

JUNE 2023

TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE C OF E SCHOOL



Welcome to the June Edition of Toddington St. George C of E School Newsletter.

June has flown by for us in school and has been filled with sunshine and fun. What a fabulous sports day we had, we hope all of you who were able to join us enjoyed the afternoon and seeing the children cheering each other on and showing their team spirit was magical. We are so proud that our sports day celebrates the children who are can 'shine their lights' during the sporting activities and how all children appreciate and celebrate their friends successes whilst still feeling proud of each and every effort.

Trips and events galore have taken place culminating in our move up day. All of the teachers are so excited to meet their new classes and we look forward to hearing from our Year 4's about their day at Parkfields. The transition will continue in our last week when the children spend the last few days of the term with their new teachers and get used their new environments and routines which should allay any remaining anxieties in preparation for September.

We are very excited to extend a warm welcome to our new Year 2 Toucan Class Teacher Miss. Nicole Robinson and our new Nursery Duckling Class Teacher Mrs. Lisa Smith. They are both very excited to join our wonderful team and have already started working on a strong induction.

We look forward to the many events taking place in the last few weeks, the PTA Summer Fayre on 8th July which promises to be a great day plus the Fabulous Finish for parents to visit classes on 10th July and all of the special plans for our wonderful Year 4 as we take a look back on their journeys with us and help them move to their next schools.

There are more details on our OPAL project in this newsletter and Mrs Heeley will be available in the KS2 playground over the next week welcoming any donations.

Finally, we want to send a farewell note to Emily in Year 3 and Chloe in Year 4 who are leaving us this week to move to their new schools. We will miss you and wish you lots of luck in your next adventures!

As always please let the team know if you have any feedback for us on admin@toddstg.co.uk.

With best wishes,

Colette Lamb - Headteacher

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Mrs Lamb

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School attendance
95%



LOVE



RESPECT



PERSEVERANCE



THANKFULNESS

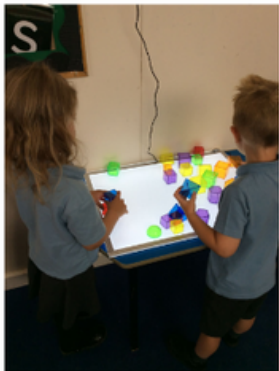
Duckling Class

We started our new topic 'Big Wide World'. Parents sent in photographs of their children on holiday in different parts of the world.

We made a display which the children love to look at.



The children have been exploring capacity.



The children have been enjoying using the Lightboard.

The children used a range of objects to mark make with paint.

Reception



Swan performed their amazing Showcase to their parents.

Maths Doubling, sharing, odds and evens and number bonds to 10.



The children did so well in our Sports day, we were so proud of them all!



Our special person scavenger hunt was fantastic but very hot!



The children were so excited to meet their Year One teachers.



Year 1

This month we had a fabulous trip to the 'Forest Centre' in Marston Moretaine! We were pond dipping, bug hunting and went on a scavenger hunt too!



Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic day in the Tower of London.



Year 3

Two of our adventurers exploring the zoo.



Science: Making predictions on the transport of water in plants



History: Building Hadrian's Wall, using descriptive language



Design Technology: Investigating Sheet Materials



Year 4

June has been a busy month in Year 4 as we prepare for the end of term and transition to Middle School.

Our final production "A Glint of Gold" is taking much of our time. The children are practising songs, remembering lines and can't wait to share it with you.

In Art they have produced some wonderful Egyptian hieroglyphs and are now working on Islamic inspired art. In computing they are thoroughly enjoying coding using Turtle Academy and in Science they are investigating Sound.



Hearing Inclusion Provision

We have gone wild! Thanks to our local Rotary Club for funding a trip to Whipsnade Zoo for all our HI children. We had a wonderful day and the children enjoyed every minute!



Our Sports Day!

And the winners of sports day 2023 were.....**RESPECT!**



Farewell and a very happy retirement to Mrs Stringer!

As the final school bell rings at the end of the term and the echoes of laughter and learning fade away, a bittersweet moment is going to arise. After an illustrious career spanning 32 years, the incredible Jackie Stringer, is bidding farewell to her role as a teacher at Toddington St George's.

Throughout her remarkable journey, she has touched the lives of countless students, leaving an indelible impact on their hearts and minds. As this chapter draws to a close, it is important to reflect on Mrs. Stringer's remarkable journey and the profound impact she has had on so many children and families.

She actually started the school as a child herself from 1966 until 1971 (in one of the very first classes on this new site). After leaving school and raising her young family Jackie first joined the school team as a dinner lady before developing her career over 32 to include, Communicator, Teaching Assistant, Head of EYFS, Assistant Head, Staff Governor and her most loved of all - Teacher!

She has touched the lives of many families in our community. Many of her former pupils still stop her in the street to say hello even though they are fully grown with families of their own who she has gone on to teach. Her passion and love for the children has never wavered over her career and most recently had the joy of teaching her own grandchildren Jack and Lily.

Her passion for teaching has inspired her own family with her daughter following in her footsteps and taking on her own career in the classroom, even following her to work in St. Georges too so we recently had three generations of Jackie's family in the school – herself teaching in Nursery, her Daughter (Mrs Gemma Rivers) teaching in year 2 and her granddaughter being in year 4. A truly unique and beautiful memory.

Jackie has not only been a fantastic teacher but a valued colleague, her calming presence and caring nature has meant she has often been the person to lean on in times of need and her experience, mentoring and wisdom will be missed by the whole staffing team.

As Mrs Stringer prepares to bid farewell to her teaching career, we stand in awe of her incredible contributions and the profound impact she has had on the lives of so many. Her unwavering dedication, innovative teaching methods, and heartfelt commitment to her students have left an enduring legacy. The world is undoubtedly a better place because of Mrs. Stringer's passion for teaching. As she embarks on a well-deserved retirement, we extend our deepest gratitude for her exceptional service and wish her the very best in this new chapter of her life. May her retirement be filled with joy, fulfilment, and the knowledge that she has made an immeasurable difference in the lives of everyone she came across.

We'll miss you Mrs Stringer!



Mrs Stringer at TSG!



One of her first classes as a Teaching Assistant



Mrs Stringer's final class of Ducklings



We have recently started a programme to improve opportunities for physical activity, socialisation, cooperation, coordination, resilience, creativity, imagination and enjoyment through improved play.

It is based on the idea that as well as learning through good teaching, your children also learn when they play, and as 20% of their time in school is playtime, we want to make sure that this amount of time (equivalent to 1.4 years of primary school) is as good as possible.

The benefits of play

- cognitive skills – like math and problem solving in a pretend grocery store
- physical abilities – like fundamental skills, balancing and travelling on the playground
- fitness – expending more energy and effort as they explore and engage in active play
- new vocabulary – like the words they need to play with toy dinosaurs
- social skills – like playing together in a pretend car wash
- literacy skills – like creating a menu for a pretend restaurant

Can you donate any of the following for our children?

Suitcases of any size and type

Plastic milk crates

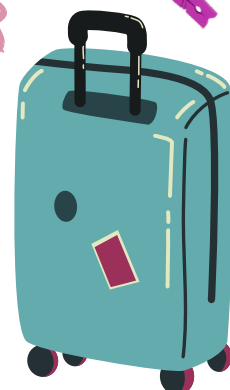
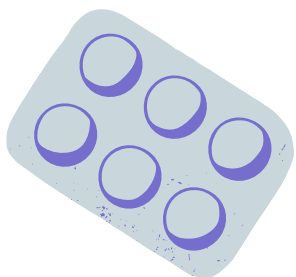
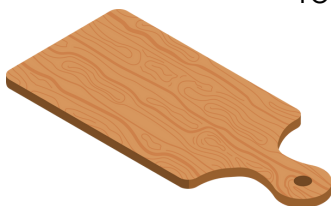
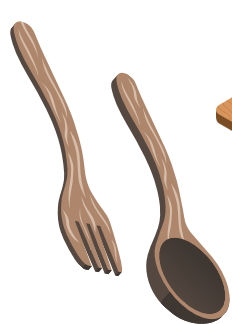
Briefcases, especially hard cased ones

Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, worktables, wooden spoons, chopping boards

Tools like spades, trowels and brooms

Pegs

Large pieces of fabric





With the summer holidays fast approaching children and young people will have more free time to spend with friends, family and online.

For some, this will be spent using the internet to keep in touch with friends, catch up with the latest apps and online trends, and playing their favourite games.

Sit down together

For parents, the summer holidays are a great chance to sit down with your children. Together you can visit their favourite sites and play their favourite games, this is a great way to stay up to date with online lives and show them that you're interested in what they are doing.

The holidays are also a good opportunity to have positive conversations about the internet, so if something ever does upset your child online they would feel more confident in confiding in you. [Our conversation starters](#) are a great tool to help encourage an open dialogue with your child.



Social media and staying in touch

During the summer holidays, young people may want to keep in touch with their friends through social networking sites or games. It's a good time to ask them about what sites they use, and check any age requirements as many social media sites require users to be at least 13 years old.



Encourage your children to use the privacy tools on the services they use, so that the content they post is only available to people they know and trust in real life. To help your children set these up, we have [a guide to the privacy settings on the different sites](#). You can also download the UK Safer Internet Centre's [safety checklists for popular sites](#) such as Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook.

Talking about their time online



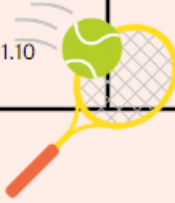
The holidays are also a good opportunity to talk to your children about their online friendships, the sites they use and encourage best practices online.

SCHOOL LUNCH CLUBS SUMMER 1

| SUMMER 1 | Monday | Tuesday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|----------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Club | Creative Writing | Maths Club | Art Club | Computing Club | Tennis Club |
| Children | Yr 2 & Yr 3 | Yr 3 & Yr 4 | Yr 1 & Yr 2 | Yr 2, Yr 3 & Yr 4 | Yr 3 & Yr 4 |
| Teacher | Mrs Heeley | Mrs Oliver | Mrs Duffy | Miss Ferguson | Mrs Julians |
| Where | Computer room | Wren Classroom | Penguin Classroom | Hummingbird Classroom | KS2 Playground |
| Time | 12.45-1.15 | 12.45-1.15 | 12.30-12.50 | 12.45-1.10 | 12.15 |

Summer 2023 Dates

| DATE | EVENT | WHERE / WHEN |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| WEDS 05.07.2023 | Year 2 Performance to Parents & Carers | 2.30 pm In school |
| THURS 06.07.2023 | Duckling Class Graduation | In school |
| FRI 07.07.2023 | End of Year reports sent home New Duckling Class Teddy Bears Picnic | |
| SAT 08.07.2023 | PTA Summer Fayre - details coming soon! | In School |
| MON 10.07.2023 | Fabulous Finish with Parents and Carers | 2pm - 3pm In School |
| TUES 11.07.2023 | Redbourne Tennis Festival - Invited children from Year 3 & 4 | Redbourne School |
| WEDS 12.07.2023 | Year 4 performance to Parents & Carers | 2.30 pm In school |
| THURS 13.07.2023 | Year 4 - Tea Party | 3.30 pm - 5pm In school |
| TUES 18.07.2023 | Class Discos | In school |
| WEDS 19.07.2023 | Enrichment Transition Days begin Yr 1 - 4 Meet the Teacher & Curriculum Corner Year 4 activity trip | In School 3.30pm & 5pm 9am - 3pm |
| WEDS 19.07 & THURS 20.07.23 | New Reception Classes stay and play sessions (book with the admin team) | In School 10am, 11am or 1pm |
| FRI 21.07.2023 | Year 4 Leavers Service with Parents & Carers Last Day of Term | 2.30pm In School |
| 01.09.23 & 04.09.23 | Training Days | |
| TUES 05.09.2023 | First day of the Autumn Term | |

BACK TO SCHOOL