

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Congratulations to all our Year 6 parents and children who have a place here at Stanborough in September. We look forward to meeting our new parents at our welcome evening next week on Tuesday 12th March! We enjoyed a fun day yesterday as we celebrated world book day with competitions, quizzes and Eco book swaps by Dr Jolly, our eco schools leader. It was lovely to see so many costumes around the school as Year 7 and 8 students and staff dressed up as their favourite book character. Many thanks to Miss Davies our literacy co-ordinator for putting the day together. This week saw the launch of a work shadowing day for Year 9 students and work experience week for Year 12 students which takes place at the end of the summer term in July. Please check your email for more information and the steps your child needs to complete on Unifrog. We hope these opportunities give students an insight in to working and helps them consider their future choices. We hope this also gives the students that something extra on their CVs, for personal statements for university and to find out how people moved into the jobs they have and how they got there. Thank you to Mrs Armitage for organising this important opportunity for our students.

Headteacher's Commendations

M Stoyanov, Yr.7 for consistently outstanding effort in Geography and completing an exceptional piece of work on the rock cycle;

L Child, Yr.7 for maintaining a fantastic standard of work and going above and beyond with research in Geography;

M Paskell and J Nunn, Yr.7 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

N Luong, E Wentford-Hall, S Senaratne and A Proud, Yr.8 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

D Wan Faizul, Yr.8 for winning a Silver medal at the South East Taekwondo Opens in the Team pattern category;

T Jackson, Yr8 for demonstrating great resilience and excellent concentration across a number of lessons;

D Adesanya, Yr.9 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

P Wadley, Yr.10 for outstanding sporting achievement both in and outside of school;

N Thackeray, E Turner, L Blararu, S Parnham, M Flint, R Makombe, C Avery, C Spanoudakis, P Harris, L Holbourns, Z Printer, K Brogan, J Carter, C Ekwebelem, O Kyriacou, J Morona, J Morona, H Parkins and Q Yunus, Yr.11 for Good Mock results in History compared against target grades;

I Ibrahim, Yr.12 for demonstrating outstanding citizenship when assisting a member of the public in need.



Quote of the week:

“Do all the good you can, for all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as long as you can.”

Hilary Clinton

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

11th – 15th March 2024

Week B

11 th – 15 th	Year 13 Assessment Period
12 th	Year 6 into 7 Welcome Evening, 5pm, parents/carers only
14 th	Year 9 DTP & ACWY Mop-up Vaccinations GCSE Drama Exam Year 12 Parents Evening, online, 4-7pm
15 th	Move it Dance Exhibition Trip DofE Bronze Navigation Prep, 3-4.30pm

YEAR 6 INTO 7 WELCOME EVENING

For Parents/Carers

Tuesday 12th March, 5pm



Mrs John, Headteacher and Mrs Eracleous-Rickard, Head of Year 7 2024 will outline the programme of support and the key points essential to your child's start in September

We look forward to welcoming you!



HOUSE MUSIC 2024



THURSDAY 21ST MARCH, 5PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA ARBOR

ADULTS £4

CONCESSIONS £2



Friends of Stanborough School

Miss Ashley, School Business Manager, writes:

All interested parents/carers are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 27th March at 3:30pm

Please email kashley@stanborough.herts.sch.uk if you would like to come.

Friends of Stanborough School

FOSS is a registered charity and is a combination of parents/carers & school staff.



FOSS has been in place for 70 years and over that time has organised numerous social events for parents and staff and events for students, all of which have been enjoyed by many and also raised funds.

Some members just attend meetings, there are some that cannot always attend meetings but are happy to be part of the group and help out at some events. Members are not expected to attend all events (but are very welcome to do so!) and the more members we have means that people really can pick and choose when they are available and wanting to help out.

If you are interested in being involved or would like to find out more about this, please contact Miss Ashley, our School Business Manager, kashley@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

Student Success

Taekwondo

Damia, 8BM, competed at the South East Taekwondo Opens 2024 where the majority of the opponents were from England, Scotland and Poland. Damia managed to win a silver medal for the Team pattern category. Well done, Damia!



First Aid Workshop

Mrs S Stratton, Assistant Senco, writes:

Some of our young carers attended a first aid awareness workshop run by Chris Lowin from Clear Aid. Students were advised how to make a '999' call, when to make the call and what information they need to give the operator. Young carers gained useful knowledge about useful apps like 'What 3 words' to help them if they were out in the community with the person they care for and were unsure of their location.

Young carers learnt how to do CPR and the importance of mainly focusing on compressions. Chris Lowin also educated our young carers on what to do and how to treat cuts and burns in the home.

Our young carers enjoyed the workshop and left feeling more confident.



Cloning Cauliflower

Mrs G Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

Here at Stanborough school, our Year 13 students have cloned new life - unlike Dolly, they didn't clone a sheep, nor, due to their impeccable moral fibre, did they choose to clone a human! Instead, they have cloned cauliflowers, which we are transferring to soil and continuing to grow in the lab!

This is another excellent example of how students have learned practical applications of Biology that could solve real-world problems (such as food shortages) and modern technological skills!

Please keep a look-out for the weekly growth progress. Well done, Stanborough Biologists!



The Great Stanborough Bake Off 2024

Mrs Maddi Brittain, Learning Support Teacher, writes:

This term, we saw the return of the Y7 house competition, The Great Stanborough Bake Off. Students were invited to create a cake inspired by something associated with their house team. The entries demonstrated great originality and skill.



Only one baker from each house could be selected as a finalist and went on to represent their house in the live Bake Off final on Tuesday 5th March 2024. Some notable entries that didn't quite get through but are to be highly commended were from: Cody Farrow, Brooke Mizon, Kaitlin Hawkins, Madeleine Waeland and Hadleigh Goddard.

The live final was impressive. The students were asked to design and produce cupcakes. They had all prepared thoroughly and planned thoughtful and imaginative cakes. It was a pleasure to watch them work skilfully and independently despite a few technical issues with the new ovens!



Thanks to Mrs Beverstock who provided invaluable support during the afternoon at short notice and who had the pleasure of becoming our guest judge. It was immensely difficult to choose a winner and we now understand how the judges feel on the television show. The final four had all demonstrated something special but there could only be one star baker. The final results were:

- 1st - Holly Hunt (Sopwell) with her "Spring" themed cupcakes.
- 2nd - Eva Stroud (Hatfield) with her "The Nests" Easter-themed cupcakes.
- 3rd - Edward Kane (Brocket) with his creative "Campfire Cupcakes."
- 4th - Finley Ellis (Knebworth) with his computing-inspired "Blooket" cupcakes.

Congratulations to everyone who entered the competition. Thanks to Mrs Brittain, Mrs Beverstock, Miss Hagan and Mr Beevor for organising the final and parents for supporting students with the event.



Maths Competitions Galore!

Mrs Coldwell, Extracurricular Leader: Mathematics, writes:

Students have been taking part in a range of team and individual competitions over the last few weeks with more still to come. Achievements so far have been impressive and we look forward to even more success.

The UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge took place on Wednesday 31st January and involved 57 of our Y9, Y10 and Y11 students. Martha Flint (11KK) and Alec Lowe (10BM) both earned Gold Certificates and qualified for Kangaroo follow-on rounds. Fraser Gibbs earned a Silver Certificate and a place in the Kangaroo follow-on round. Silver Certificates also went to Chennai Avery (11SE), David Antunes (9BM), Ollie Thornton (11BM), Kateryna Kostiuhenko (11HM), Zara Millar (10HM), Siya Hirani (10KL), Isobel Harrington (10SM), Yasemen Savasci (10BM), Fraser Macdonald (10KL), Jasper Robinson (9SM), Olti Skenderi (9BM), Olivia Scott (11BP), Raphael Sevillano (9SE), Cait McIntosh (9SM), Jamie Merrill (11KL), Waiswa Abdalla (10HC) and Tahmid Halal (11KK). Kara Chauhan (11BM), Trisha Ahir (10BP), Moses Mbokolo (10HM), Maja Hoss (9SE), Navil Ahmed (11BP), Oliver Model-Shepherd (10BM), Honor Beverstock (10HM), Robert Winnie (9KL), Rebecca Sanders (10BM), Aeron Senaratne (11HC), Chidera Isiguzo (11SE), Serkan Savasci (10SM), Zara Printer (11BM), Mia Perry (11HM), Nadine Benhacene (11HC), Charles Perrott (9HC), Cecily Judge (9SM) and Noah Paddick (9SE) all received Bronze Certificates. We look forward to both the follow-on round taking place on 21st March and the Junior Maths Challenge for Years 7 & 8 which takes place on 25th April.

On Wednesday 28th February, three teams from Stanborough competed in the County Year 7 Team Maths Challenge. The competition was livestreamed, so Sophia Muca, Tyrone Marima, Riyaansh Matthew, Michael Lines, Alban Wadley, Edward Kane, Sophie Lawson, Tymek Buglewski, Nia Saunders, Lucas Gomes, Bethany Redmond and Logan Humbles gathered in G2 to organise themselves into teams and practise questions before the competition started at 3:30. There were four rounds- two on general maths, a memory round and an estimation round. All three Stanborough teams performed well, coming in the top half of the 32 teams taking part. The team of Logan, Lucas, Michael and Riyaansh came 6th overall which may be enough to qualify for the final in Stevenage in April. Their strong performance was due largely to exceptional accuracy in the two general maths rounds. Meanwhile, the team of Alban, Edward, Tymek and Tyrone scored very highly in both the first general maths round and the estimation round, while Bethany, Nia, Sophia and Sophie did incredibly well in the memory round and came 11th overall. Year 8s will have their turn at a similar competition in April.

There's more to come in the weeks ahead when Year 10s will take part in an online "Maths Feast" on 19th March. And don't forget the maths competitions coming up next week when Thursday is Pi Day (3/14 in m/dd format).

"The maths challenge was very enjoyable, especially the memory round which was very exciting." Michael Lines, 7BM

"It was fun, exciting and nerve-wracking." Lucas Gomes, 7BM

"This event was so fun and I had lots of fun doing challenging and great maths questions." Riyaansh Mathew, 7BP



Thank you!

The Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield Local Schools Partnership would like to express their gratitude and thanks to the parents, carers, school staff and students at Stanborough school for organizing the recent clothes and hygiene bank drive. The large number of donated clothes and hygiene products have been sorted and organised by students at Stanborough and will soon be making their way to in need families in Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield. On behalf of the beneficiaries, we would like to express thanks to all those who have contributed.



Question of the Week

RPE/CSE

Mr Damian McCarthy, 11SE Tutor, Teacher of RPE, CSE and Finance, writes:

This week's question is from Christianity:

Why do Christians usually meet for worship on a Sunday?

Remember to include your full name and year on every answer you submit.



The answers to last week's questions are:

1. Granthi : A person, female or male, of the Sikh religion who is a ceremonial reader of the Guru Granthi Sahib, which is the holy book in Sikhism, often read to worshippers at the Sikh temples called a Gurdwara.
2. Amrit: literally means "nectar." When referring to the Khanda-ki-Pahul ceremony, the Amrit is composed of water and sugar and is stirred with a double-edged sword (Khanda) while prayers are said. Initiation into Khalsa domain involves the taking of Amrit. It is the word used to refer to this holy water used in the baptism ceremony by the Sikhs. It is believed that this word is derived from the Sanskrit word 'Amrita'.
3. Gurdwara: A Gurdwara is the place where Sikhs come together for congregational worship.
4. Khanda: The Khanda is the symbol of the Sikh faith (Sikhism) which attained its current form around the 1930s during the Ghadar Movement.
5. Karah Parshad: In Sikhism Karah Parshad is alternatively known as Deg or Degh (literally meaning "cooking pot"), is a type of whole wheat flour halva made with equal portions of whole-wheat flour, clarified butter, and sugar and double quantity of water. It is offered to all visitors to the Darbar Sahib in a Gurdwara.

A silver award goes to:

Suhani, Harry, Deborah, Michael, Esther and Juan.

Well done to you all. Thanks for taking part.

Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 13.03.24 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

There are 240 cans of drink on a shelf.
Each can contains cola or lemonade or orange.

the number of cans of cola : the number of cans of lemonade : the number of cans of orange = 5:3:2

$\frac{1}{2}$ of the cans of lemonade and $\frac{1}{12}$ of the cans of orange are removed from the shelf.


Work out the number of cans of cola as a percentage of the total number of cans of drink remaining on the shelf.

International Maths Day, Thursday 14th March - House Competition

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:

Root Word of the Week


W/c 11th March 2024



Root Word
of the Week

pan = all

pandemic
pantheon





House Competition

It's 'International Maths Day'
on March 14, 2024 ...



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37510582097494459230781
64062862089986280348253
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306647093844609550582...

To celebrate International Maths Day, the Maths Faculty
is inviting all students to take part in '*memorise and recite pi*'
competition.

You must be able to recite at least 10 digits of pi
to win House points

Come along to G8 on Thursday 14.03/Friday 15.03
at lunch time to put your memory to test

How far can you go?

... plus, there will be a competition during form time and
a puzzle to solve which will be shared via ClassCharts
during w.b. 11.03

All competitions are worth House points

Easter Hamper Appeal

Mrs Bodrozic, Lead School Family Worker, writes:

As Easter approaches, we are launching an Easter hamper shoebox appeal. If you are able to add a few items to your shopping list such as Easter biscuits, Easter eggs/chocolate and store cupboard items such as soup, beans, pasta, rice etc for families in need in our community it would make all the difference to a child's Easter.

Ideally, we are asking for items to be put together in a shoe box and brought to the main office at Stanborough school by Friday 22nd March.

Thank you for your support.



Information Session for Parents/Carers New to Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield

Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield Schools Partnership

This Information session is aimed at parents/carers new to the area. The aim is to signpost local services & support that some might not be aware of.

If you are new to the United Kingdom or new to Welwyn Garden City/Hatfield you are encouraged to attend.



Youth Violence & Online Safety Community Awareness Session - 25th March

Community Safety Partnership Team, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

The upcoming Community Awareness Session in partnership with Onslow St Audrey's Secondary School is on Monday 25th March from 5.45pm.

The sessions are aimed at parents, guardians, professionals and the wider community. They will be focus on how we can protect young people from youth violence and exploitation as well as how to keep young people safe online.

To book a place please visit: <https://WelHatCommunityAwareness.eventbrite.co.uk>

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/>