 5 will also be doing a class assembly on 24th May at 10am.



Upcoming notices:

Year 5 will be looking at Japan as part of cultural week, after the Easter holidays. If any parents have any information or skills they would like to share with Miss Williams and the class linked to Japan, would you please email at awilliams@stathanps.co.uk. We are looking forward to sharing all that we are going to learn with parents on the 15th April at 2:30.

Year 5 will also be doing a class assembly 24th May at 10am.

Year 6

Before we broke up for the Easter holidays, we took part in a really interesting Children's Rights Workshop which explained and clarified that the UNCRC is a list of children's rights that all children and young people, everywhere in the world have, no matter who they are, where they live or what they believe in. We worked in groups to distinguish between wants and needs.



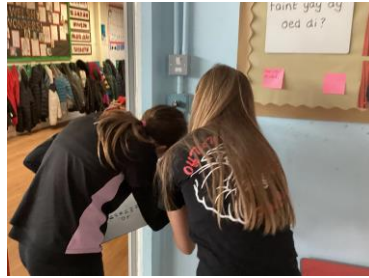
Then we created our 'Dream School' in small groups by considering and discussing the 5 Children's Rights that were the most important to make our Dream School a brilliant place.



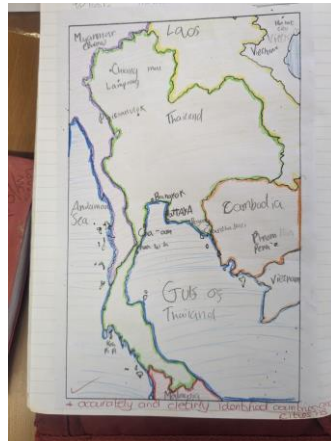
It was really fun having a 'Power Walk' whereby we could only move forward when a power statement was read out. This activity really helps to illustrate why a Children's Rights approach is really important.



Our first week back is really fun as we are learning all about Thailand in Culture Week. We kick started this learning with a fun scavenger hunt where we learnt some fascinating facts about Thailand. Did you know that elephants are considered sacred animals in Thailand?



We now know that Thailand is in Asia and are able to locate it on a world map and identify bordering countries.



It was fun doing some Mai Thai moves in P.E. as this is the main sport in Thailand.



Criw Cymraeg

Our Welsh Phrase of the Week this week is:

Croeso NÔL - Welcome Back

Twitter / X

Please can I ask all parents to follow us. It is very easy to do and doesn't cost. This is a great way to see on a daily basis what your children are learning and how they are learning it. @StAthanPrimary
You simply ask to follow us and within 24 hours you will be given access. Give it a try!

Web site: www.stathanprimaryschool.co.uk

Uniform Swap shop

Huge thanks for those donations already received. Any donations of nearly new / good condition uniform can be brought to the office, many thanks. And watch this space for more information.