



Stamford Green

Primary School and Nursery



LEARNING

Welcome to our School Newsletter - Issue 6 – January 2024

Headteacher's Headlines

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Dear Families,

The Importance of Proper Pencil Grip

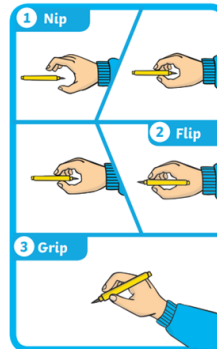
A proper pencil grip is more than just a means of achieving neat handwriting; it serves as a fundamental building block for a child's overall development. By engaging the small muscles in fingers, hands, and wrists, a good pencil grip enhances fine motor skills, providing a foundation for intricate tasks like writing and drawing.

The impact of a correct pencil grip extends into academic success, smoothing the learning process for writing and related skills. By holding a pen or pencil correctly, discomfort and fatigue during writing tasks are reduced, promoting a positive and comfortable learning experience. Starting education with the discipline of holding a pencil correctly helps learners throughout their education.

At Stamford Green, we use the 'nip-flip-grip' method of holding a pencil and a tripod grip. This is introduced to our Early Years setting and reinforced throughout the school. We would appreciate our parents and carers to support your children in using the correct pencil grip when they are writing or colouring at home.

There are also a number of other ways you can support your child to develop their writing:

- Lots of cutting with scissors – The thumb, index and middle fingers get lots of practice in working together.
- Strengthening core and shoulder muscles – This will help your child's hand and finger muscles to move more freely.
- Doing hand and finger strengthening exercises – This will build resilience and stamina.
- In essence, the seemingly simple act of teaching a proper pencil grip is a key step in unlocking a child's potential and fostering a solid foundation for their overall development as a learner.



Ms K James
English Leader

News In Brief

Staffing Update

A very warm welcome to our new members of staff.

Miss Hunnabale has joined us to teach 1B whilst Mrs Blackler is on maternity leave. She joins us from another local school and is enjoying teaching 1B.

Mrs Price has joined us and will be working in nursery part time to help and care for the children.

Mrs Bourne has joined us as a Teaching Assistant for the school and children at Sunrise will also see her in the morning.



of the week!

Y5 are mid rehearsal and 'positively, absolutely In the Mood' for tonight's Young Voices concert 🎵🎶🎤



Follow us on
[@StamfordGreen](https://www.instagram.com/StamfordGreen)



Thank you for still remembering to follow the preferred route round **Christ Church Mount** and keeping the school to your left!



PTA Post

Tuesday 16.4.24 - Eid Bubble Bursting Celebration

Thank you to the parents/carers that have volunteered to help so far. Could you spare 15 minutes to fill a slot on the timetable below please? The key job is to refill bubble liquid and use the bubble machines.

If so, email us. parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk

Class	Time	Parent Helper
2P	9.00am	
2J	9.10am	
4C	9.20am	
4MG	9.30am	Mrs Tebbett
4V	9.40am	Mrs Bardhoshi
2W	9.50am	Mrs Davenport/Mrs Bardhoshi/Mrs Tebbett
Cygnets & Swans	10.00am	Mrs Tebbett/Mrs Carlin
	10.20am	Break
	10.30am	Break
RB	10.40am	
RP	10.50am	
RM	11.00am	
TH	11.10am	
1B	11.20am	
1S	11.30am	Mrs Verdin
3J	11.40am	Mrs Verdin
3K	11.50am	
3SV	12.00pm	
5B	12.10pm	
Lunch Break		
5O	1.30pm	
5T	1.40pm	
6B	1.50pm	
6DA	2.00pm	
6L	2.10pm	



I've always wondered...

Children and Family Health Surrey has launched new videos and webpages to support toddlers, children and teenagers across Surrey with sleep. A series of four videos has been produced for parents and carers featuring NHS nurses and sleep experts.

Jointly funded by Children and Family Health Surrey and Surrey County Council, the videos are suitable for supporting the sleep of children and young people including those with additional needs and learning disabilities, and give advice, information and tips.

Visit the [Children and Family Health Surrey](https://www.childrenandfamilyhealthsurrey.co.uk) website to find out more.



Community Corner

Thank you

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

Without your efforts, we couldn't do the work we do.

To Stamford Green School
£242-42

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised £4,285.97
(6pt & 6well schools)

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal

*An amazing total from S.G.S. —
 Thank you so very much*

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Online Safety

Smartphone safety

Did you know that 1 in 3 eight-year-olds in Britain own a smartphone and that proportion rises to more than 90% by the time children reach 12?

This concerted increase – driven by factors both personal (blossoming independence) and practical (the transition to secondary school) – makes it all the more valuable for young people to know how to use such devices safely.

Follow this [link](#) to this week's online safety tweet via X (formerly known as Twitter), for a host of top tips and advice.



Pupil leadership Scoop

It has been fantastic to see our pupil leaders immerse themselves in their respective roles over the last few months. We have had the pleasure of watching our Head and Deputy Boys and Girls when speaking at open mornings to prospective parents. It was inspiring to see how they championed Stamford Green, recounting some of their favourite memories and celebrating the school. Sam D, 6L (Deputy Head Boy) said "before doing the talk I was really nervous but I felt so proud of myself afterwards". Martha G, 6L reported "I didn't feel that nervous before and I felt great afterwards. I was so happy!"

As well as this, our Year 6s have had such positive feedback from the parents they have accompanied on tours, with their excellent communication skills and manners being praised. We are very proud of Y6.



Above and Beyond

We noticed last weekend that some polystyrene had broken up and blown halfway down Manor Green Road so it was an excellent excuse to put our litter pickers to use and we managed to collect half a black bag of rubbish (not just the polystyrene bits).



We both really enjoyed it and look forward to our next picking mission! We had asked for litter pickers as birthday presents after volunteering for PTA fireworks clean up.

Thank you Megan and David for taking care of our community - we are proud of you.

If your child has gone above and beyond, and would like to be featured in the school newsletter, please send us an email and we can include them in future editions.

parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk



Governor Dispatch



I'm Viv Gery, a Parent Governor at Stamford Green. I recently met with Mrs Glaister, the Maths Subject Leader, to talk about the maths curriculum in use at Stamford Green. We also looked at speedy maths that the children complete to practise arithmetic methods. There is also a problem solving session

each week which the children are enjoying.

The staff have focused on ensuring progress for all, and some children are benefitting from small group maths sessions before registration.



Challenge Corner

What is 'palindrome'?

Look up the definition of the term 'palindrome' in a dictionary. What does it say?

Palindromes can be found:

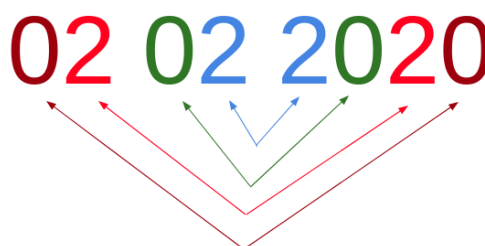
in words e.g the word 'madam'
in dates e.g. 17.1.71

Here are some examples of palindromic numbers: 161, 2889882, 482284

Can you find any more palindromic numbers?

How many are there:

between 0 and 100?
between 100 and 200?
between 0 and 1,000?



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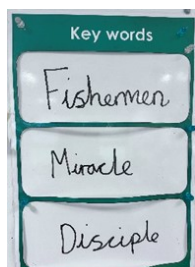
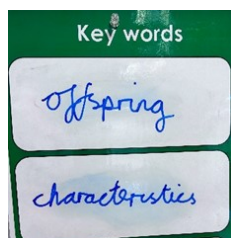
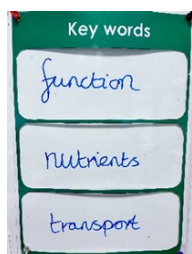
The power of words: Teaching vocabulary

A good understanding of a wide range of vocabulary supports success across the national curriculum. As a school, we value the importance of vocabulary by making the teaching of words a priority. Therefore, in every lesson at school, there is a focus on vocabulary development. Teachers ensure that they select the words that they want to teach to enable the children to know the meaning of the word, use the word confidently in discussions and in their work and use it to make links and connections with other subjects in the National Curriculum.

Within every lesson, there is a focus on three 'Tier 2' words. Tier 2 words are the words that the children will come across in written texts but may not have a clear understanding of the meaning. The Tier 2 words are introduced and taught explicitly and then used throughout the lesson and in the children's work. This helps to build both their vocabulary and their conceptual understanding of other words too.

There is a vocabulary board in every classroom that is used for each lesson. Once introduced, these words are modelled by the class teacher and used independently by the children.

These are some of the words that have been taught in science and RE today. What words has your child learnt today?



VALUES

Working together to be the best we can
Our value of the month is:

Respect

NOUN: a feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements.
SYNONYMS: esteem; honour; praise.

Respect
GIVE IT TO GET IT

Respect people's feelings. Even if it does not mean anything to you, it could mean everything to them.

This is how you can show your Respect everyday:

- Miss Swann suggests:** You treat someone how you would like to be treated.
- Evan 1H suggests:** When you listen to people.
- Juels 1B suggests:** Being nice and knowing not everyone is the same.
- Finn 1B suggests:** Being respectful to family members means you are doing the right thing.

INSPIRING AND THRIVING

HAPPINESS

Thank you to Mrs Dray and the staff who are committed to helping the children and families at Stamford Green.

Mrs Louise Druce
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14 December 2023

Dear Mrs Druce

Surrey County Council's Charter Mark Awarded for Outstanding Anti-Bullying Practice

I am delighted to notify you that, as a result of the recent assessment visit, your school has been awarded the **GOLD** Anti-Bullying Charter Mark award, and represents the school's commitment to empowering pupils, parents and staff in the area of Anti-Bullying.

The assessors were made to feel very welcome when they visited Stamford Green, and I would like to thank the staff, parents and pupils who talked to us. We scrutinised documentary evidence of policy, procedures, reporting and recording data. We also observed helpful information that advises how pupils can keep themselves safe as well as doing a learning walk which gave us a good feel for the positive ethos and appropriate behaviour within school. We met with your Anti-Bullying Co-ordinator, a group of parents/guardians/carers, your Behaviour Ambassadors, a governor and the Headteacher. This gave us a clear, overall feel for your positive values and ethos within the school and throughout your community. Your parents described your care and nurture of their children as "a big warm hug" – how wonderful to be so highly regarded by your parents.

The Charter Mark is awarded when a school meets the majority of the criteria in the bronze, silver or gold categories; these cover issues related to whole school involvement, policy, student support, curriculum and training. It was a privilege and pleasure to meet your knowledgeable and enthusiastic Behaviour Ambassadors who are certainly a credit to your school. The information you provide parents in your policy was really clear and thorough, around policy and procedures, and how incidents would be managed.

I would like to congratulate you and your staff for attaining the Surrey Anti-Bullying Charter Mark **GOLD** award. If you would like to have your certificate awarded more officially, in an assembly, please do contact me directly to arrange this, so that the whole school community can celebrate your achievement.

Yours sincerely

Tracey House
Area Specialist Teacher and Anti-Bullying Charter Mark co-ordinator
NE Surrey



What's in the News?



In the news this week

Scientists monitoring a volcano in Iceland have said an eruption could happen. The Fagradalsfjall volcano previously erupted two years ago, in 2021 - the first time in over 800 years. It is now thought that the volcano is the cause of a series of earthquakes, which started this October. An underground river of magma led to the evacuation of 4,000 people from the town of Grindavik and Iceland has declared a state of emergency. People who live there have since been allowed to return just to collect belongings, with the likelihood of eruptions remaining high.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share any prior knowledge you have about volcanoes.
- How do you imagine the people of Grindavik feel about having to leave their homes, not knowing when they will be able to go back?

Diversity Equality, Inclusion and Belonging

What could they all have in common?



Do you recognise these British people? They all share something in common - can you suggest what it is?

Answer: They were all recognized by the King in the 2024 New Year's Honours list for their inspirational actions and achievements. At 9, Charity Fundraiser Tony Hudgell is the youngest ever recipient of a BEM (British Empire Medal). Space Scientist Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock received a Damehood. Footballer Mary Earps, actor James Martin and transport worker Javed Rizwan were each awarded an MBE.

ACHIEVING - Celebrating Success



Congratulations!

A special mention to the children who have received either a Headteacher's Award and Stamford Bear or a Governors' Values Award and Buckingham Bear.



Ellie Berry	3SV	Jessica Short	1H	Phoebe West Mellor	YN	Caitlin Sheard	3K
Arlie Bardhoshi	4V	Henry Cooke	YN	Leo Price	1S	Emily Chan	2J
Thea Lowe	6B	Mason Miller	RB	Aida Devenney	YN	Ruby Clarke	RP
Christian Amado	5O	Olivia Crosby	6L	Azfareen Bajwa	5T	Elena Fagan	2W
		Emily Fraser	4MG				



Winners of Pepe the Punctuality Puppy were: **3SV & 5O 05/01**

6L & 6DA 12/01 4MG & 1S 19/01



Winners of Annabelle the Attendance Ape were: **1B & 1H 05/01**

3K & 2J 12/01 5B & 2W 19/01



- The winning House with the most values buttons was **Hookfield 05/01, Horton 12/01 and Hookfield 19/01**
- Golden Awards for good behaviour at lunchtime were awarded to lots of children but **William 5O, Aiden 5B, Grace 5B, Thomas 3J, Anya 3SV and Alex 3K, Luciana 5O, JP 3J, Ollie 4MG & Toby 3K** won the lucky dip.



Congratulations to everyone who has received a Merit Award recently:

Molly Henderson	4V	Poppy Ball	4MG
Anabelle Johnson	4C	Philip Meconi	2J
Harrison McCall	5B	Nella Pearce	1B
Felix Galliver	3J	Harry Tuck	3SV
Annabel Hornblow	5T	Cameron McLean	6DA
Amaya Solanki	1S	Charlie Maw	6L
Abigail Larner	6B	Ralph Mee	2W
Sam Whittlemore	6B	Innis Wilson	1H
Ethan Wannenburg	3K	Noelle Hayes	2P
Sofia Andruska	5O	Isabella Sharp	RP
Alexander Siddorn	RP	Ethan Meng	6L
Samual McPherson	6B	India Shepherd	6B
Sophie Masters	2P	Freddie Johnson	2W
Alexander McFarland	5O	Jonty Hogg	1H
Keaton Skelton-Thomson	1S	Micah Quao	5T
Lara Oulaghan	1B	Bella Smith	3J
Taylor Wannenburg	6DA	Harry Bailey	3SV
Birjot Makkar	4V	Teddy Smith	5B
Lacey Bryant	4C	Wally Brazil	2J
Max Casey	4MG	Freddie Green	RB
Tillie Roberts	RB	Elias Haynes	1B
Orla Shrimpton	4MG	Lilah Cornell	2J
Nevaeh Davidi	5B	Nathan Csosz	4V
Abigail Anderson	6DA	Fatima Nazir	3J
James Greenwood	4C	Eloise Chan	5T
Olivia Malhotra	3SV	Ismail Ahmed	2W
Buddy Rameshwar	1H	Evan Smith	3K
Mitilda Sumner	6B	Max Kelly	3K
Rosie Lavender	RM	Cora Brown	2P
Alaiya Appiah	RP	Omar Rahmen	6L
Nicholas Walker	5O	Alana Rock	1S

Achiever of the Week - Well done to the following children who have worn our Golden Jumpers/t-shirts recently:

Charlotte Sloman	5B	Lilly Smith	2J
Alessio Hassenally	3J	Abigail Anderson	6DA
Agnes Grunwald	4V	Meadow Di Principe	5T
Sofie Zhang	3SV	Freddie Marsden	4MG
Dylan Satow	4C	David Webb	1B
Dylan Kozlowski	1S	Heidi Laming	6L
Alexandra Lee	3K	Ashton Smith	6B
William Brown	5O	Tianyi Li	1H
Zoe Tebbett	2W	Lois Daniel	2P
Aurora Fabricius De Souza	RP	Emilia Smith	RP
Leja Paskeviciute	6L	Phoebe Young	2W
Jake Pritchard	6B	Oliver Zhao	2P
Conor Shrimpton	1S	Om Patil	5O
Benjamin Jackson	1H	Luke Barr	4MG
Liam Rutherford-Smith	2J	Blair Coleman	4C
Arlie Bardhoshi	4V	Kalya Lambert	6DA
Katie Meadows	5T	Amelie Guntarske	3SV
Adhvik Prasanna	5B	Dylan Evans	1B
Luna-Mae Brigden	3J	Dakota Douglas	RB
Catherine Rees	5T	Monir Stevenson	RB
George Crawley	3SV	Egor Sergeev	3J
Azfareen Bajwa	5T	Kyla Mekhail	4V
Mabel Balmford	2J	Leo Bezzi	4V
Darcy Pascoe	5B	Jess McLaughlin	4C
Bella Edmundson	6DA	Maisie Tuck	1B
Theodore Lee	4MG	Ethan Wannenburg	3K
Samuel Dalton	3K	Zac Fraser	1H
Daniel Ting	2W	Tomo Franklin	2P
Rocco Cardella	RM	Maia Eigelaar	RM
George Pike	RP	Lottie Breckon	1S
Barbara Sergeev	6B	Anisa Rochester	5O
John Manyak	6L		

