



Friday 23rd April 2021

Newsletter 1 **Meet the new Leadership Team:**

Ginny Bayliss (Executive Headteacher)



It has been a wonderful start to the new term, and I have really enjoyed my first week at Stanton. I have been particularly impressed with the behaviour of the children and how welcoming and polite they have been. When walking around the school, there is a very calm, productive atmosphere where children are trying their very best. This week, we discussed the four school rules: working hard, being kind, staying safe and showing respect and the children of Stanton have already shown me that they are exemplary with their behaviour.

I have also enjoyed getting to know the staff and I am very much looking forward to working with them in continuing to create a thriving, exciting school environment. This week I worked with teachers on looking at the data produced from the assessments which took place before the Easter holidays. Teachers have looked individually at each pupil to plan targeted interventions to ensure that all pupils make progress over the next term. Next week, alongside James Bird (EPA Director of Education), I will be carrying out monitoring of teaching and learning across the school. This will give me a greater understanding of each class so we can focus on enhancing the quality of education for each child.

Initially, we will be sending out weekly newsletters to communicate with you about life at Stanton. This will include updates on School Development, work that the children have been doing, children who have received awards and certificates and other news items that may need sharing. I very much look forward to seeing you on the days that I am in Stanton, getting to know you all and working alongside this wonderful community.

Faye Tingley (Head of School)



I have been lucky enough to be part of the Stanton school community, both as a parent and a teacher, for a fair few number of years now. Many of you will know me as Mum to Ella, Edward, Thomas & Sophia, and as a teacher at Stanton for the past 6 years. I actually qualified from Newcastle University in 2000 and worked there for a year before moving to Oxfordshire with my husband. I have taught in a number of schools in the county, including Pegasus Primary in Blackbird Leys and Witney Community Primary School.

I am extremely excited about the opportunity to be part of the next stage of Stanton's development in my role as Head of School. I feel ready for this new challenge and know that, with Mrs Bayliss' guidance and support, the new leadership team can ensure Stanton continues to thrive and grow.

This week I have met with Mrs Bayliss and a number of the EPA curriculum leads to begin to think about moving forward into the next academic year. I have also thoroughly enjoyed being back in class with the fabulous Badgers, who have had an excellent start to the term, something I think all teachers have felt this week. Another highlight of the week was greeting parents and children at the gates on Monday morning. I already know that this is going to be one of the favourite parts of my role.



Lucy McKay (Head of School)

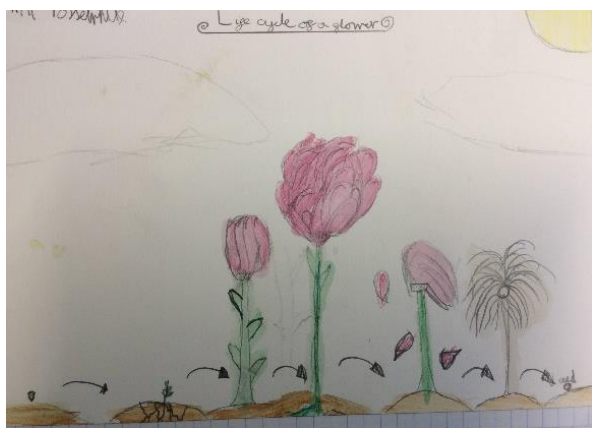


I have already met some parents through my role as Early Years Teacher and I am very excited to be taking on this new role as Head of School and look forward to working with Mrs Bayliss.

A little bit about me: I have been teaching for 8 years across different year groups. I started my teaching career in Scotland and moved to Bampton with my husband 3 years ago. I enjoy reading, cycling and being outside. I love working at this small village school and meeting the children as they join us in Nursery. It is a fantastic school and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to help the pupils continue to grow and flourish. This week I have met with Reverend Jo and governors to discuss how we can work with the church to organise class visits and plan assemblies. All classes will have a visit to the church this term as this is something we have been missing in COVID. We look forward to re-establishing these links with the church and wider community.

Owl Class

We have had a lovely week back in Owl Class and have all benefited from the sunshine (and snow!) over the Easter break. This term we are thinking about global trade and connections in our topic 'From crops to shops', and life cycles and habitats in our Science. It has been a super week in which we have welcomed tadpoles into our classroom; acted out Roger McGough's poem 'Fight of the year'; written book reviews of books we read over the Easter break; and completed drawings of the life cycles of plants. Here are some pictures of these highlights:



William



Teddy, Angus and Toby



The Dragonfly Pool by Eva Ibbotson
398 pages
First published in 2008

After Tally gets sent to boarding school, she attends a dancing festival in a ^{beautiful} small City called Berginia, with her teachers called Matteo and Magda, and her friends who she shared a house with. When the King of Berginia gets killed, the school children ^{could} do every thing they can to blend the Prince in with their group and smuggle him back to England...

Zoe

Tally Hamilton, who got sent to Delderton Hall during World War Two, was the main character in the story. Tally lived with her two Aunts. Tally's Father worked as a doctor, and lived in central London. Karil was the Prince of Berginia, but he had always dreamt of being a normal child, and being allowed to make friends with "lower class people".

My favourite part of the story was when Karil finally escaped his Grandfather's grips. He'd recieved a scholarship at Delderton Hall, and his life was finally how he'd always wanted it. At Delderton the ways of teaching were definitely different and unique, but also inspiring.

There are not many weaknesses to this book, apart from the first few pages at the very begining. It was quite boring and did not hook me in at all. I was very happy that I carried on with it in the end, because I really enjoyed it.

Overall, I absolutely loved this book and thoroughly enjoyed it. At some points it was very hard to put down and time flew by as I turned page after page after page. Sometimes it made me laugh, other times it made me cry, but most of the time I felt terrified for the characters. It had a lot of rich vocabulary and technical language. I'd recommend this book to anyone aged 10-15 and I would give it 5/5 stars!



Reminders

Just a reminder to everyone that we are a nut free school and pupils shouldn't have anything that includes nut products in their packed lunch (such as pesto).



Our New Building



I am sure you will have noticed the great progress the builders have made over the Easter holidays. We can now see the foundations and structure of our new classrooms! It is very exciting to see new changes every day and know that it is ahead of schedule. The children in the Den check each day to see what the builders have been doing!



I am pleased to announce the children who have achieved the following awards:

MATHS AWARDS:

The Den – John T-A
Squirrels (Y1) – Poppy R
Squirrels (Y2) – Kyle C
Badgers – Elodie F
Owls – Oliver N

WRITING AWARDS:

The Den – Fleur M
Squirrels (Y1) – Star M
Squirrels (Y2) – Bella M
Badgers – Luna W
Owls – Casper C

STAR AWARDS:

The Den – Isla B
Squirrels (Y1) – Fie H
Squirrels (Y2) – Seraphine S
Badgers – Poppy S
Owls – Mya H-B

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 28th April:	Den Church Visit
Tuesday 4th May:	Squirrels Church Visit
Wednesday 12th May:	Badgers Church Visit
Tuesday 18th May:	Parents Evening 3.30 - 6pm
Wednesday 19th May:	Owls Church Visit
	Parents Evening 3.30 - 5pm
Monday 24th May:	Badgers Outdoor Art Exhibition 2.30pm
Friday 28th May:	End of Term
Thursday 1st July:	Year 6 Transition
Thursday 8th July:	Sports Day
	EYFS:10.30 - 11.30am
	Year 1 - 6: 1 - 3pm
Friday 9th July:	End of Year Reports go out to Parents
Monday 12th July:	Meet the New Teacher Week
Thursday 15th July:	Owl Class Production Evening Performance 6pm
Friday 16th July:	Owl Class Production Afternoon Performance 1.30pm
Tuesday 20th July:	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Church 9.15am