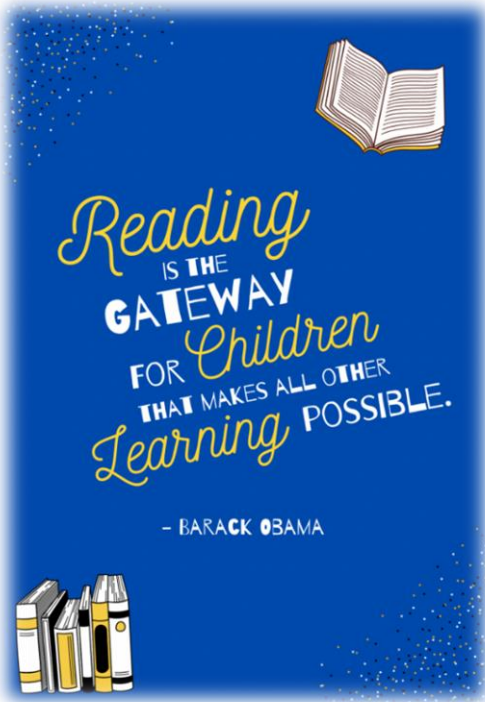




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Another busy and exciting week in the corridors and classrooms of SJS – we have loved meeting with parents earlier in the week, sharing updates about your child’s progress and achievements. Then, on Thursday, we thoroughly enjoyed one of our favourite celebrations of the year, World Book Day.

World Book Day was established 27 years ago, with the aim of changing lives through a love of reading. As we are very aware in school, **reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child’s future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents’ educational background or their income. If we can encourage a life-long habit of reading for pleasure, improved life chances will naturally follow.**

We hope that all our pupils have enjoyed getting involved with our book-based activities this week, whether they dressed up, played our ‘spot the teacher’ quiz or simply enjoyed sharing a story. However, we also hope that this week’s celebrations have reinforced our message about the importance of being a reader – pick up a book this weekend and get reading!

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3MR: Jack Clayton
- Y3SK: Summer Stevenson
- Y3CB: Molly Bailey
- Y4KT: Violet Horsfield
- Y4OS: Holly Gillott
- Y5CH: Eliza Binns
- Y5GG: Eliza Kaye
- Y5CS: Charlie Sabin
- Y6ER: Holly-Rose Staples
- Y6RD: Issey Kavadias
- Y6SS: William Edwards

Mr Tee: Addie Williams
Attendance & Punctuality: Sunny Storey

Cedarwood Yard: Georgia England-Woodcock
Ball Games Yard: Ellis Stokes
Dining Hall: Amelia Powlesland

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - LONDON

Summer Stevenson

Y3 - PARIS

Nathaniel Tym
Summer Stevenson

Y3 - MADRID

Thea Cooke
Ciara Cooke
Nathaniel Tym

Y4 - CAIRO

Oliver Lambert
Violet Horsfield

Y4 - NAIROBI

Aroussia Lahdiri

Y5 - BEIJING

Reuben Priestley

Y5 - KUALA LUMPUR

Max Glaves

Y6 - LIMA

Eadie Gibbins
Tommy Costello

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

As Easter is fast approaching, we would like you to get your thinking bonnets on in preparation for our annual Easter egg competition. Just like previous years, entries to the competition must incorporate an egg in an ingenious way. The competition opens on Friday 15th March with the final day for entries set as Wednesday 27th March.

We look forward to seeing your egg-straordinary entries!



BOOK OF THE WEEK



Our book of the week this week is "Jane Austen: Little People, Big Dreams". This book is an excellent choice for pupils to read during the week of World Book Day. Jane Austen's timeless novels have captured the hearts of readers for generations, and this biography introduces young readers to the remarkable life of one of the greatest literary figures in history. Through engaging storytelling and vibrant illustrations, children can learn about Austen's passion for writing, her perseverance in pursuing her dreams, and the societal challenges she faced as a female author in the 19th century. This book not only celebrates Austen's literary achievements but also teaches valuable lessons about resilience, creativity, and the power of storytelling. During World Book Day, when we celebrate the joy of reading and the importance of literature, "Jane Austen: Little People, Big Dreams" inspires children to embrace their own creativity and pursue their dreams, regardless of obstacles.

RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 15th March, we will be supporting Red Nose Day by asking children to come to school dressed in as much red as possible. Donations of £1 are to be brought in on the day and handed to the child's class teacher rather than paid on ParentMail. We hope the children have an enjoyable day, while raising as much money as we can.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support in such events.



FRIDAY 15 MARCH

NO NUTS IN SCHOOL

We must highlight the importance of our school being nut-free. We have children with severe nut allergies who are at risk of significant reactions even being in the close proximity of a food containing nut products like hazelnut filling. Please ensure the contents of your child's lunchbox and their snack do not contain nuts for the safety of all our pupils.



SPORTS DRINKS

We have also spotted a few children bringing bottles of Prime and Lucozade into school. We request that parents support school's policy that children only bring a reusable bottle of tap water to school.

PE TIMETABLE

Each week, please ensure your child wears appropriate PE kit to school on their class' PE day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y6ER	Y3SK + SK's Maths Y6RD	Y3MR + MR's Maths Y5GG	Y3CB + CB's Maths Y5CH	Y4KT Y6SS Y5LH Y4OS Swimming

EVENTS COMING UP...

March 11	12	13	14 Y6 Boys Football League Comp @ SJS	15 Y4OS Swimming Easter Egg Competition Open for Entries Red Nose Day
March 18	19 Read Around the World: Earliest arrival at your 4 th destination	20	21	22 Y4OS Swimming Y6 Robinwood 2024: Final Instalment Due (£106)

For events further ahead, please check our [school calendar](#) on our website.

THRIVE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

After the great success of our previous Family Thrive workshops, we are pleased to be able to invite parents/carers to join our next series of workshops, taking place during April and May.

- Wednesday 17th April
- Monday 22nd April
- Wednesday 1st May
- Wednesday 8th May
- Wednesday 22nd May

All sessions will be from 9:15am until 11:30am, in our Thrive Room. Ideally, it is important that you can attend all five sessions. However, if you are unable to make a session, we can discuss how you can catch up.

The Family Thrive programme uses the Thrive Approach to help parents and carers understand how we can all make a positive difference to the wellbeing of your child or children.

- How our brains develop
- How your right brain talks to your left brain
- Why play and creativity are so important to you and your child
- How to support your child at times of change and difficulty
- Everyday trigger times and how to keep calm
- How to be a behaviour detective



Places will be offered on a first come first served basis. To reserve your place or to find out more, please ring the school office and ask for Mrs Lea-Jones or send her an email: j.leajones@stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk. You will need to register your interest by 2nd April. Your place will then be confirmed by email after this date. Refreshments will be included at all sessions. We look forward to welcoming you in school.

BASKETBALL EVENT



This week, our Year 5 basketball team went to the Canon Medical Arena in Sheffield to take part in a citywide competition sponsored by Westfield Health. Twenty schools, all of which have been part of the schools' basketball initiative focusing on key areas of the PSHE curriculum, such as self-esteem and bullying, participated. We were very grateful to have three professional basketball players in school, coaching our Year 5s, leading classroom sessions, running assemblies, and being fantastic role models for our youngsters.

The standards at the competition were extremely high, as each school was split into two pools. The top two schools in each pool advanced to a city final, with a 3rd/4th place playoff. We were unbeaten in the league, winning two games and drawing in two, which meant that we played against Oughtibridge in the playoff for 3rd place. After a tense and very skilful game, thanks to two baskets from the girls and one from the boys, we ended up winning and achieved a very commendable 3rd place out of 20. Well done, Team Stocky!

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Pepperoni pizza served with wedges	Chilli con carne served with rice	Roast Chicken served with mashed potato, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	All Day Breakfast	Proper fish and chips served with chunky chips and tomato ketchup
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Margherita Pizza served with wedges	Macaroni cheese	Roast Quorn fillet served with mashed potatoes	Quorn All Day Breakfast	Cheese flan served with chunky chips and tomato ketchup
ACCOMPANIMENTS <small>5 A DAY</small>	Garden Peas & sweetcorn Salad Bar	Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Cauliflower and cabbage Salad Bar	Beans and tomatoes Salad Bar	Mushy peas Baked Beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Chocolate sponge and custard	Fruit sponge and custard <small>5 A DAY</small>	Lemon shortbread <small>5 A DAY</small>	Flapjack	Treacle sponge and custard
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND STREET FOOD	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato Cheese and ham panini served with wedges	Jacket potato

The 3rd Stocksbridge Scouts 3rd Annual Multi-School Food Drive 11th to the 22nd of March



Our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are organizing and running food drives in the local schools and all donations will be taken to the local Community Food Bank. We are having a competition to see which school can get the most donations per pupil. Help your school win whilst we work together to help our community!



Items Needed:

Tinned Fruit
Tinned Veg
Tinned Meat

Tinned Pudding
UHT Milk
Dish Soap

Laundry Soap
Nappies
Toiletries