

Stepney Park Voice

World Cup Day

By Abu Bakkar, Ismail, Haadi and Affan

On 21st November 2022, the school hosted World Cup Day! Each class in the school was assigned a different country from the World Cup. Everyone was dressed in the colours of their country's flag e.g. red and white for England. Some of the countries were Canada, South Korea, Costa Rica and Wales. In the morning, the classes went down to the hall and did a penalty shootout. After that, they all learnt about their country they were given.

The first match of the Fifa World Cup 2022 was Qatar vs Ecuador (Ecuador won 2-0). During lunchtime, all the classes watched England vs Iran and England won with a whopping 6-2!

When it was half-time, we went to our classrooms and finished watching the second half.



Book Fair

By Soron and Maryam

It started on Monday and finished on Wednesday 7th December. We had great books at Stepney Park book fair.

There were many books you could find and buy in our book fair. Some of our favourite books like Tom Gates, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, David Walliams and others for younger children, like Peppa Pig, Barbie, dragon books. Types for all children and all ages.

At Stepney Park, we enjoy books, because it helps us learn new words we can use in our writing. When we read books, it helps us feel calm and relaxed. We should always read books to help our education.

The Big Event

By Aiza and Amila

Last term, our art studio played music from speakers! The children from year 3 and 5 partied all breaktime. If you want to browse information about this spectacular activity, read on!

We all enjoyed this event deeply. Andy made a special speech. It included teachers and students doing 'kongas'. Students from the south side of the building were seen sneaking off to the north side, but Andy let us off 'just this once'.

We personally think that *everyone* would have been dying to witness this once in a lifetime experience. Those who didn't were highly disappointed as far as I heard! Very few children from the south side of the playground realised all the excitement that was happening at the very opposite end of the playground and sprinted there at once, and luckily, we were one of them! Perhaps if the school decided to hold this event again, how would you feel, and why? We would love to hear the story from your point of view!



Ukulele

By Faiza, Taha and Bahara

In Year 5, we have been learning how to play the Ukulele with a teacher called Richard. We are learning a song called the best day of my life. It was made by The American authors in 2014.

We have been learning the song "The best day of my life" so we can perform it. The song uses the chords C, F and an Am (A minor).



We will be performing it on Wednesday 14th December. We will also be playing it in Year 6 and maybe have some more performances!

If you don't have a ukulele at home I recommend you should buy one for your birthday, if you can because they're really fun to play and not that expensive! If you get one and you don't know how to play it maybe you can watch a Youtube tutorial to help learn how to play the ukulele.

Marcus Rashford

By Hafeza

In Stepney Park Primary School, the children have been learning about a famous footballer called Marcus Rashford, who helped raise 20 million pounds for children in need!



Who is Marcus Rashford?

Marcus Rashford is a talented footballer that was poor and came from a single parent home. He was born on 31st October 1997. Marcus had a horrible childhood but never gave up on his dreams. He grew up in Manchester. He also worked very hard to earn money to get food, because since he was poor he couldn't afford much food to feed his siblings and for himself.

Marcus wanted to be a footballer when he was younger and achieved his goal now that he is older! Did you know that he also plays for England? He also scored 63 goals in his lifetime! (now that is impressive am I right?)

How did he help raise £20 million for children in need?

Marcus Rashford soon worked for a charity called FareShare for children in need. He helped raise £20 million for food for children that are poor and for other schools as well! Since Marcus Rashford came from a poor background he understands how it feels like to be in that position.



Children's thoughts on Marcus Rashford

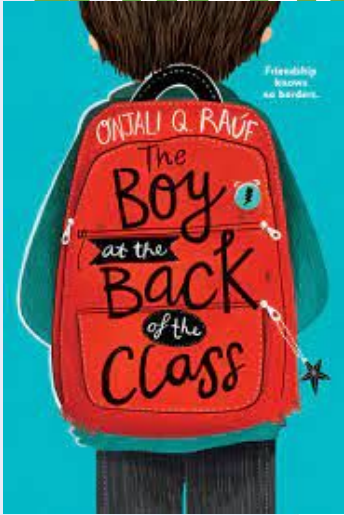
I have been going around the school and asking the children and teachers about their thoughts on Marcus Rashford and this is what some of them said:

"Marcus Rashford is very inspiring to me because he raised over 20 million pounds for poor people"

"He is an amazing influence and did good to children!"

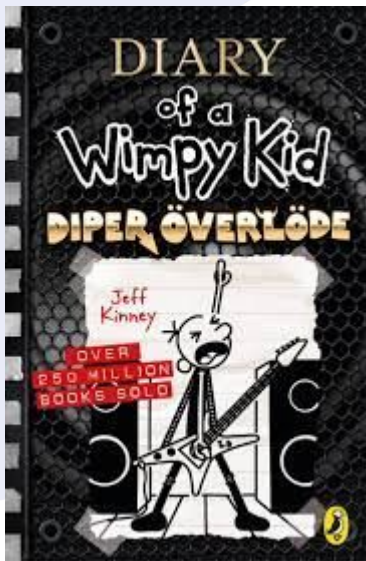
"He is a talented person!"

Book Recommendations



By Adam

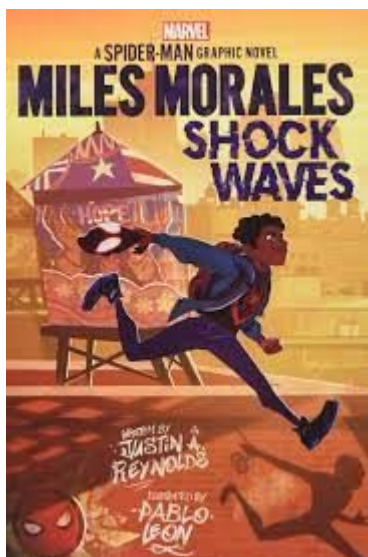
I recommend a book called Boy at the Back of the Class, It's an amazing book. It is about a boy called Ahmet who ran away from the war in Syria and the main character and her friends called Josie, Michael and Tom want to help Ahmet find his parents before the border gates close. They have lots of adventures also there is a class bully called Brendan the bully who doesn't like Ahmet and he plays tricks on Ahmet to make him feel unwelcome at their school.



By Amira H.

The reason I recommend this book is because it is really funny and exciting. There's this boy named Rodrick Heffley and Greg Heffley. Rodrick's goal is to become a popular guitarist but some things don't go as planned for them. One time, Rodrick and his band (Mackie, Drew and Bill) almost got arrested for going in a shop that sells pizza and stole some of its equipment and another time they also climbed up a building which could lead them into jail.

My opinion is that they do silly and funny things that could laugh your head off. They do crazy things all the time which is hilarious. It's a drama and it's really dramatic and it has loads of adventures that I'm sure you will love. I honestly think this book is 9.3 out of 10. They have about 9 books that are hilarious too.



By Bertie

If you're a comic fan, it's a great book to read with mystery, action drama and just a good book in general. Small spoiler warning, ok so this is a little bit about the plot In the book, Miles is chilling as Spider-man when he sees 2 teenage girls with a bag *speeding* across the street and swings after them. He jumps on the bike and.... That's for you to find out. Well this is just a great book and I highly recommend it.

Writing Partners

By Tasnim

In Year 5, we have been writing to our writing partners. We write to our writing partners once every two weeks. When we write to our writing partners, we get to know each other more. Also it gets us used to writing letters to one another.

What do we write to our writing partners?

Each two weeks, we ask each other questions and tell them what we have done in both home and school. We also answer their questions. In total, there are 12 weeks. It is very fun and it improves our handwriting.

But are they real or fake? Know one knows. We each get our own writing partners. They each work in a different company. But when we ask them questions, we must not ask them very personal questions or very silly ones because it's disrespectful. If you're lucky, then your writing partner might give you jokes and riddles.

Why should you not say silly or disrespectful things to your writing partners?

You should never say bad things to your writing partners because you could hurt their feelings and it's very hurtful towards them. But if you accidentally, you must apologise to them and never say it ever again. Sometimes you might think that their name is odd, but you should keep that inside because it could hurt their feelings.

Why do we write to our writing partners?

We write to our writing partners because we get to know each other more and it improves our handwriting. It also helps us to get to writing more and more interesting things that we can include in our writing. Also, we get to tell them what we have been doing at both home and school and they also get an opportunity to tell us what they've been up to.

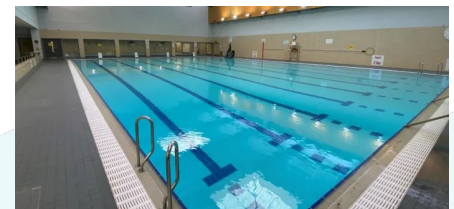
We also get to ask them what they like. For example, what is your favourite food? Or, what is your favourite colour? What would you ask your writing partner?

Also, when you write to your writing partner, always remember to have some fun!

Swimming

By Habiba and Raidah

Swimming is an exercise that Y4 and Y5 do and it is a talent. Here you can learn facts about swimming.



Swimming is an exercise that you should know, it is really healthy for our body as well. Most people use it for sports or activities. Swimming can also boost your mood and reduce stress levels to improve your mental well-being.

Swimming in the past was different than today, but when was it first invented? Swimming was made in the 2500 BCE in Egypt and after that Greek, Romans and many more started swimming too.

Halloween Time

By Afnane and Humaira

Most people agree that Halloween originated 3,000 years ago. Halloween is originally Celtic festival of Irish origin. The Celtic calendar did not end on 31st December, but on 31st October.

Every 31st October, children go out and play and knock on doors to get some sweets. They wear scary costumes to scare ghosts / spirits. Now people put Jack O Lanterns to scare the ghosts from coming to their house.



They always carve the pumpkin to a scary face and put a light into the pumpkin to scare the spirits. People love trick or treating when it is Halloween. Every year people celebrate it only in the evening. They prepare everything in the midday and then when it starts everything will be ready.

Rights

By Simrah and Hidaayah

In Stepney Park Primary School, there are lots of rights that we should follow. Some of the main ones are:

The right to be safe
The right to play
The right to be respected



Year 5 Residential

By Arifa and Bahara

This is the first time Year 5 at Stepney Park Primary School will go on a residential trip (for 1 night) to Gilwell Park in March 2023. The most exciting bit is that we are going to some fun activities such as cooking meals over a real and self-made fire, crate climbing and climbing a high rope course.

We will have this residential trip in Year 5 so we and our parents get more comfortable for us to go on the Year 6 residential trip (for two nights). Sadly, the weather will be cold so we have to take warm clothes such as jumpers, scarves, hats and tracksuits.



Things we need!

Backpack
Bottle of water (to drink)
Comfortable shoes
Appropriate clothes



Merry Christmas



By Sumayya, Anya, Rayann and Zara

Thank you for reading our newspaper and we hope you have a merry christmas and a happy new year.

Christmas Top Hits!

"All I Want for Christmas Is You" by Mariah Carey

"Christmas Tree" by Lady Gaga

"Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" by Judy Garland

"Under My Tree" by NSYNC

"Jingle Bell Rock" by Bobby Helms



Christmas is banned in UK

For 13 years, between 1647 and 1660, Christmas was banned in the UK by Cromwell after the English Civil War.

In Japan, a traditional Christmas dinner is to go to KFC

Christmas in Japan is a secular holiday with less than 1% of the Japanese population identifying as Christian. When KFC launched their "Kentucky for Christmas" marketing campaign in 1974, it was an instant hit and now KFC is a popular choice for Christmas dinners in Japan.



Queen Victoria sent the first official Christmas card

Queen Victoria was the first official person to send a Christmas card, but the first commercial card came in 1843 when Sir Henry Cole produced 1000 and sold them for one shilling each. There are currently only 12 of these cards left in the world with one going up for auction a couple of years ago for £30,000.



Reindeer Fun Facts!

Reindeer are a member of the deer family.

Both male and female reindeer grow antlers, while in most other deer species, only the males have antlers.

Unlike horns, antlers fall off and grow back larger each year.

Two of Santa's reindeer originally had different names.

In the 1823 poem, A Visit from Saint Nicholas, which originally introduced the world to Santa's reindeer, two of the flying creatures had slightly different names. Donner and Blitzen were instead Dunder and Blixem, which is a Dutch way to refer to "thunder and lightning."