



STEPHEN FREEMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Everybody; Every Moment; Every Idea Counts"

February 7th 2020

We have had a really busy two weeks with all classes immersed in their learning and enjoying various events and trips.

Year Two enjoyed a class trip to the Historic Dockyard in Portsmouth.



and became Pirates for the day at school. They searched for treasure which they found in Miss Butlers office, a box filled with gold chocolate coins.



On Friday 31st January, Year 2 visited Portsmouth Historic Dockyards. They enjoyed the 'Horrible Histories' Pirate exhibition where they were taken on an adventure across the seven seas with interactive exhibits and hands-on displays. Dressed as pirates, the children had a tour of the 'Victory' the Royal Navy's famous warship. They held a real pistol and cutlass and learned how the ships surgeon used sulphur and ginger among other potions to battle disease. The Year 2 curriculum involves learning about historical figures and the trip to Portsmouth brought their lessons about Blackbeard to life.

Year 5 have been looking at the work of the Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer. He painted 'Girl with a Pearl Earring' in 1665 and the children in Egypt class have painted their own versions. As you can see they are beautiful and the children worked hard to really capture the essence of the girl in the picture.



There has been some wonderful artwork in Reception. The children have been looking at the work of the Russian artist, Kandinsky and produced this lovely picture.



Sport

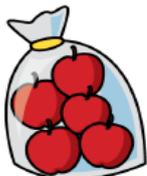
Athletics Inter-School Competition

On Tuesday 4th February, Stephen Freeman were among 9 local schools who took part in an athletics inter-school competition at Didcot Girls School. 18 Year 6 pupils were chosen to represent the school and they displayed bravery, resilience and good sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. The races included track and field events and our boys and mixed relay teams were unbeaten. We won six races in total and overall we finished in 5th place. We are really proud of our pupils who were wonderful ambassadors for the school. Thanks go to Mr Bews and Didcot Girls School for organising such a wonderful event.

Maths Challenge KS1

Apples are sold in bags of 5

Tim buys 6 bags of apples.



Tim uses 8 apples to make a pie.

How many apples does Tim have left?

Maths Challenge KS2

Mo and his four friends eat a meal.

They each pay for part of the meal.

Mo pays £5.20

Each of his friends pay £3.80

How much did the meal cost in total?

Attendance

Our target is to achieve 97% attendance, in January the figure was 95% with just one class meeting the target. It is important that we all work together to help children obtain the best possible start in life with a good education.

Miss School—Miss Out!!

Prayer Space

Members of the Great Western Church, led by Rev Mark Bodeker turned our Library into a Prayer Space this week. The theme of the week was 'Belonging' and the children created a Community Tree together. They focused on identity, the local community and our place in the world. The team embraced not only a Christian message but also respected the fact that we live in a community of difference faiths. The tree was a symbol to express the idea that like leaves on a tree we all need each other to learn and grow. Thank you to the team from Great Western Church for all your input and support this week.



Goodbye Mrs Shaw

On the last day of term, February 14th, we will be saying goodbye to one of our hard working Teaching Assistants. Mrs Shaw is leaving Stephen Freeman and moving to Carlisle to be nearer her family. She has worked with lots of children during her time at this school and we would like to say thank you and we wish the Shaw family all the very best for the future.

Dates February to April 2020

<u>February</u>		
Thailand Class Assembly	Wednesday 12th February	
Year 1 Open Classroom	Thursday 13th February	2.45 p.m.— 3.15 p.m.
Year 2 'Land Ahoy' Showcase	Thursday 13th February	3 p.m.—3.15 p.m.
PTA Valentines Disco KS1	Thursday 13th February	5.45 p.m.—6.45 p.m.
PTA Valentines Disco KS2	Thursday 13th February	7 p.m.—8 p.m.
School closes for Half Term	Friday 14th February	
School re-opens	Monday 24th February	
<u>March</u>		
Bikeability for Year 5	Monday 23rd March to Friday 27th March	
Parent's Evening	Monday 23rd March	3.30 p.m.—5.30 p.m.
Parent's Evening	Tuesday 24th March	5 p.m.—7 p.m.
<u>April</u>		
School closes for Easter Holidays	Friday 3rd April	
Easter Holidays	Monday 6th April—Friday 17th April	
School re-opens	Monday 20th April	