



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Streetsbrook Value of the Term

Love & Respect

STREETSbrook GETS GOLD!



YOUTH
SPORT
TRUST

GOLD QUALITY
MARK 2017-19

I am delighted to announce that Streetsbrook Infant and Early Years Academy have been awarded the Gold Quality Mark from the Youth Sport Trust! The Quality Mark is a nationally recognised badge of excellence for PE and school sport that has been aligned with Ofsted guidance.

On Thursday 26th April, Jim Morris, the YST Development Manager visited Streetsbrook and was extremely delighted with our PE and Sport Provision. Jim could not have been more positive about our set up describing it as 'amazing, meaningful, outstanding, rigorous and setting the bar high'. One of the areas he was particularly impressed with was our work towards the 30:30 active minutes initiative.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their support towards ensuring children have the opportunity to be physically active. Well done Streetsbrook, a very proud moment for us all!

Miss Flanagan, Subject Leader for PE

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE AWARD APRIL 2018

Well done to 2F for winning the monthly Attendance Award (followed very closely by 2A) with.....



99.6%

R1	93.3%
R2	98.0%
1D	99.3%
1S	96.9%
2A	99.5%
2F	99.6%

PARENT PARTNERSHIP TEAM

The Parent Partnership Team will be meeting on Friday 11 May, if you have any items for the discussion please forward them to your class representative.

To see the minutes from the last meeting, please do click on the website link.

<http://www.streetsbrook.co.uk/parents/partnership1.html>

Spring 2018 Attendance Letters

We just write to let you know that attendance letters are being sent home today to those parents whose children's attendance percentage has fallen below our school target of 97%, and is nearing or beneath the figure we consider needing improvement. This exercise is undertaken regularly in line with our Attendance Policy. Attending school regularly and on time has a positive impact on learning, progress and therefore the best life chances for pupils. Research shows that attendance and punctuality are the single most important factors in school success. For these reasons, we are fully committed to working with you and your child in raising attendance.

Diary Dates



- Monday 7th - BANK HOLIDAY
- Tuesday 8th - AM Year 1 'Scootability'
- 12.00 midday - School Council – Safeguarding Group Meeting
- 3.15-4.15pm - Magical Maths Club
- 7.00pm - PTA Meeting
- Wednesday 9th - PM - 1D Forest School
- Thursday 10th - **Class Photographs**
- PM 1S Forest School
- Friday 11th - AM - Parent Partnership Meeting

Last Friday, the children in 2A were extremely lucky as they were invited to attend an off-site encounter at Npower in Solihull, as part of our 'Life Ready' initiative. The children were introduced to the office working environment and were told at an age-appropriate level some of the different jobs and roles that people did within different departments.



The children found this experience very exciting and were also particularly impressed by Npower's Eco initiatives and the innovative ways of lighting that were used within the building.



When 2A returned from the trip, many children commented that they would like to work for Npower when they are older and could identify some of the key 'Life Ready' skills that they would need to develop whilst at school, for certain job roles.

A big thank you to Mr Hewett, for organising such a well-planned and inspiring 'Life Ready' experience!



THE PHOTOGRAPHER IS COMING

Thursday 10 May

ON _____
For whole class photographs. Year 2 will also have individual photos taken.

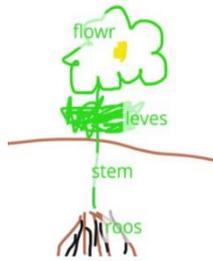


Please remember to wear smart uniform and comb your hair!

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RECEPTION

This week in Reception we have used our scientific skills to find out whether or not seeds will grow in different conditions. We set up a fair test to investigate this and have made predictions about where we think the seeds will grow best. We have also been finding out about how seeds begin to grow and have learnt to name the key parts of a plant. We used the 'See Saw' App to record our learning. We are now on the lookout for seeds of all kinds - to talk about, compare, observe and plant. Next week we would like to encourage children to bring in and share any seeds they can find, these could be in packets, loose or from food.



In Maths we have been discovering and trying to recall pairs of numbers that total ten. If your child is confident in this why not help them make links with pairs of number that total 20. We have also been continuing with our PHSE work on friendship.

We are delighted to have 3 students joining us throughout summer term in Reception; R1 - Lucy Smith, a 2nd year BA University of Worcester student and Katie McGeehan, a Level 3 Childcare Stratford Upon Avon College student. R2- Molly Wolfson, a final placement PGCE University of Warwick student.

NURSERY UPDATE

Nursery have had an enjoyable week exploring popcorn. We looked closely at kernel's and how they change when heated to become popcorn! We loved listening to the popping sounds and were so excited to watch the corn 'explode!' We have also practised our fine motor skills by painting popcorn and threading it to make necklaces. In PE we had a wonderful time playing parachute games.

At the children's request we will be continuing our popcorn theme next week. We will also be designing our games to play at our Circus workshop, which we would love you to attend. Thank you to all parents who have sent in their monthly observations, the observation for May is:

Expressive Arts and Design
Being imaginative: Children use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about users and purposes. They represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories.

Look at the photos/pictures in your house – which is your favourite and why do you like it or a favourite story/dance etc.

Or Design your new bedroom

YEAR 1

This week we have continued our work based on the traditional tale of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have been discussing the common features of traditional tales, such as the words 'once upon a time' and 'happily ever after', and using our story plans to help us with our 'Big Write'. We were so proud of all of the children's focus throughout, and it was amazing to see how enthusiastic they were about independently re-writing the story! If they enjoy writing at home, then maybe they could re-write another traditional tale that they already know?



Don't forget that on Tuesday morning we will be joined on the playground by members of Solihull 'Scootability' team. As per the permission letter, could you please ensure that your child has a suitable scooter and helmet in school to enable them to participate.

We hope that you have a fun-filled Bank Holiday Weekend!

YEAR 2

Year 2 have had a busy week focusing on the skills of confidence, perseverance and determination whilst working. In Geography, we have learned all about the Maasai Mara tribe from Kenya including the types of houses they live in, their clothes and the roles men and women have within the tribe. We compared this to our culture and, although we found some similarities, there were many differences. 2F have enjoyed an exciting trip to Aston University and have been inspired by the many different jobs that were explained to them. 2A have learned many new skills using Microsoft PowerPoint including adding a new slide, adding a photo or picture, changing the font and reordering slides.



To support us in our learning in PSHE, please could all children either bring in or email a photo of themselves with their family **by Friday 11th May**. This could be a photo from the past or a recent photo, any originals will be returned to you. Thank you.



Streetsbrook Childcare

This week Little Rockets have enjoyed using their physical skills to cut pasta using scissors. Next week we will continue this by encouraging the children to cut the fruit and vegetables. The children have also enjoyed playing outside using the physical equipment. Please can we ask for all children to bring in a named hat ready for the nice weather.

Little Stars have been watching the caterpillars grow and tasting some more food from the Very Hungry Caterpillar story. Next week's song of the week is 'Insects all Around'.

We have also enjoyed playing with our new friends in the Little Stars room. Welcome to you all 😊

