

'Nurture Inspire Discover Create'



Stathern Primary School
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Dear parents, pupils and members of the community, welcome to our February newsletter.

First of all can I apologise for narrowly missing the deadline and sending out our February Newsletter in March! I would also like to thank everybody for their kind words and understanding around the news that I will be moving on in September. Stathern Primary School is such a fantastic place and I will be sad to say goodbye but secure in the knowledge that the superb team here will make sure it only gets better! I really enjoyed attending the Science Show and presentations by children in Class 3 recently. Children from three different schools presented their findings from science questions posed by each other in front of a large audience – it was a really positive experience. Neil's Science Theatre was a really inspiring look at how things might look in the future along with a wonderful collection of 'wow' moments! We also had the pleasure of receiving the Inspire + Olympic Torch from pupils at Harby School. We were reminded of the Olympic Values and children from our school led the assembly with confidence and energy. Four of our young ambassadors then passed on the torch to Buckminster Primary School the day after. These two events really reminded me just how many opportunities the children have and how much character, skill and passion they show us on a regular basis. This was definitely the case at this year's Sky Dance Challenge – how wonderful to see all our children performing so well! *Mr Lee*

Year 3/4 Science Show @ Launde



Inspire + Legacy Tour – Celebrating the Values of the Olympic and Para-Olympic Games



Dates and Things to Remember:

- YR 4 PGL Half Day – Tue 3rd Mar – 1-4pm
- YR 2 Residential @ Beaumanor Hall – Tue 10th & Wed 11th March
- YR 4 Vale Choir – Wed 11th March – Day time rehearsal & 7pm Performance *
- Parents Evening – Wed 25th & Thurs 26th March – 3:15pm-6pm *
- Celebration & Easter Assembly @ St Guthlacs – TBC*
*Parents welcome

Sports, Health and Well Being Update

A huge well done to all our Key Stage 2 children for taking to the stage in Melton and representing school so well at the Sky Dance challenge. The school won several awards including 'Best Overall Performance' and 'Most Organised' and finished in the top two in their heat and the top six overall.

Well done to our cross country runners who competed at the County Championships at the weekend. Results included Megan who finished 29th, Noah who finished 43rd and Arthur who finished 40th. In difficult conditions and against a three figure national field, these are great achievements!

Governor Corner – Mark Fowler

Hello, I'm Mark Fowler and I'm a relatively new governor here at Stathern Primary School. I've lived in Stathern since 2006 when I moved here with my wife (and cats) from Glenfield on the outskirts of Leicester. I've recently retired from full-time employment at a local University where I was a Professor of Forensic Science and Associate Head of the School of Pharmacy, but I continue to lecture on a part-time basis, assess forensic science provision in the UK and internationally and also try to grow vegetables for a local restaurant. My interests include tending my allotments, photography, history, travel and music.

I'm a passionate believer in education and the power it has to improve lives; the start we give to children is incredibly important. This is my second stint as a school governor following a period at a large, inner-city community college in Leicester; things are a bit different in Stathern! Whilst relatively new to Stathern Primary School as I say I'm already immensely impressed with the people there, the ethos and most of all the pupils. I'm looking forward to working with the staff and pupils of the school and in particular looking at Early Years Foundation Stage and Religious Education.

Regards, Mark