



Streetsbrook Value of the Term

Confidence



Updated Policies

Following our recent Full Governors Meeting, the following policies have been agreed and signed by Governors and are available for your perusal via the 'About Us' pages of the school website: <http://www.streetsbrook.co.uk/about/policies.html>

- ✓ Safeguarding Policy
- ✓ Child Protection Policy
- ✓ Safer Recruitment & Selection Policy
- ✓ Complaints Policy



Join your child for a School Lunch!

Due to the Universal Free School Meals initiative, the opportunity for large groups of parents to join us for lunch has been impacted upon. We continue to invite parents to dine with their children during the school day with a minimum 1 day notice. This is a lovely idea if it's your child's birthday. Menus are displayed on the school website and meals are paid for through ParentPay at the cost of £2.88 per adult – the office staff will assign you to the adult meal service upon your request.

Next Week's Diary Dates

Tuesday 4 April	2.30-3.30pm – Parents visiting Reception
Wednesday 5 April	Fool Monty visiting Nursery Easter Bunny Hunt
Thursday 6 April	Easter Raffle Draw PM - Changes for Life Festival with Blossomfield Infant School Football Awards Assembly
Friday 7 April	Easter Bonnet Parade Non-Uniform Day – Spring Theme/Colours Last day of Term



Easter Holiday – Monday 10 April – Monday 24 April (Inset Day)
Children return to school on Tuesday 25 April

Swimathon Sponsorship Money

Just a little prompt to ask for your sponsorship money to be handed to the school office by next **Friday 7 April** – thank you!



DVD Club - Thank you to everyone for their support with this popular Friday event. Since November the DVD club has taken £268.70 - the money will be spent on your children and updating the DVDs to enable the children to have more choice. A HUGE THANKS to Mrs Poore and her small team of helpers who enable this to happen.

Quiz Night - Sadly the quiz night will not be taking place tonight as per our email. We were sad about this as the Quiz night has previously been so popular and such fun. The good news is, we have plans afoot and are looking at possibly 'teaming' up with Sharmans Cross to host a joint school quiz, so watch this space.....

Plans are in full swing for Streetsbrook's 60th Birthday Summer Fair celebration. Something new at school will be arriving to commemorate the anniversary - she doesn't look that old does she!

Easter - Next week is a busy PTA week with lots of fun and excitement planned for the children. **Please see the attached updated timetable.**

We hope you have a wonderful Easter break, fill it with family fun and maybe just a little chocolate! Next term has some wonderful events for all!



Wednesday is the PTA Easter Treasure Hunt, where children will search for Easter items and then have a reward for their efforts.

Thursday is Raffle Day and the eggs will shortly be breaking out from the PTA table and the children will have a cracking time seeing if they are the 'eggstra' special prize winners! Have you seen the new additions that have hopped onto the table overnight!!

Finally on **Friday**, the day all children and parents have been waiting for! The blossom is out, the daffodils are blooming and Easter Bonnets will finish the spring event perfectly. Decorated Easter bonnets and eggs are awaiting the judges to hop over and select the Faberge, sorry fabulous creations. Prizes are awaiting the super creations made all with their own fair hands! Get cracking and creating, your children will love it!



Our Science Winner

A huge congratulations to Charlie Matharu of 2F, who was selected to win the KS1 Streetsbrook Synergy Science competition 2017, having had his project about the effects of global warming chosen as the winning entry by a panel of judges, including the Mayor of Solihull! Mr Fogarty accompanied Charlie to the regional final at Wolverhampton University, where Charlie's remained one of the stand-out entries. It was a great day, full of Science filled activities for Charlie and the other children to enjoy. A big thank you and well done to all of those that entered this year's competition - we had some superb projects based on the theme of Scientific Change.



SNAG - Solihull Nutrition Action Group

Red and yellow and pink and green, orange and purple and Blue...I can eat a rainbow....

The children had a SNAG meeting this week and started activities in preparation for the whole snag team meeting. The aim is to think of **healthy** foods in rainbow colours in order to 'eat a rainbow'. Lots of thought and discussions culminated in the team writing their rainbow foods on a rainbow and then trying and tasting a rainbow.



SNAG team continue to spread the word in school about healthy foods and eating, as the saying goes 'we are what we eat'...so look how colourful we can be! Thank you to Mrs Ward and Mrs Troughton for Making education so exciting, the children love their SNAG meetings.



Now we need to spread the love and the message!

NURSERY UPDATE

Nursery have had an enjoyable week exploring popcorn. We looked closely at kernels 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 have created some wonderful circus performances of our own using a range of balances, jumps and rolls. Next week we will be thinking about the Easter story and looking at the celebrations that take place.



We are also excited to be having a wow finish to our 'Roll Up! Roll Up!' topic when the Fool Monty will be coming to perform circus skills.

Please could everyone check their children's shoes to ensure they have got the correct pair, someone is missing a size 8 shoe and has gained a size 8 1/2. It is named. Thank you. We would also greatly appreciate any donations of clothes for our spare clothes box. Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 1

This week Year 1 have been planning and writing their Gruffalo themed 'Big Write'. They have produced some lovely re-tells, with great details and description. In Maths we have been using a range of problem solving skills to find the answers to some tricky questions.

Well done all for persevering when stuck!

We have also had a week jam-packed with art that has focused on Nature Sculptures, which are 3D pieces of art made out of natural materials. We have been making mini clay models of things that you might find in a



woodland, looking for inspiration in the nature area and then drawing some observational sketches of the things that we found. Finally, we have been creating our own Andy Goldsworthy-inspired temporary sculptures, which you might have spotted in the playground.



Next week Safety Seymour will be returning to Year 1 after his very positive visits last year. He will be helping us to learn more about how we can keep our homes safe from carbon monoxide and might even be paying a visit to your home after Easter.

Please note that all of Year 1 will be completing their Fit4Schools Fitness Checks on Monday morning, so PE kits will need to be in school.

Streetsbrook Childcare

We have had a super fun week in childcare this week! Rockets have been thinking about growing and planting.



This week, they planted cress seeds in cotton wool and watered them, after just 2 days we looked and found that they had already started to sprout green leaves! Please bring in any photos of you doing gardening with your children that we can look at and talk about during circle times.



Stars have been investigating how their bodies move and have been doing Yoga! We have really enjoyed this, we had to search for dinosaur eggs and turn ourselves into different dinosaurs by exploring different body positions.



What positions can you remember?

YEAR 2

This week we have concluded our work on playscripts, culminating in a fantastic Big Write based around World War 2! Some of the children also proudly represented Streetsbrook (being the winning school within South Solihull) in the Multi-Skills Sports Competition and we congratulate all of the children for their hard work within this project.



Whilst 2F have been learning about playing the ocarina this week, it's the turn of 2A next week, so please, if you have an ocarina at home, can it be brought in on Monday.

Also, both classes have Fit 4 School testing on Monday afternoon. We have created a Doodle poll for parents to sign up; we really need the help, so if you are available, please put your name down it'd be much appreciated.

Finally, we would like to thank Miss Sammons, who has been working in 2A, all the best for the future. It is her last day on the final day of term.



County Sports Competition

Congratulations to the members of Year 2 who represented Solihull in agility at the County Competitions in Rugby on Thursday Morning! Recently all of the children in Year 2 have been scored against a set of agility skills based criteria and achieved the highest scores across those schools that took part from Solihull.



This is a superb achievement and all the children in Year 2 should be extremely proud of themselves! The highest scoring children from Year 2 were then chosen to represent Solihull at the County Competition. An energetic and exciting morning was had by the children and staff from Streetsbrook resulting in some very sleepy children on our returning coach journey! We would like to thank all of our fantastic supporters that were there to cheer on all of the children! Well done everybody - an excellent achievement for Streetsbrook Academy!

Miss Flanagan & Miss Attenborrow

RECEPTION

This week in Reception we have been learning about possible theories about why the dinosaurs became extinct. This led our learning to life after the dinosaurs, including the first people and the animals that were around in this period. The children enjoyed continuing rhyming strings inspired by the rhymes in the book 'Cave Baby'. In Maths the children have returned to the subject of capacity and worked practically to find containers that hold more and less.



In Art the children have been developing their sketching skills by looking in detail at fossils and creating observational drawings of these. Our RE sessions have focused around the Easter story in anticipation of our Easter celebrations next week.

Don't forget, it will be non-uniform on Friday and children are invited to join in the Easter bonnet parade to show off their creations. We also look forward to seeing you on Tuesday afternoon anytime between 2.30-3.30pm to join our modern day cave painting. Please sign in at the main Reception and then join us in the creative area.