

## Year 5 at Standon Bowers

Our Year 5 children have had a wonderful time at Standon Bowers. With plenty of hearty breakfasts and hot chocolates to give them energy for their fun-filled busy days. They have been challenged to build watertight, comfortable, sturdy shelters to fit their teams in whereby the children came up with lots of interesting ideas using resources from their surroundings. They have been caving and on an interesting night walk where they learnt about the country code.



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## 'Keep Britain Tidy' Campaign

We wanted to share some lovely photos of two of our children from Year 2 litter picking to support the 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign 'Great British Spring Clean'.

Well done boys helping to keep the community litter-free!



## Nursery Phonics Meeting

Thank you to those that attended the Nursery phonics meeting on Tuesday. It was a wonderful turnout and we hope you found it useful.

We have sent out the booklet and PowerPoint presentation via ParentMail.



## Sporting Clubs

Please note there will be no sporting clubs for the 2 weeks after Easter.

New clubs will be announced shortly.

Many thanks.



Our School Attendance Target is **96%**

This terms attendance is **95.6%** which is **below** our school target.

Reception	94.5%
Year One	95.2%
Year Two	95.2%
Year Three	97.1%
Year Four	95.1%
Year Five	96.4%
Year Six	95.7%

**Don't forget!**

**Half Term**

25th March to 5th April

Back to School 8th April

## Menu Changes & Tuck

We have made some changes to our menus for when we come back after Easter, ParentPay has been updated.

Also, after we come back ice ollies will replace milkshakes for tuck and we will be re-introducing breakfast pots.



## Nursery Offers

Nursery places have been offered earlier this week. Please can you reply no later than 26th April to [admissions@oakridge.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@oakridge.staffs.sch.uk)



## Year 3 and 4 Liverpool Visit

On 2nd May our Year 3 and 4 children have the opportunity to visit Liverpool as part of their geography unit. The visit will deepen the children's geography understanding of 'Why is Liverpool a gateway to the world?'. During the day the children will take part in workshops provided by museum experts, a ferry trip along the Mersey and an art activity led by Mrs Holland.

We will be leaving school at 8.00am and leaving Liverpool at approximately 3.15pm. Therefore, we aim to be back at school for around 5pm. All children will need a snack and a packed lunch for dinnertime, could you please put these in a backpack so the children's hands can be kept free.

We rely heavily on contributions to enable these wonderful enrichment experiences to take place. If you haven't done so already please give consent via ParentPay, many thanks.

## Ireland Cancellation



Unfortunately, it is with great sadness that we have had to cancel our Year 6 trip to Ireland this year. Despite our very best efforts, due to both financial and logistical challenges the trip is no longer a viable option.

As a school we have already invested a significant amount of time in planning this visit and we are all incredibly disappointed that the visit will not be going ahead this year.



Alternate arrangements have now been made and the children will be going to the PGL Adventure Centre at Boreatton Park in Shropshire. Refunds have been processed, as requested, to ParentPay accounts.



## Year 6 Art at Walton High School

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Year 6 visited Walton High School for an Art session. This is as a part of their transition process to enable all the class to gain experience of a range of KS3 lessons and become familiar with the teachers and layout of the school. They got to take a look around the art department and then designed Lego figures inspired by pop artists.



## Sporting Fixtures after Easter

- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Year 5/6 Netball at Stafford Grammar
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Year 3 / 4 Football Match at All Saints First School
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Year 5/6 3<sup>rd</sup> Cross Country Run at Stafford Grammar
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Year 5/6 Girls Football Competition at Oakridge
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Year 4 Football Tournament at Leasowes
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Year 5 Football Tournament at Leasowes
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Year 6 Football Tournament at Leasowes
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April - Year 5 Boys and Girls Cross Country at Stafford Grammar
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Year 5/6 Tag Rugby at Stafford Rugby Club



## Year 4 at Gladstone Potteries

Year 4 had a wonderful time visiting Gladstone Potteries on Tuesday as part of their knowledge and understanding, "What's special about the potteries?" The visit deepened their understanding of both the historical and geographical aspects of Stoke-on-Trent. They also learnt about this famous pottery industry and made their own piece of pottery to bring home.





# Poem of the Week

## Cow in the Cornflakes

By Margot Henderson

Mum, there's a cow in my cornflakes.  
Don't be silly, darling, how could a cow fit in?  
Mum, there is a cow in my cornflakes.  
It's the cow the milk was in.

Mum, there's sea in my fish fingers.  
Don't be silly, darling, a sea couldn't possibly fit in.  
Mum, there is a sea in my fish fingers.  
It's the sea the fish swam in.

Mum, there's a farmer in my egg cup  
He fed the hen the grain.  
Mum, there's a cloud in your tea cup  
It was the cloud that held the rain.

Mum, everything's in everything  
It's all joined up together  
There's a mountain in my sand pit  
And a whole sky in a feather.

From Michael Rosen's A to Z The Best Children's Poetry From Agard to Zephaniah