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# FUN TIMES



#### Written by the children, for the children

Welcome to Stedham Primary School's brand new newspaper, written by the children in Foxes class, for every child at the school

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# Curriculum Highlights at Stedham Primary School

Spring Term

Rabbits this term, have been focusing on the old city of London. They have drawn the stretched-out, the Gherkin. It has 38 floors. Another area that they enjoyed learning about the iconic red post boxes. Rabbits have worked hard on their art, writing and computing. Ava has produced a lovely piece of art in their topic of self-portraits. Abi has written an explanation on her Lego bridge that she built and how she built it.

**Hedgehogs** have also been learning about tea and how it was created. A man was drinking hot water when suddenly a gust of wind blew a leaf into his cup. He must have not noticed, as he took multiple Sips and really enjoyed it. Later that Year, he decided to share the new creation with the world. Soon many people tried it and then it became a new drink in world. Art has been one of the focus areas in Hedgehogs class. They looked at impressionist paintings such as Claude Monet's water lilies. Each pupil has recreated the famous painting. They have also been working on Thank you cards for Rajah and the troops to thank him for the glowing leaves he picked.

Foxes The main craze in Foxes is all of the sporting events at MRC, and the Rother Valley Arts Festival. Mexico has been a topic this term and the class decided to create a make-shift Mexican café. They served delicious homemade nachos. They learned home economic skills, like how to use a sharp knife and other sharp utensils safely and how to boil water. Foxes have been learning about William Shakespeare's romance tragedy: Romeo and Juliet and, last term, wrote a diary entry as one of the star-crossed lovers. This term we have been writing a non-chronological report on Mexican cuisine When the topic finished, on Wednesday 22nd March they created a lovely restaurant serving nachos to the school and parents.



A brilliant piece of work!



We had a visit from a world famous author during our book day celebrations- more on page 2

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# **Valentines Day!**

We Loved the Cake Sale and Disco

The day after the Valentines Disco, FOSS ran a cake sale that parents contributed to by bringing cakes to the sale and buying raffle prizes.

Here are just some of responses from pupils: Elise said: "I enjoyed looking at all the cakes and bought a delicious biscuit".

Harriet shared, "I got a chocolate cupcake and liked the fact that people came to my school". Lulu said: "I liked that my mum tried to win the raffle, the prize for the raffle was a red velvet cake with strawberry flakes and pink icing.

#### **DISCO FEVER**

The Valentines disco took place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. The FOSS team did a great job of organizing the wonderful night.

The hall was decorated with heart shaped balloons, multicolored disco lights, heart garlands and tablecloths fit for a king.

The food was delicious and included: pizza, sandwiches, Love hearts and Haribos, chocolate fingers and crisps.

Outside of the great music we also got to play games including pin the tail on the fox, musical statues and the conga. It was a great evening!







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## **Exciting Times at Stedham**

We had a brilliant time this term!

#### Mother's Day Gift Sale

On Friday 17th March FOSS kindly very organized Mother's day gift shop in the They brought many hall. exciting gifts that you would buy for £5.00 in a shop however, at Stedham Primary School, you could buy a gift for £2.00. With Mother's Day gifts and Mother's Day cards made at school. We felt we were well prepared to make our Mum's smile on Mother's Day.

#### **Smarty Challenge**

The 'Smarty Challenge' was a great event planned by FOSS. The challenge was to earn 20 pence pieces by helping out with jobs at home. The children shared that they had to make their beds, tidy their room, walk the dog and other cleaning jobs. be creative with a smarty tube. Autumn said "I liked it because you had a chance to win a prize" The competition winners were:

- Lacy who made a delightful white bunny
- Cameron who made a colorful rocket
- Alana who made an octopus in its own sea habitat

#### **Science Day**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> February we had a Science Boffin come to our school and share his knowledge of science with us. He showed us illusions and told us how magicians are different from scientists. Each class had a workshop with the Science Boffin. Rabbits went first, then Foxes and then Hedgehogs. We all had a great day but our favorite activity was making slime.



We had a blast!



Dressing up as our favourite characters!

# **World Book Day!**

World Book Day was only one of many reading activities planned to celebrate reading and books during the week. We had the chance to earn 'double house points' on reading that week which meant we had more Reading Rockets shared in our celebration assembly than ever before! Early in the week, all parents were invited to celebrate reading by coming into the hall to read with their children. It was really special as the hall was decorated especially for the event. Lounging chairs, cushions and soft mats were laid out for everyone to relax as they read. There was even a blazing fire put on to the screen! Of course, some parents sadly couldn't come to the event so those children joined up with other parents or teachers to listen to or read their books. It was so much fun.

On the actual day of |World Book Day we had a brilliant experience getting dressed-up as our most beloved book characters from a book of our choice. \_There were quite a lot of Mary Poppins and two Hermione Grangers, [which was surprising, because Hermione is usually fairly popular]. commented, saying, "I was dressed up as a mermaid and I enjoyed it when the teachers read to me." Anya said, "I was Matilda and I liked the fact that I got to dress up as my favorite book character." Willow explained, "I was Mary Poppins and I liked that we got to put a picture of our costumes on the wall."\_World book day is highly celebrated tradition that should continue for many years.

#### **RED NOSE DAY!**

What a funny day!

Red Nose Day took place on 17<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils were invited to wear anything they wanted as long as it was red. The theme this year: Little things can make a BIG difference! In assembly, we learnt about the how the money raised helps support individuals and families who have needs. It was quite surprising to learn how many people can be helped by a small donation of money. We were given 'Red Nose' stickers and had class photographs taken to mark the occasion. Stedham raised £39 which contributed to the total UK amount raised, over £35 million.



Everyone loves Red Nose day!

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#### Sporting Events At Midhurst Rother College

The latest updates



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The first event of the Spring term:

**Quad Athletics: 20th January** 

There were two teams:

First Team Second Team

- Elsa
- Mimi
- Isla
- Alana

Olivia

- Lulu
- Navenaa

Unfortunately, one player was ill that day so Olivia had to sub in. The events were vortex throw, 600m run, standing long jump and 75m sprint.

Cross Country: 3<sup>rd</sup> February Mr. Meaby took years 3,5 and 6 to the football pitch at Common View play park 2 weeks before the event. He set distances to test our abilities to decide who would represent Stedham at the actual tournament. The runners he chose were:

- Elsa
- Alana
- Isla
- Emelia
- Mimi
- Cameron

Charlotte

- JewelWillow
- Lulu
- Harriet
  - et Zico
- Anya

Tag Rugby: 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Stedham worked hard during the 3 weeks before the tournament. We won 3 matches and drew 1. It was a shame that it was a festival and not a competition however, as this would have been the first event where we would have won trophies or medals. We still really enjoyed it!

Netball: 24<sup>th</sup> March: Netball was the most recent tournament at MRC. We have a pro netballer at school, Charlotte, who was thrilled when she found out that she got on the team "I was really happy because I loved netball at my previous school and I wanted to share my skills, tricks and abilities!" The team won 2 games out of 6 matches. Although they didn't win all the games they still had a lot of fun.



We had so much fun at netball!

#### **Marvellous Music**

All the music at Stedham at the moment...

Music has featured heavily this term with music lessons from Mrs. Tollington, our weekly lunch-time choir with Mrs. Dinnis, specialist ukulele lessons with Mrs. Van Brocken and private music lessons in guitar, drumming, piano and singing.

Hedgehogs have been busy, over the last 10 weeks, learning how to play the ukulele. They then performed in front of the whole school and their families. Not only have they learned how to play a new instrument but they have had an exciting experience at the Year 3 All sing at MRC with other Year 3's across Rother Valley.

The Stedham Starlets went to MRC on Friday 24th March for the Rother Arts Festival. There were 14 acts by 12 different schools. Pupils sang and danced, a little girl was brave enough to sing an entire solo in front of nearly 400 people. We loved delivering our performance and the evening was magical. The term finished off with a world tour by guitarists Emelia and Isla, who performed to every class with Jamie in support.

#### **Christingles**



Christingles are an important part of Christianity and this term we had the chance to make our own Christingles. Lulu said, "We got to eat the marsh mallows at the end and I liked it when we got to make the Christingles." Charlotte said, "I enjoyed making them and lighting them was really fun." Mimi said, "Learning how to make them encouraged people to make them at home!" Crafting the Christingles was a fun and creative experience for everyone at Stedham.

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### Clubs, Clubs

What's going on after schools?

We've really enjoyed the variety of clubs the school has put on this term. There has never been so many brightly coloured knitted scarves and head bands around the school. Mrs. Sates has taught the children really well and her lunchtime club has got very popular.



With our Early Morning club, choir, Aspire Sports club and Wednesday's after school club we have lots of opportunity for additional fun outside of class time.

We're looking forward to these clubs next term.

