



THE GREEN GAZETTE

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PUZZLE PLEDGES AND POLICE OFFICERS

Students steered away from their routine as 'Wellbeing Week' dominated school on Monday 15th November. From puzzle pledges to police officers Wellbeing Week contained many opportunities for students to get involved, as well demonstrating their kindness.

Students in their masses praised Wellbeing Week with many students commenting on which activities they enjoyed the most.

When students were not receiving sessions delivered from external speakers, they were focusing on the harmful effects of peer on peer abuse and creating pieces of art to symbolise their united attitudes against such harmful behaviours.

Emily in year eight particularly enjoyed hearing the inspiring life story of Mr Miah, which focused on avoiding a violent lifestyle.

Paula Shortland from the British Transport Police delivered an interesting session, which allowed students to reflect on their

own travel experiences. Editors, McKenzie and Nevaeh found this session incredibly informative and realised that children have rights when travelling and they can take additional steps to keep themselves safe on public transport.



Wellbeing week was jam packed with opportunities for students to share their thoughts and prioritise their wellbeing. Our fantastic Worry Boxes stand with pride in each learning area to continue to promote the importance of wellbeing.

FORM AMBASSADORS FRONT UNICEF ASSEMBLY

Form Ambassadors had the incredible opportunity during Wellbeing Week to deliver a live assembly to their form.

Students had the privilege of participating in an assembly delivered by their Form Ambassadors as part of Wellbeing Week.

Head Students met with Form Ambassadors to assist them with preparations for the assembly.

Head student, Deven Edwards, discussed the importance of allowing Form Ambassadors to deliver assemblies during period six

The assembly focus was 'Anti Bullying Week' and served as a reminder to students of the support available in school.

As a 'Unicef Silver Awarded School' it is imperative that students are provided with the opportunity to use their voices to challenge areas they are passionate about. It also allowed Form Ambassadors to meet with inspiring Head Students to discuss how they wanted to deliver the assembly and what they wanted to achieve from their form.

Head student, Deven Edwards, commented on the importance of Form Ambassadors planning assemblies alongside Head Students as it enabled them to ask any questions they needed.

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STOCKLAND GREEN ISN'T AS GREEN AS IT CAN BE, BUT WE CAN DO SOMETHING TO CHANGE THIS.



An article on what our school can do to help the ever increasing environmental crisis, and how we can all play our part.



Over the recent years, *Stockland Green* has made fantastic progress in our mission to keep the local area clean and reduce the amount of plastic and non-recyclable waste produced by the school. This, however, is just not enough.

As a fairly new student and life long resident of the local area, I have come to notice that the people around me (specifically within school) treat our streets as though they were a dustbin: somewhere to throw whatever they don't want aside, not thinking for one moment about the repercussions such a simple yet extremely harmful action has on the world around us.

Despite what some may think, the state of the environment is no joke.

Those who deny that our actions are having grave consequences on the state of the earth are the exact people who are hindering our progress as a species. The amount of litter that I see dropped by students of my school on and outside of school grounds is absolutely disgusting.

I for one am utterly ashamed to live somewhere that allows this kind of thing to occur every day. It shocks me that despite the constant evidence shown to us that this behaviour is damaging to our surroundings, that people (specifically young people) continue not to care: only acting for themselves without thinking about what they are doing to our environment.

I have collected complaints from people in our school, and have gone out of my way to ask what others believe are the biggest problems in our school related to the environment.

One of the things both teachers and students have complained about is the plastic bottles of water that are available for purchase in our cafeteria. Plastic water bottles, as if it even needs to be written, should *not* be

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served in our cafeteria. They are both unnecessary (due to the fact that we already have easily accessible, clean water fountains located on the ground floor that dispense fresh, ice cold drinking water) and bad for the planet.

Tell me, why do we need them?

Is their only purpose being to make money, despite the negative impact just one bottle has on the world around us?

Even if they do boast the fact they are "widely recycled", this still is ignoring the impracticality of a product like this, and how "widely recycled" doesn't always guarantee that they won't end up in the same landfill as all the other needless plastic items.

Speaking of recycling, the lack of recycling bins (more importantly the lack of advice given by teachers on when to use them and for which products that we sell) is highly alarming to me as someone who believes recycling plays a huge part in our fight against climate change.

Every day, I see non-recyclable items (which should not even be available in our school in the first place) put in the recycling bins, and recyclable items (which seem to be quite a rarity) put into the general waste bins.

What I'm really trying to say is that we need more bins, and better signage on how and when to use them. The fact that we're not doing this already shows that our heads are just not in the game, and we need to **wake up**.

I ask, how can we call ourselves an ECO-school when such ignorant be-

Written by Jack O'Neill



haviour is taking place in our building?

We must start to try harder if we want to keep our area clean. It's all well and good me writing about this in a school newsletter (which I pray will not be printed out due to the irony that would create), but what we really need to be doing is taking action.



Mrs Allen says:

I was delighted to welcome Jack as a Guest Editor for The Green Gazette this half term.

Jack is a keen member of Eco-Schools; he clearly has a passion for making school a greener place. I am excited to see how Jack's ideas develop throughout his journey at Stockland Green School, which fortunately for us, has only just begun.

Incredible work, Jack!

SAVING THE PLANET ONE SANITARY TOWEL AT A TIME

Mrs. Harding is encouraging an elaborate change throughout the school by promoting the use of re-usable sanitary towels. We sent our reporter, Zoe, to find out about why we should make the change to re-usable sanitary towels.

Q: What is wrong with my current sanitary towel?

Your current sanitary towel is a threat to the environment. They are plastic and contain dangerous chemicals; they are also quite uncomfortable.

Q: I am really unsure about this. Won't there be an unpleasant odor?

Absolutely not, they absorb well and have a more pleasant odor than a normal pad.



Q: My sanitary towels are quite cheap, I don't want to pay anymore?

These sanitary towels last for ten years! They are an investment and will reduce the cost of your period in the long term.

Q: How can we encourage more people to use them?

We need to ensure students are well informed and know that the re-usable towels are an option. They are really easy to clean and just need to be normalised.

Q: Great, where can I try one?

See Mrs. Harding who will provide you with some.

Want to know more?

- Visit @Bloomandnora
- Visit Mrs Harding

PROUD OF OUR PRIDE CLUB

Mr. Crawford provides a serene haven through Pride Club with dedicated students attending weekly. Reporters, Zoe and Maria, decided to catch up with Mr Crawford to find out what makes Pride Club so crucial to our school community.

There is a misunderstanding that Pride Club is only about talking about sexuality. In reality, we talk about a whole range of things such as self-confidence, rights to identity, and feeling comfortable with who you are.

One lunchtime each week, people from all over the school, whether they identify with LGBTQ+ or not meet to discuss what we can do inside and out of school to feel more comfortable in our skin.

The future is bright for Pride Club with Mr Crawford hoping to expand the club in the future to include: a blog, display, PRIDE ambassadors and more.

Mr Crawford is known to us all as an incredible teacher of English but we really wanted to know which other careers he would consider, "I would probably teach RE, but this club and the people that are involved with it show me that I would not want to do anything else".

If you are interested in joining Pride Club contact Mr Crawford.

CHOIR WOW AS STAFF RECEIVE SNEAK PEAK

'*The Stockland Green Summer Show*' reached a pivotal point this term as staff were exclusively invited to see how rehearsals were progressing.

Mrs. Allen and Mr. McCauslin were blown away by the enthusiastic rehearsals taking place. Press Gang editors, Sabila, Zalaikha and Nevaeh are keen members of the choir and gave us an insight into how rehearsals are going.

All three students spoke of the enjoyment they found in being able to sing and dance at school. They described the choir as being fun with Mrs. Hollis and Mr. Campbell oozing infectious energy.

Students can sample a variety of music, including 'We will rock you' and 'Pompeii' as well as developing their subject knowledge. Sabila now feels confident discussing the dynamics of music.

As a year seven student, Zalaikha has been able to build friendships with students in other year groups which has supported her in getting to know Stockland Green School.

As well as a confident boost, Nevaeh commented on how brave she has become; embracing the opportunity to perform her own solo.

Choir takes place every Tuesday after school. Choir is just one way to become involved in *The Summer Show*. Mrs. Hollis has been busy backstage ensuring the costumes, the set and props are all in place. Excitement is building as the band now has a drummer and the groups are increasing in size. *The Summer Show* is bringing the school community together and providing a showcase for talent.

We look forward to providing another update in our next edition of *The Green Gazette*.

UNITED IN REMEMBRANCE

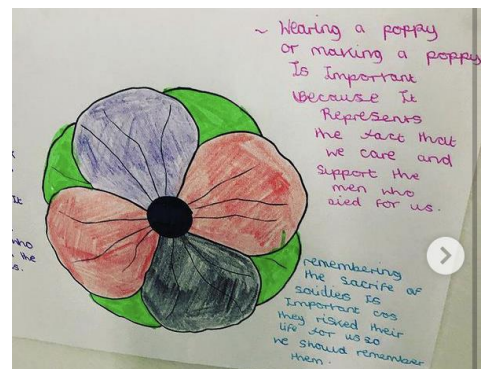


The Humanities Department completed work with students enabling them to use their creativity to celebrate Remembrance Day.

Sabah has designed the poppy below and explained her design by exploring the importance of remembering sacrifice and soldiers who risked their lives.

On 11th November 2021 at 11:00am the cry of the sole bugle sounded through the walls of Stockland Green School.

Staff and students stood united, sharing their silence, whilst they remembered those who had lost their lives. We were fortunate enough to be joined by Tom from SFE Music to join us whilst marking the occasion, and supporting the students with their reflections.



HOUSE UPDATES



COLE

(Edited by Zaynab & Roxanne)

Students demonstrating our PRIDE values this half term:

Umaima Ali – Commitment to tennis.

Kelsey Downey – Commitment to kickboxing.

House Leader Update:

Cole are delighted to be the proud winners of the House Points Cup. It has been a fantastic half term with students demonstrating PRIDE values and making Cole proud.

Mr Sargent & Miss Roberts.

REA

(Edited by Hayden and Nevaeh)

Students demonstrating our PRIDE values this half term:

Hayden Khan – Won third place in his Judo competition.

Nevaeh Cottrell – Commitment to Rugby, Swimming and Scouts.

Seth Cottrell – Commitment to Rugby.

House Leader Update:

I am so proud of the pupils who have participated in school sports events, especially the year 7 boys who have been successful in their football matches. I would like to thank our Head Students for working tirelessly in their duties, supporting forms, organising assemblies and being excellent role models for our younger pupils. Our Form Ambassadors presented a brilliant form time activity as part of Well-Being Week and form tutors sent rave reviews, so well done to all involved! – Mrs Barrington

TAME

(Edited by Zoe, Poppy and Maria)

Students demonstrating our PRIDE values this half term:

Freya Parmar – Achieving her red belt in karate

Fizzah Ishfaq – Giving books to charity

Poppy Deeks – Giving up her time to help in charity shops.

Anonna Khanti – Providing food to the homeless.

House Leader Update:

Tame have had an excellent half term, by being the best performing house for attendance.

Students thrived when they had the opportunity to collate house points for acts of kindness; as well as their overall generosity whilst supporting Erdington Food Bank. Entries are looking brilliant for Ei'stock'fod.

Mrs Harding.

HEAD STUDENTS



UNICEF FORM AMBASSADORS

TAME UNICEF FORM AMBASSADORS

7TA- Freya Palmer
7TB- Aaliyah Hussain
8TA- Bright Tanguong
8TB- Benjamin Thompson
9TA- Kian Coughlan
9TB- Gurtej Birdi
10TA- Elise Poller/Poppy Deeks
10TB- Anonna Khanti
11TA- Finlay Dobbin
11TB- Mohamed Sharif

REA UNICEF FORM AMBASSADORS

7RA – Mia Clarke
7RB – Taishaun Jackson
8RA – Alfie Edwards
8RB – Praise Osayamwen
9RA – Ronnie Williams
9RB – Seth Cottrell
10RA – Olivia Lawrence
10RB – Ruby Sewell
11RA – Danish Butt
11RB – Glen Gichuhi

COLE UNICEF FORM AMBASSADORS

7CA- Jeremiah Afogho
7CB- Gracie Johnson
8CA- Aeiza Waheed
8CB- Nali Rasheed
9CA- Scarlett Burness
9CB- Tayon Brooks
10CA- Charlie O'Neill
10CB- Joshua Preece
11CA- Deven Edwards
11CB- Rayyan Taha

EI'STOCK'FOD



After an exciting Ei'stock'fod period all entries have been submitted. Judges are in the process of choosing the winners, whilst efforts are being rewarded with house points.

The theme for this year has been Diversity and students have worked hard to produce entries which compliment that theme.

Once again, students of Stockland Green School have collected food for Erdington Food Bank and have surpassed all expectations by collecting as much food as possible. It has been wonderful to see students delivering food to their form rooms early in the morning due to being unable to carry the items they have so kindly donated.

We understand how much parents and carers support with each year and cannot thank everybody enough for their generosity.

We are looking forward to announcing all E'istockfod winners in our next issue and speaking to some of those winners.

In the meantime, we have been able to see some of the entries and share those above with you. They truly are fantastic and we cannot wait to share more with you in our next edition.

SPECTACULAR STOCKLAND GREEN



The dark nights have cast a shadow over Stockland Green this winter. Year seven student, Mackenzie, has been appreciating the picturesque setting and has been using his photography skills to capture some of the beauty which surrounds our school.

Mackenzie caught this wonderful image of the moon and wanted to share it so that you can appreciate it as much as he did. Great work, Mackenzie!

CAPTAIN KIAN KEEPING SPIRITS HIGH AFTER ILLNESS NUKES YEAR NINE MATCH

On Tuesday 9th November the Year Nine football team travelled to North Birmingham Academy for the second round of the Birmingham Cup; devastatingly Stockland Green were defeated with a final score of 5-1.

Year nine were ready and raring to go for their match against NBA on Tuesday 9th November. With fantastic football demonstrated by Dylan Pettifer and Adriel Adjei Stockland Green remained hopeful, despite the team being plagued with illness. Despite great work from the players and a goal from captain, Kian Coughlan, NBA were too strong on this occasion and the team lost 5-1. Coughlan commented on the game “all players were motivated and tried their best, it is a shame on this occasion that we were outplayed”.

This defeated yet determined team were not going to allow their loss to scupper their future games. Saltley FC were met by the resilient year nine side on Wednesday 10th November. Mr Sargent described the nail biting game as “highly entertaining, end to end football”. Despite Stockland Green being the better team on the night, Saltley stole the win with a final score of 4-3.

6:1 VICTORY PROVES YEAR EIGHT WIN WAS WORTH THE WAIT



Year eight stormed to victory in their game against the year seven team.

Chaoi received ‘Player of the Match’ for his outstanding performance.

Dylan commented that he was overjoyed with the win and feels that the team will perform even better against their next opponent with more practice.

PE Extra-Curricular Clubs			
Day	Morning club 8-8.30am	Lunchtime club	After-school 3.15-4.15pm
Monday	Football (All years) AWP	Y9 Football club AWP	
Tuesday	Basketball (All years) SH	Dodgeball (Y9-11) SH Y8 Football club AWP	Girls Football (All years) AWP Netball (Y7-8) SH/Play
Wednesday	Badminton (Y9-11) SH		Y7 & Y10 Football club AWP Netball (All years) SH/Play Rugby (Y9-11) Play/Grass
Thursday	Football (All years) AWP	Dodgeball (Y7-8) SH	
Friday	Badminton (Y7-8) SH	Basketball (All years) SH Y11 Football club AWP	Fun Friday (All years) SH/AWP

YEAR SEVEN SECURE 2-1 VICTORY AGAINST ERDINGTON ACADEMY



On 10th November, our Year 7 girls played against Erdington Academy; securing a 2-1 victory.

Overall *Player of the Match* went to Maja Urbanska, whilst Miss Spencer could not choose between the brilliant Abi McBrearty and Mia Clarke due to their incredible work on the court. Clearly, this match was fuelled by determination and resilience from both teams.

LEADING THE WAY FOR UP-AND-COMING SPORTING TALENT

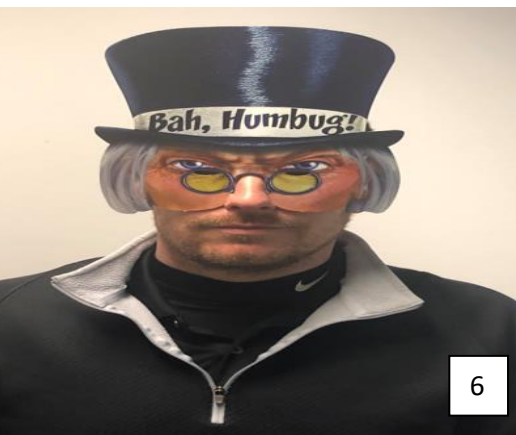
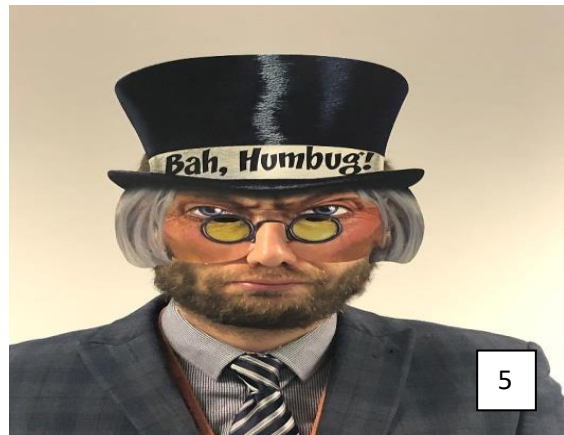
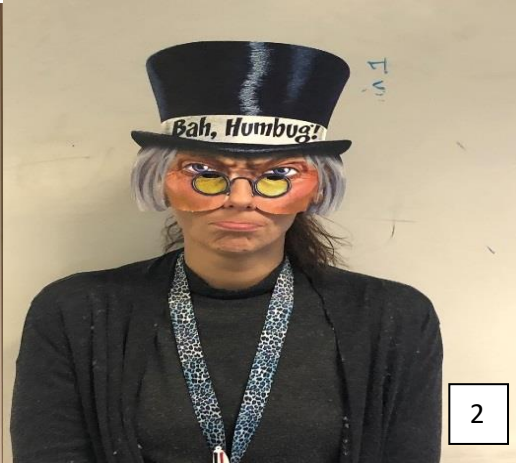


Students demonstrated innovative leadership skills this November when they took charge of a Primary School Dodgeball Tournament; in conjunction with Kingsbury School Sports Partnership.

Students were commended by staff from the SSSP for their skills in scoring, refereeing and motivating their younger peers.

Students who were named due to their outstanding leadership skills were Ruby, Sigourney, Harry, Kye and Louise. Students were further complimented on their maturity and amazing attitude towards the activity they were leading on. Kye commented on his involvement stating that it had improved his confidence. Students were invited to take up their roles once again in December.

Scrooge is trying to steal the festive spirit from some of Stockland Green's staff.
Can you guess who is hiding behind each mask?



Find the answers on the back page.

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EXCELLENT EDITORS

Mrs Allen has been overwhelmed by the amount of students who have contributed to this half term's issue of The Green Gazette, a massive thank you to all of the students named below.

Poppy Deeks
 Belle Walsh
 Dylan Coughlan
 Kian Coughlan
 Scarlett Burness
 Kristina Krivionok
 Neveah Cottrell
 Ronnie Kirby
 Hayden Khan
 Ikenna Kevin
 Zoe Bull
 Keaton Brittle
 Kierra Smith
 Roxana Ahmadi
 Charlie O'Neill
 Jack O'Neill
 Zaynab Noor
 Maria Imran
 Ashleigh Mahon
 Emily Carol
 Annalei Dehghani
 Rukaiya Fiaz
 Gabrielle Bhebhe
 Zailaikha Azhar
 Sabila Batool
 Mackenzie Ledbury

If you would like to be involved with preparing the next issue; attend 1.6 every Wednesday lunchtime, or alternatively contact Mrs Allen.

Rights Respecting Schools (RRSA)
 Article 6 (Life, survival and development)
 Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)

Extra Curricular Programme

These clubs run after school from 3.15pm- 4pm				
Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday		
School Show - choir A. Hollis (Music)	School Show - stomp (A. Hollis Music)	School Show A. Hollis (Music)		
Eco Schools (J. McCauslin Lab 1)	Space club (once fortnightly Y10 only. Supported by the University of Birmingham. (E. Javaheri Maths SLZ)	Live Theatre Club K. Lee (Drama)		
KS4 Art Club (L. Kennedy-Wale Art 1)	Problem solving club. Year 7 and 8 (2.5. N.Avery)	Humanities club (Hums SLZ)		
Arabic speaking club (I. Fayed 2.3)	KS3 Arts Award Club. (L. Kennedy-Wale Art 1)			
STEM club. Year 7-10 (All Science teachers, lab 3)	PRIDE Club S. Crawford (Virtual)			
Greenpower car project (pupils need to apply) T. Surridge Lab 4				
These clubs run during lunch time				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mondays (Week 2) Computing club – max 20 members (S.Uifaf GT6)	Maths Clubs STEM club T. Alley Wk 1(Maths SLZ) Maths homework Year 9 and 10. (N. Avery 2.5) Y8 Maths Challenge (S Abdullahi) Aston Villa 18 places	Press Gang (C. Allen 1.6) Henna (Mehndi) club – limited numbers (Week 1 (S.Uifaf GT6)	DuoLingo club (H Bourne G4)	Foreign language film club for year (7 & 8 in GT5.)

Look out for further opportunities...

- *PE extra-curricular programme
- *Beats 'N Bars music club
- *Police Cadets
- *Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- *Art Therapy- Invite only
- *Safe Haven Youth Club

Aspire, Believe, Achieve

Answers to Bah Humbug:

- 1) Miss Harding
- 2) Mrs Borne
- 3) Miss Badham
- 4) Miss Avery
- 5) Mr Rimmer
- 6) Mr Bromley
- 7) Mr Crawford