

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Hope you all enjoyed a restful half term break last week. It's nice to come back to a short week this week as tomorrow, Friday 1st March is an INSET day so school is closed to students. All our teaching and classroom based support staff will be taking part in a teaching and learning conference focussed on literacy that day, with a talk from guest speaker Alex Quigley. Here at Stanborough we have always recognised the importance of reading for our students and encourage parents to ensure their children read every day for pleasure to enhance their vocabulary and reading skills. Friday 1st March is also the day parents nationwide find out their child's secondary school placement for September. We are looking forward to welcoming our new students and parents/carers, we will make contact with all new parents early next week so please look out for an email from us with details of our welcome evening on 12th March.

Headteacher's Commendations

O Large, Yr.7 for excellent support as a 'buddy' for a new student;

S Luong, Yr.8 for producing consistently outstanding work across a number of subjects;

H Temple, Yr.9 for excellent commitment to the school show and doing all the lighting in his own time;

J Roberts, Yr.9 for excellent choreography and support to all the dancers in the school show;

T Burgess, Yr.10 for giving up her own time to support with photography and editing photos for the school show;

C Avery and O Scott, Yr.11 for excellent support given to the younger students throughout the entire school show;

S Martin, Yr.11 for directing all of the set work and gathering a team to support with the school show;

L Reding, F Young, L Watkins and N Joshi, Yr.12 for exceptional folder organisation and attitude to learning;

J Mossman, Yr.13 for great improvement in Organic Chemistry.



Quote of the week:

'We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.' Aristotle

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

4th – 8th March

Week A

1 st March	INSET Day – School closed to students
4 th – 6 th	Year 11 Mock 2 Mopping Up Sessions
5 th	French Theatre Company Performance for Years 9 & 10 Year 7 House Bake Off Competition, 3-4.30pm
7 th	World Book Day Year 10 Parents' Evening via Online video call, 3.30-6.30pm
8 th	Year 11 Parents' Revision Support Coffee Morning, 9.15-9.45am

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 7th March 2024

A reminder that Year 10 parents' evening takes place on Thursday 7th March, 3.30-6.30pm. All appointments are via an online video call. Below is a link to the booking system, this can also be found on the letter emailed home and is on our website under Useful Links:

<https://stanborough.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

We hope all Year 10 parents/carers can participate in the evening as it is an ideal opportunity to discuss your child's progress with teachers. If you have any queries please contact: parentsevening@stanborough.herts.sch.uk



National School Attendance Award

The award is an acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication of staff, pupils, parents and carers in achieving excellent attendance during the autumn term.



We want your books!

Dr Jolly, Eco School Leader, writes:

On World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, the Eco Ambassadors will be holding a BOOK SWAP in the LRC at lunchtime. This event encourages and celebrates the exchange and sharing of pre-loved items to reduce the impact on the environment and our finances!

If students have any books at home – fiction or non-fiction - that they are willing to donate they can bring them to Dr Jolly in S5 from Monday 4th March or just bring them directly to the Book Swap table in the LRC on Thursday lunchtime.

All students are welcome to select any books from our table that they wish to read – for FREE - even if they haven't donated any.

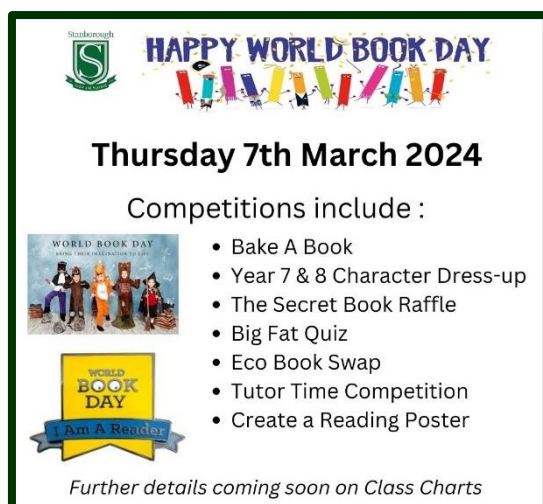
Please ensure all books are suitable for students aged 11-18.

Thank you in advance!



World Book Day 2024

Mrs Davies, Literacy Coordinator



House System update

Mr Foster, House Leader, writes:

We look forward to welcoming students and parents for our House Music competition on Thursday 21st March. The show will begin at 5pm, doors open from 4:45pm.

We have had a very busy schedule of House events during this term. We eagerly await the results of the House Chess and House Bake Off competitions.

It was great to see our competitive Year 11 and sixth form House Dodgeball completion. Congratulations to Knebworth who were our winners!

Students have also enjoyed participating in House Table Tennis. Congratulations to Sopwell who were our winners!

Next week sees the final of the bake off and Year 9 & 10 House Dodgeball.

Students are reminded to keep a close eye on the weekly bulletins and speak to their House Captains to find out what House competitions they can get involved in!





HOUSE MUSIC 2024



THURSDAY 21ST MARCH, 5PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA ARBOR

ADULTS £4

CONCESSIONS £2



PE Report 26th February 2024

Miss Novelli, PE Teacher, writes:

To reflect upon the start of 2024 we have been very busy in PE with different sporting events, competitions and matches. As we would have hoped, our Stanborough sporting performers have continued their success from last term and have achieved many excellent results.

To kick off the results, our boys have had a very successful run in their football leagues. First our Year 10 boys started us off strongly by beating Ridgeway a very convincing 7-0. Our Year 9 boys also didn't disappoint with three very strong performances. Firstly beating both Mount Grace and Sherrardswood with a very convincing lead of 8-0, and after a tough game they unfortunately lost a very tight game 1-0 to Croxley Danes despite having a very determined performance throughout the County Cup. Similarly, our Year 8 football team has also shown strength and talent in their football matches lately, firstly beating Monks Walk 3-2, also winning their county cup match vs Longdean by a confident 3-0, and finally working incredibly hard but just losing out of the semis by unfortunately losing an incredibly close 3-4 in the county plate quarter finals.

Our Year 7 boys have also done us proud during their basketball matches this term showing incredibly high score lines and great teamwork. To start us off they had an outstanding performance beating Hertswood a very impressive 51-2. They then followed by keeping up their winning streak beating Ridgeway a very close 30-28. Similarly, our Year 7 rugby team showed passion and excellence beating Owens by a staggering 50-5 in their first school match. Well done boys!

In other news we had the Cross-Country Championships a few weeks ago with a few outstanding individual performances. These athletes worked incredibly hard, showing high levels of tenacity, determination and endurance to secure an honorable place in the competition. These athletes include Harry Harris, Pietro Righetti and Maja Hoss. Well done, great effort all of you!

We look forward to our final football, rugby, basketball and netball matches this half term before the summer term approaches and the athletics and rounders season begins! Bring it on!

Mrs Harris, Joint Curriculum Leader: PE

For those of you who are interested there's a 10km race that's open to children aged 15 and over on Sunday 23rd June!



brainstrust Bass Belle 10km

- Find out more and enter online now at: brainstrust.org.uk/get-involved/bass-belle-10km/
- Closing date for entry: **Friday 7 June 2024**
- Race limit: **500 runners**
- 100% of all proceeds go to **brainstrust** and all donations on the day from the charity boxes

Race information:

- Race open to runners aged 15 and over
- Chip timing
- Bespoke medal for all finishers
- Bottled water and goodies for all finishers
- Category winners trophies and new for 2024 under 18 category trophies and trophy for the highest fundraiser

**Sunday 23 June 2024
9.30am**



Race enquiries:
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e ashley@brainstrust.org.uk
w brainstrust.org.uk/get-involved/bass-belle-10km/
f facebook.com/brainstrust

Race headquarters:
Bassingbourn Village College, South End,
Bassingbourn, Huntingdonshire, Cambridgeshire

Vacancy

Year Leader Support Officer

We wish to appoint a highly organised and efficient Year Leader Support Officer to provide confidential and effective support to the Year Leaders and Deputy Year Leaders.

Please see our website for more information,

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/vacancies/staff-vacancies/>

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JOB VACANCY

Year Leader Support Officer

CLOSING DATE :
4TH MARCH 2024, 9AM

See our website for details

Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:

SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 06.03.24 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

Send your answer with detailed workings by email to smodi@stanborough.herts.sch.uk
or on a piece of paper to the Maths Office.



Question
<p>Jamie writes down three numbers p, q and r</p> $p : q = 1 : 3$ $q : r = 6 : 5$ <p>(a) (i) Find $p : q : r$ (ii) Express p as a fraction of the total of the three numbers p, q and r</p> <p>Zimra writes down three numbers a, b and c</p> $b = 2a$ $c = 5b$ <p>(b) Find $a : c$</p>



This week's question comes from the wonderful religion of Sikhism:

What is meant by the following terms?

1. Granthi
2. Amrit
3. Gurdwara
4. Khanda
5. Karah Parshad

Please include your full name on each entry.

The answer to last week's question was:

1. What is Makkah?

Mecca, also known as Makkah is Arabic, is located in modern-day Saudi Arabia. It is the holiest city in the Islamic faith, and Muslims take a pilgrimage, or hajj, there at least once in their lifetime.

2. Tell us one thing that each of the following people did at Makkah:

- a) Ishmael: Ishmael took part in the construction. Most describe Abraham visited Ishmael a third time in Mecca, during which they raised the Kaaba. Some say Ishmael looked for a final stone, but Abraham did not accept the one he brought back.
- b) Hagar: Hagar ran between the Safa and Marwa hills in search of water for her son. After the seventh run between the two hills, after calling out, she saw an angel at the place where the Zamzam water well now stands. The incident of her running between Al-Safa and Al-Marwah hills is remembered by Muslims when they perform their Hajj (major pilgrimage) at Mecca.
- c) Abraham: Muslims believe that the Kaaba in Mecca was built by Abraham and his son Ishmael as the first house of worship on earth. The Islamic holy day 'Eid ul-Adha is celebrated in commemoration of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son on God's command, as well as the end of the Hajj pilgrimage to the Kaaba.

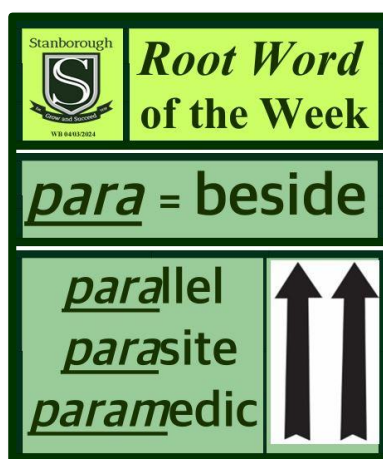
A silver award goes to:

Juan, Habib, Deborah and Esther.

Thanks for taking part.

Root Word of the Week

W/c 4th March 2024



PE Extra-Curricular Clubs

Lunch time, 1.20 – 1.55pm		Year	Location	Teacher
Monday	Badminton	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Minion
Tuesday	Basketball (free practice)	Year 7 & 8	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
Wednesday	Basketball (free practice)	Year 9, 10 & 11	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
	Dance	Year 7, 8 & 9	Gym	Miss Novelli & Mrs Harris
Thursday	Volleyball	Year 9 & 10	Sports Hall	Mr Foster
Friday	Volleyball	Year 10 & 11	Sports Hall	Mr Minion

After School, 3 – 4.15pm		Year	Location	Teacher
Monday	Basketball	Year 7	Sports Hall	Mr Foster
	CNAT P6	Year 11	TBC	Mr Minion
	Dance	All Years	Gym	Miss Novelli
Tuesday	Rugby	Year 7	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
	Netball	Year 7 & 8	Sports Hall	Mrs Harris
	Netball	Year 9 & 10	Sports Hall	Miss Novelli & Mrs Harris
Wednesday	Volleyball	Year 11 & 6 th form	Sports Hall	Mr Foster
	GCSE PE P6	Year 11	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
Thursday	Girls' Football	All Years	Sports Hall & Field	Miss Novelli
	Basketball	Year 8	Sports Hall	Mr Minion
Friday	No Clubs			

This term's sports fixtures are available to download from our website,
<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-Fixture-List-Feb24.pdf>

All our clubs and activities are listed on our website,
<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/clubs-activities/>