

Friday Flyer

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Date: Friday 14th June 2024

Edition 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Every fortnight, we will be sending home a 'Friday Flyer'. This is an opportunity for us to communicate and share all of the wonderful things that have happened and are upcoming.

What a fantastic first full week back we have had.

This has included visits from prospective pupils who will be starting with us in September.

It was wonderful to see how kind our children were in welcoming our guests, ranging from sharing lunch together to building a planter for the sensory garden.

As a school, we realise how important change can be to our young people. As we continue to grow over the coming months, we will continue to support our young people in preparation for any changes they may encounter.



Snowdrop Class

Well done Snowdrops Class! We are seeing such fantastic progress, and we are getting some great learning done. We have just started a new topic in science and will be looking at the structure of plants this term. We planted broad bean plants last week, so will be monitoring their progress as they grow, and will be looking at more plants and flowers this term. In Maths we are working on capacity and volume; children have been enjoying water play and making potions to explore capacity and volume and using key vocabulary, including the words full, empty, half and quarter. In English we will be exploring non-fiction books; so hopefully the children will bring lots of facts and information home with them. We are very excited about the term ahead.



Snowdrop class are learning about plants and are growing broad bean plants to plant into the Sensory Garden.

Bluebell Class

We have had a great start of term with some amazing work being completed. In science we have been investigating the structures of plants and using Lego to build some amazing plant-based structures. In Maths we are calculating volume and capacity exploring and accurately measuring liquids.

In English we are investigating non-fiction books. We are looking at how these books are structured and how they contain a lot of information. We have been exploring the layout of non-fiction books, to include front cover, title, contents, information and glossary.

Mrs Asad, Mrs Hussain and Mrs Abbott



Bluebell class creating Lego plant-based structures

Feature: Staff training day 'Trauma informed Schools training'; led by Dr. Jenny Nock.

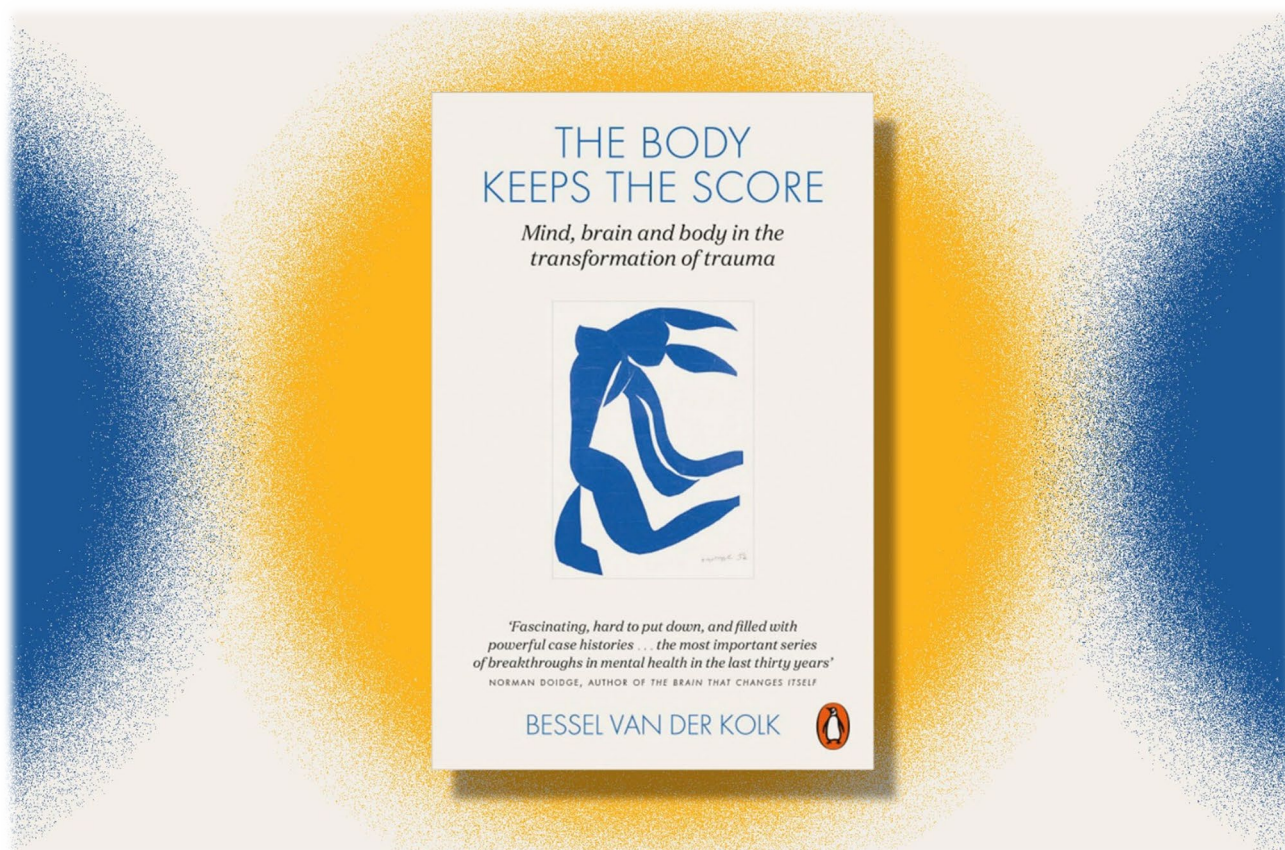
Here at Stannard School, we value our staff receiving good quality continued professional development. On Monday 3rd June, we travelled as a team to Easthorpe School, Nottinghamshire. We were on the other side of the classroom! The session was delivered by Dr. Jenny Nock, entitled 'Trauma Informed Schools training.' The sessions focused on the importance of understanding how and why a child may behave in a certain way; a big emphasis was on understanding the neurodiverse structure of the brain; and how trauma may well impact on this.

We learned that there were three main areas of the brain

- Primitive (can store developmental trauma / sensory somatic dissociation)
- Limbic and Mid-brain (attachments, emotional regulation and behavioural regulation)
- Cortical (Self-esteem; cognitive challenges; fully develops by aged 27).

We now use this information to inform our practice and it justifies the importance of building relationships with all pupils and using a graduated approach to joining Stannard school.

If you fancy reading around this fascinating area, then a book called 'The Body Keeps the Score' by Bessel Van der Kolk was highly recommended.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance is moving in the right direction!

Ongoing school attendance in June is 85%. This is slightly below our first target point of 90%, but an improvement on 80% in April/May. Attending school will help our young people to thrive.



Travelling to and from School.

We are delighted that the vast majority of pupils arrive ready to learn and leave school on a happy note. It is natural that from time to time, the journey into school may not be quite as expected. To help support a calm arrival, as parents and carers, please take a few simple steps to help. Do check your child's bag to ensure they are only bringing correct items to school. Remind them that they may be sharing a taxi so be kind to each other and to try your best in arriving calmly to school. Encourage patience if there is a delay in the journey.

If you do have feedback for the local authorities that coordinate transport, then contact them directly using the details below:

Central Bedfordshire: 0300 300 8339

Luton: 01582 547219

If you wish to discuss further, please contact the school office on 01582 824742.

Staffing news

Sorry to see you go...

We are sorry to see Mrs Bailey, TA for Snowdrops and Forest School lead, leaving us after a term.

Whilst only in the role for a short while, Mrs Bailey has supported and created some memorable learning experiences for our pupils. She has sown the seed for Forest School taking place here at Stannard. We wish her every success in the future.

Welcome...

We are delighted to welcome two new qualified teachers.

Mrs. Asad, initially on an interim basis, will be working with Bluebells.

Mrs. Willis will be starting this week and will have an induction period to help her get to know the children, staff and systems. One of her passions is in leading Forest School.

Final Thoughts

As we begin June, we are starting to see some lovely friendships emerging between our children. We are seeing lots of pupils trying their best in class and this has been seen in an improvement in the quality of their work in exercise books.

Remember, we are only a phone call or an email away, so if you do need to speak with myself or a member of the team, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,
Michael Davis
Headteacher

Term Dates



2024

Spring Term 2024

First day of term: Wednesday 31st January

Half-Term Holiday: Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February

Last day of term: Thursday 28th March

Summer Term 2024

First day of term: Tuesday 16th April

Bank holiday: Monday 6th May 2024

Half-Term Holiday: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Last day of term: Friday 19th July