

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

I would like to send a huge thank you to the staff involved in all of this week's activities. It has been a wonderful week for welcoming visitors into the school and for trips out. This included Year 10 who visited the Apprenticeship Show in Milton Keynes on Thursday and Year 12 who took part in the Higher Education Conference at the Excel Centre, London, earlier this week. As well as hosting an NPQLT training day for an external training day this week, it was a pleasure to welcome the Year 5/6 class from St. John's Primary School, Lemsford, who took part in a special science taster day held at Stanborough. We hope this is the first of many more events for our local primary schools. On Monday this week, Year 11 students were part of a special assembly held by two representatives from NCS to find out about the National Citizenship Service and how they can take part in this scheme during the summer. Information on this is included over the page. To end this week, all year groups participated in a mental health lesson, as part of their life skills programme, where they learnt about the importance of speaking up and who to turn to with guest speaker Luke Whitehouse.

Headteacher's Commendations

E Bone, (Yr. 7) for going above and beyond with a History drawing of King John;

E Kalarus, (Yr.7) for writing an amazing poem in accelerated reader class;

D Antunes, C Judge, F Gibbs and E Hickey (Yr.7) for participating in the Year 7 County Maths Team Competition and achieving 3rd position;

M Hoss, (Yr.7) for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader and for achieving 3rd place in the Spelling Bee;

E Miu and E Neill (Yr.7) for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

D Haddow, (Yr. 8) for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

T Ahir, (Yr.8) for speaking so beautifully at the Year 6 into 7 Welcome Evening;

P Wadley, (Yr.8) for representing Hertfordshire in the Inter-counties Cross Country competition;

T Villiers, (Yr.8) for achieving 1st place in the Spelling Bee;

E Mann and S Giantzoudis, (Yr. 9) for performing in the Move It 2022 Dance event with FK Dance Academy;

I Aslam, (Yr.9) for achieving Best In Year for the Intermediate Maths Challenge;

M Chisholm, (Yr. 10) for speaking so beautifully at the Year 6 into 7 Welcome Evening and for participating in the Year 10 County Maths team Competition;

B Bickers and B McDonald, (Yr.10) for performing in the Move It 2022 Dance event with FK Dance Academy;

M Frimpong, (Yr10) for excellent work ethic in every maths lesson and scoring top marks in a key assessment;

A Wadley, (Yr.10) for participating in the Year 10 County Maths Team Competition and achieving Best in Year for the Intermediate Maths Challenge;

D Harrington and B Paddick (Yr.10) for participating in the Year 10 County Maths Team Competition;

R Beeharry, (Yr.10) for achieving 2nd place in the Spelling Bee;

W Parnham, (Yr. 11) for achieving Best In Year for the Intermediate Maths Challenge;

D Pietraszko, (Yr.11) for a consistently positive attitude to learning in all lessons;

I Purches, H Hussain and K Long (Yr. 12) for a consistently positive attitude to learning in all lessons;

Z Murphy, K Jeffrey and A Jennings (Yr. 13) for a consistently positive attitude to learning in all lessons.

Quote of the week:

“Peace begins with a smile..” Mother Teresa

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John

Headteacher Commendations

Well done to all the students who secured the weekly Headteacher award. We are proud of you and impressed with your dedication and commitment to do well.



Headteacher Commendations, continued....



Forthcoming Events

21st – 25th March

Week one

21 st March	Non-Uniform Day and Cake Sale in aid of The British Red Cross
22 nd March	GCSE Music Concert, Nobel School, Stevenage Handside School's Partnership Literacy Event
24 th March	Year 9 DTP/MenACWY Vaccinations
28 th March	Year 11 Motivational Study Session
29 th March	Year 10 Robot Rumble, Qualifier Event
31 st March	DEAR Time, please ensure your child brings in a book
1 st April	Last Day of Spring Term, early finish

Young Carers

Young Carers' Awareness day was on Wednesday 16th March.

"A young carer is a child or young person under the age of 18 who provides or intends to provide care for a family member or relative who is physically ill or living with mental health needs, has a disability or misuses substances."

In Stanborough we run a Young Carers lunch club and this is held on Mondays in G6. The lunch club is run by Mrs Stratton and she will be there to support our students that care for anyone at home.

This space is for registered and unregistered Young Carers, for students that have a caring role at home. If you are unsure if you are a Young Carer, please fill in the form on class charts, or contact Mrs Stratton.



Student Success

Well done to Emily, 9A, Sofia, 9A, Bella, 10A and Brooke, 10S who performed on the main stage at Move It 2022, the world's biggest dance event with FK Dance Academy – a fantastic achievement!



National Citizenship Service

Mr Sinclair, Year Leader: Year 11, writes:

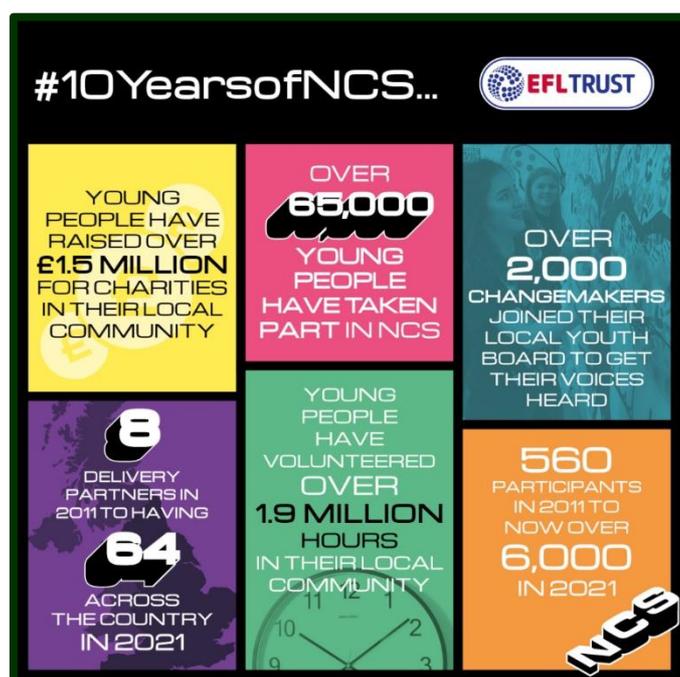
Earlier this week, two representatives from NCS (National Citizenship Service) came into Stanborough School in order to deliver a Year 11 Assembly. The National Citizen Service is a voluntary personal and social development programme for 15–17 year olds in England and Northern Ireland, funded largely by the UK Government. The purpose of the assembly was to promote a summer 2022 experience. The experience is all about emboldening young people, by giving them the buzz of being an adult (without all the responsibilities). On NCS, participants live away from home and get a taste of independence. They mix with a new crowd of people and take on exciting challenges together. The experience helps young people to develop new skills that will set them up for life after school. A fantastic opportunity, I am sure that you would agree.

Our current Year 11 students are excited about this opportunity:

'NCS seems like a great way to create memories with your friends whilst also making new friends in the process'. **Christabell Amanfo**

'NCS seems like an excellent opportunity to build core skills that are needed in every-day life in a fun way'. **Alex Snowball**

More information has been emailed home to Year 11 parents/carers this week on how to access this opportunity.



Year 5/6 visit to Stanborough for Science Week

Mr Braybrook, Deputy Headteacher, writes:

We were delighted to welcome Class 4, a combined Year 5 and 6 class from St. John's Lemsford Primary school on Tuesday 15th March. This was the first of a number of visits from local primary schools to Stanborough which will also involve Stanborough staff visiting and teaching in some primary schools.

The visit had a science theme to fit in with the school's science week. The students did a number of experiments with Mrs Mabbs in Science including a strawberry DNA experiment. After a brief snack, the students went on for a Computer Science lesson with Mrs O'Connor which involved the microbit device and a game of 'Rock-Paper-Scissors'! The Year 5 and 6 students loved the experience. We were delighted to receive the following message from Rebekah Ng their class teacher.

Hello all,

Thank you so much for organising and facilitating our visit today, including Mr Braybrook in the minibus and the refreshments at break. Year 5&6 had an amazing time - the 'best day ever' as many have said! It is such a great opportunity for our Year 6s to get a taste of secondary school life, and also for our Year 5s to get a sneak peek!

We are a girl heavy class (21 girls to 9 boys!) and it was inspiring to have our sessions led by female teachers who were so skilled and knowledgeable in their teaching areas, as well as willing to answer any and all questions. Having the chance to be taught challenging and interesting content by such role models is really motivating for all our pupils.

The content and activities were also spot on, allowing all children to feel a sense of achievement throughout the morning. All teaching staff were encouraging and positive towards the children, guiding them to succeed in their own way.

Thank you again,

They really were a delightful bunch of students and we were happy to host them. We look forward to a number of other primary-secondary liaison events to follow in the summer term.

Word of the Week

W/c 21st March

Disaffected

For example, the government's policies have disaffected the people.



Stanborough


Word of the Week

DISAFFECTED


mécontent


desafecta


Origin


DEFINE IT


USE IT

From the adjective "disaffect" meaning "lack affection for" (1620)

To affect someone or something **NEGATIVELY**

The government's policies have **disaffected** the people.

Grow and Succeed

High Expectations | Mutual Respect | Quality Learning | Success for All

Stanborough Dance Production 2022

Miss Smith, Subject Leader: Dance, writes:

On Friday 11th March, our Dance students performed in their first Dance Production in three years. The show took place at The Sandpit Theatre in St Albans with, lights, music and a real life audience!

The production showcased the talents of a wide variety of Stanborough students not only by our BTEC and RSL Dancers but also a large number of Dance Club pieces, which have all been run by our Dance Captains. I would like to congratulate them on their tremendous efforts and leadership in the weekly extra-curricular clubs. They have all been fantastic role models in the lead up to and during the show and their pieces were real highlights of the production. Well done all.

Our Dance Captains 2021 – 2022

Zoe Bruton, Scarlett Craft and Mikaela Sevillano - Year 7 & 8 Club

Ciara Keenan and Amelie Ware – Year 9 Club

Emilia Bish and Keziah Long – Year 10 Club

Caitlin Carr and Heather Underwood – Year 11 Club

Several pupils also took advantage of our audition process and there was a particularly memorable duet by Bella Bickers and Emma Banks displaying exciting choreography, a touch of humour and tons of SASS! Year 13 student Heather Underwood impressed the audience with two solos in different styles; her first an emotive piece to ‘Incomplete’ which displayed her technical skill and flawless performance. Her second was a Tap number ‘Get Up Offa That thing’ which was also performed at a high standard and a real crowd pleaser! A number of our Year 11s also performed successfully auditioned pieces, ‘Birds Set Free’ a duet by Zoe and Scarlett, ‘Feeling Good’ choreographed by Amelie Ware and ‘Nails’ a piece originally scheduled to be performed in our cancelled 2020 production ‘Peter Pan’. It was so lovely to finally see it performed on stage, well done girls! Year 8 and 9s made their Stanborough Dance Production debut with a combined audition piece which included a mixture of songs and formations.

Our 6th Form Dance class gave two excellent group performances, the first ‘Charge’ which is challenging professional repertoire from Andrew Winghart which they performed superbly and the second ‘Greased Lightning’ which opened the second half of the show with Alicia Thacker enthusiastically getting the crowd going by entering from the audience and performing a short but memorable solo before flipping back on stage! Well done girls!

Other highlights of the show were the Year 10 and 11 assessment pieces. The Year 10s performed their assessment piece ‘Emancipation of Expression’ which is a professional repertoire by Boy Blue and their performance piece ‘Need you Tonight’. Our Year 11s closed the show with their first and last performance as a whole group to ‘Youth’. It was the perfect way to end the show and say goodbye to our Year 11 leavers.

Our dance students took full advantage of performing on a professional stage at The Sandpit Theatre with excellent lighting and sound facilities, this truly enhanced their overall performance and helped make this production truly memorable.

All our dance students were a credit to themselves and the school throughout the day and during the evening’s performance. They worked extremely hard and should be very proud of all they have achieved.

Thank you Stanborough Dance.



Stanborough Dance Production 2022

Well done to all the students who got involved in the dance show. It was fabulous to watch our talented students in action. Thank you to Miss Smith our head of dance for inspiring our students.





INCLUSION

CORNER

Neurodiversity week 21st-27th March

Next week Stanborough students are revisiting what Neurodiversity means. As a school we have celebrated neurodiversity week for three years.

Neurodiversity is a term given to a group of learning and mental health differences, which are considered to be part of a normal spectrum of brain function. We have labels to describe a person's difficulties like Autism, Dyslexia and Dyspraxia.

However all these labels are simply describing a group of needs or difficulties someone is experiencing within a 'normal' framework.

What is Normal?

There is no normal. Neurodiversity helps us to see everyone as different, it helps us realise peoples potential and see their individual strengths and skills rather than focussing on what they can't do or what they find hard.



The neurodiversity of our students is very important to us.

We believe in the value and importance of neurodiversity and that individuals should be treated as unique individuals.

We do not treat labels, we look at individual needs and promote their strengths and value their differences.

Happy Neurodiversity week to all the wonderful students, parents and staff at Stanborough School.

Let's celebrate our uniqueness and support each other's wonderful diversity





The *Great Stanborough Spelling Bee*



Ms Davies, Literacy Co-ordinator, writes:

**Our very own *Stanborough Queen Bee* was crowned last week:
Taylor, 8S,
who beat all the competition to win in a nail-biting *Grand Finale* last Friday in the LRC.**

The whole process in getting to this much-coveted place in the *Grand Finale* began two weeks ago, as each tutor group completed rounds of spelling tasks until there was one overall winner and runner-up. These students then went on to compete against the rest of their *Year Groups* the following week, the winner going forward to represent their Year in the *Grand Finale*.

The success of *The Great Stanborough Spelling Bee* really does depend on the incredible teamwork of all the tutors involved, and it was thanks to them that the whole process went so smoothly.

Equally importantly was the natural enthusiasm our students displayed during the process, and it was lovely to hear tutors commenting on how much their tutees had enjoyed the task and fully embraced the challenge.

Our warmest congratulations of course, go again to our *Great Stanborough Spelling Bee*, Taylor and a huge well done too, to Rhia 10B and Maja 7SE, who both came a very worthy second and third respectively.



I caught up with Taylor after the event who told me, “*I still can’t believe it. I was quite nervous but I was amazed with myself for getting the winning word, fictitious, correct*”. Taylor tells me that it is largely due to reading every day that she won the competition. “*Reading helps me learn new vocabulary*”, she told me .. and proof – if any more were needed - that getting into regular reading habits at an early age, really does yield great rewards.

And there’s certainly nothing fictitious about that!



World Book Day 2022 Results!

Ms Davies, Literacy Co-ordinator, writes:

World Book Day Tutor Quiz

Equal 1st Ke Vi 7A
The Nest

Excellent Participation 7SE/7A

Guess Teacher's Dress-up Character

Equal 1st Kai Graham 8H & Jessica Warne 8O

Equal 3rd Oscar Delaney 8S & Tess Settle 7B

Runners Up Isobel Harrington 8S, Molly Ashley 7B & Elane Abajue 7K

Excellent Participation Yasemen Savasci 8AW, Paige Wadley 8AW,
Katie Sullivan 8B & Taylor Villiers 8S

Bake a Book Winners

1st Phoebe Spanoudakis 9O

2nd David Antunes 7B

Equal 3rd Willow Sanderson-Boyce 9O & Daniel Martin 7O

LRC World Book Day Quiz

Equal 1st Elane Abajue 7K & Emelia Hickey 7H

3rd Cecily Judge 7SM

Create and Craft

Winner David Antunes 7B

AR Quiz and Pass

Rewards given on the day

Design World Book Day Bunting/LRC

Golds awarded on the day

Best Dress-up Teacher

Mr Torindo – with 90% of the vote!!

Question of the Week

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics writes:



SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 23.03.22 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

Choose one of the two Maths GCSE questions. Send your answers with workings by email to smodi@stanborough.herts.sch.uk or on a piece of paper to the Maths Office.

Question 1

Here is triangle ABD .

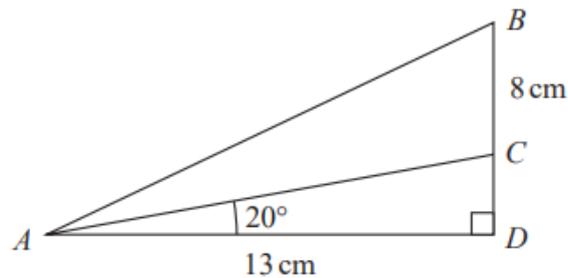


Diagram **NOT** accurately drawn

The point C lies on BD .

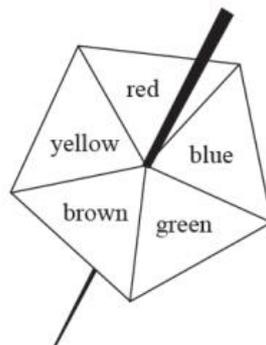
$AD = 13 \text{ cm}$ $BC = 8 \text{ cm}$ angle $ADB = 90^\circ$ angle $CAD = 20^\circ$

Calculate the size of angle BAC .

Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

Question 2

Here is a biased 5-sided spinner.



When the spinner is spun, it can land on red, blue, green, brown or yellow.

The table gives the probabilities that the spinner lands on red or on blue or on green.

Colour	red	blue	green	brown	yellow
Probability	0.15	0.26	0.33		

When the spinner is spun once, the probability that the spinner lands on brown is 0.06 more than the probability that the spinner lands on yellow.

Jenine spins the spinner 150 times.

Work out an estimate for the number of times the spinner lands on yellow.

Stanborough School

HUMANITARIAN AID **NON-UNIFORM Day** **MONDAY 21ST MARCH 2022**

Non-uniform day and year group cake sales

All Money Raised goes to:

The British Red Cross

The British Red Cross are working with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) which unites 15 member charities who are experts in humanitarian aid and specialists in different areas of disaster response



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High Expectations | Mutual Respect | Quality Learning | Success for All

'For the Children of Ukraine' Project:

Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff for donating the colouring books, pencils and felt tip pens for the children of Ukraine. We've had a tremendous response and hopefully continue to do so.

The last day that donations can be accepted is Thursday 24th March 2022 so if you can donate any unused colouring books, colouring pencils or felt tip pens, it would be greatly appreciated.

Again, A BIG thank you for your generosity!



Easter Holiday Workshops with Theatretrain

Jess Fairfield, Centre Director, Theatretrain, writes:



To book please contact : welwyn@theatretrain.co.uk

07747 608 180

01763 220 927

There are still a few spaces left in the weekly classes as follows – contact me for a free trial!

TT Tinies (3 year olds) Saturdays 12-12.45pm - £7

TT Minis (4-5 year olds) – Saturdays 9-10.30am, 10.30-12pm or 1-2.30pm - £12

TT Main School (ages 6 plus) – Saturdays 9.15-12.15pm or 12.45-3.45pm - £22

Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield Schools Partnership

There are still spaces available on the **Behaviour Themed Workshop for Parents/Carers of Children in Year 6 to Year 13**.

This workshop is next Friday 25th March, starts at 9:30am and finishes at 12:30pm.

To book a place click on the link below or scan the QR Code!

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7dQcDe8MAkOFBbqT5pKWbGXrRodoGuNFhbvX1tBQESZURDdGSUxIMk9VS05KS1RXRlhQTjZJVUZPMi4u>



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EXPLORING THE 'NEEDS
FOUNTAIN', ANGER AND THE
TEEN BRAIN.**
- **POWER STRUGGLES, RESPECT
AND BOUNDARIES.**
- **IMPORTANCE OF
COMMUNICATION, NEGOTIATION
AND COMPROMISE.**
- **CHOICES, CONSEQUENCES AND
HOW TO MANAGE MISTAKES.**

**DATE: FRIDAY 25th
MARCH 2022**

**TIME: 9:30am -
12:30pm**



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QR code.**

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