



## The Weekly Roar!

Friday 21st March 2025

462nd Edition

### PARENT ENGAGEMENT

#### Your Feedback Matters: Parent Engagement Survey Results

We recently asked for your feedback on our parent engagement, and we are very grateful for the enormous response, we had 158 responses! Your feedback is invaluable in helping us strengthen our school community.

#### What You Loved:

- The ability to email the year groups directly
- Our pre-loved coat scheme
- SLT & staff presence in the playground each morning
- Opening the school up weekly for reading/maths/writing morning
- The termly parent forums organised by Miss Howarth
- The range of trips and topics covered within school
- The communication from school and speed of response when required
- 94% of our parents/carers regularly read our Weekly Roar Newsletter - this is overwhelmingly high! They feel that it is a pleasure to read and very informative, they particularly enjoy the following parts:
  - Dates for your diary/upcoming events section
  - Seeing photos of the children enjoying their school day
  - The awards section
  - Celebrating achievements
  - The FA Cup attendance section
  - The layout
  - That the main messages from school are sent via the weekly Roar and kept in one place

We were delighted to hear that **79%** of our Parent/Carers face no barriers in effectively engaging with school.

## Areas for Growth:

As always, we welcome constructive feedback. Some suggestions are 'quick fixes' and some are ones that we can work on over time. Several parents suggested the following improvements:

- More social and fundraising events/having a school PTA
- More inter school activities
- A class DOJO app (or similar)
- More 1-2-1 contact with our teachers
- Holding our maths/reading/writing morning on alternative days
- Having the individual class and school attendance percentage included in the Roar
- Invitations to assembly

## What We're Doing:

We're taking your feedback seriously and are already implementing changes to address the areas you've highlighted. For example, we have already included the attendance percentages in the Roar, we have organised a fundraising cake sale to raise money for a new buddy bench and are currently in the process of organising some inter school activities - so watch this space!

Parent partnership. Any time we have asked for help we have received it

The whole school works well, my son is thriving and I am incredibly grateful

I don't feel that there is a barrier for me personally. I feel the teachers/staff are always helpful and welcoming

It's clear to me that engagement is a priority for the school, and I feel that communication is good

I feel that all teachers make great effort in engaging with parents and children, especially in the morning.

I'm happy with how open teachers and staff are. Everyone knows each student

Staff are open and approachable. The email system for year group teachers works well

I am really happy with school, anything that I have brought up has been dealt with. My children love coming to school, they are learning lots and are happy

The ever 'open door' policy provides ample and adequate opportunity to communicate with school

We are committed to continuous improvement and look forward to partnering with you to make our school even better!

## AWARD WINNERS

### The Headteacher Gold Awards were given to:

**Layla 3B** - for being such a hard-working, motivated pupil. She is such a polite and kind model pupil. Well done Layla!

**Jessica 4S** - for consistently trying her hardest with everything she does, showing all of her Learning Powers...with a smile! Well done Jessica!

**Betsy 5B** - for being an outstanding Banks Lane role model. She is 5B's first bronze DOJO winner. Well done Betsy!

**Fleur 6L** - for making outstanding progress in her reading scores during test week. Well done Fleur!

The Headteacher merit awards were awarded to:  
Ralph 4L and Ella 4B  
A huge well done to all of our award winners!



## DOJO WINNERS

Individual winner - Aryan in Class 6L

Class winner - Class 6S

Team winner - Team Biles

Well done to all of our Dojo winners.



## LEARNING POWERS MESSAGE OF THE WEEK



Chicks are coming  
soon to BLJS!

Arrival:

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March



## FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE



### This week's Winners

1st	5L - 98.3%
2nd	5S - 97.7%
Joint 3rd	4S - 97.3%

### Whole school attendance

95.1%



## IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthday over the coming week:

Lucia 3B  
Abel 4B  
Elijah-James 4L  
Carter 5B  
Sudais 5L  
Annyah 5L  
Phoebe 6B  
Harry 6B

We hope you have a great time celebrating!



## SEASON FINALE RACE REPORT

Saturday, March 15th, saw the culmination of our school's cross-country season at the beautiful Woodbank Park. Mrs. Wharmby (and her sister) and Miss Rock (and her son) were there to support our incredible team of 15 runners, along with their enthusiastic friends and families.

An enormous well done to all the children who took part:

- Sophie and Daisy (Year 3)
- Ella, Brooke, Jessica, Sebastian and Isaac (Year 4)
- Ruby, Aurelia, Lily, Ava and Matilda (Year 5)
- Harriet, Aryan and Frankie (Year 6)

The atmosphere was exciting, a testament to the dedication and spirit of our young athletes. It was fantastic to witness the sheer effort and determination displayed by every single runner. Whether sprinting for the finish line, trying for a personal record or pacing themselves for endurance, each participant gave their absolute best.

The races were filled with excitement, and we had some truly outstanding performances. A special mention must go to our Year 5/6 girls, who ran brilliantly and secured a fantastic second place overall for the season! Their consistent hard work has paid off.

Also thrilling was Ella's incredible victory in the Year 3/4 girls' race! This win propelled her to first place overall for the entire season. Absolutely amazing!

Other amazing Top 30 performances this season from:

- Harriet, Year 6, 14th overall
- Isaac, Year 4, 15th overall
- Lily, Year 5, 19th overall
- Ruby, Year 5, 23rd overall
- Aurelia, Year 5, 28th overall

The season has been nothing short of phenomenal. It's been a record-breaking emotional rollercoaster, filled with triumphs, challenges overcome, and the unwavering support of our school community. We've witnessed incredible growth in our runners, both in their physical abilities and their sportsmanship.

A huge thank you to everyone who has participated, supported, and cheered throughout the season. You've made it truly unforgettable.

**Please note that runners will not need to attend the presentation on March 29th. We will collect the medals and present them to the children in school. This will simplify the process and allow us to celebrate their achievements together.**

Please also remember to return your cross-country vests to Mrs. Wharmby or Miss Rock before the end of term. We'll be back in the park in September, ready for another exciting season of cross country!



# SCHOOL COUNCIL CAKE SALE



Pat a cake, Pat a cake,  
Baker Man,  
Bake me a cake as fast  
as you can!  
Roll it and pat it and mark it  
with B,  
Put it in the oven for Banks Lane  
and me!!!  
ON PLAYGROUND 27/3/24

NO NUTS



A reminder that our School Council are holding a cake sale next Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 3:15pm in our school playground - we are hoping to raise enough money for a school buddy bench!

To make our cake sale a success, we need your help! We are asking for donations of cakes and baked goods. Whether you are a star baker or prefer to pick up some treats from the shop, your contributions will be greatly appreciated. Cakes will be sold anywhere from 50p - £2:00. Children will be able to bring some money to school on the day or parents/carers can bring money at the end of the day.

## PARENT FORUM

Our next Parent Forum is on Wednesday 26th March, see below for details.

Time:	9.15am-10.15am
Location:	Conference Room (Opposite Mrs Windas' room 3B, close to the library)
Focus:	Dyslexia <i>Our dyslexia specialist, Miss Howarth, will be explaining what dyslexia is and how we support dyslexia at Banks Lane.</i>

**STOCKPORT**  
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**World Autism Acceptance Month 2025 Stall Event**

As part of World Autism Acceptance month we will be hosting a stall event to showcase our local offer for autistic people in Stockport. Come along to find out about available support, training and activities as well as the fantastic work on our all-age Autism Strategy.

**Stall holders include**  
Stockport Neurodevelopmental Team  
Jigsaw Team  
Disability Stockport  
Healthwatch  
Rise with Katie  
Jump Space  
Parents and Carers together Stockport  
Great Minds Together  
& More!

**Where**  
Ladybridge Connect Ivy Cafe  
Cheadle Hulme  
SK8 5NZ  
///plates.green.only

**When**  
Wednesday 2nd April  
1:30pm-3:30pm

Refreshments will be available to purchase on the day, and there will also be a raffle draw with some fantastic prizes!

All proceeds from this event will be contributing towards Cheryl's Knupper's (Our strategic Lead for Autism in Stockport) London Marathon fundraising for the National Autistic Society. We know how much the National Autistic Society do to improve the lives of our autistic community, if you would like to give something back, there will be an opportunity for you to donate at our stall event or via the link or QR code below.

[Donate Here](#)

**World Autism Acceptance Month**  
April 2025

## ASSEMBLY

In this week's assembly, Mrs Windas spoke to the children about the 9 Protected Characteristics. Ask your child how many they can remember.



## ATTACHMENTS

- Attached to the Roar today is our science parent leaflet.

## PGL RESIDENTIAL

Earlier this week we sent out the Google Form for the Year 6 residential to PGL Boreatton Park. Please ensure that you have completed this ahead of the parents meeting being held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

### [PGL GOOGLE FORM](#)



## FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION



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Banks Lane Junior School would like to support Stockport's Your Local Pantries that help local families struggling with food poverty. Members pay £4.50 a week and can access 10 items of food which would be worth over £20. They also receive free fruit, veg and bread.

We are asking if you could please donate an item of food or household product that can be used to stock the pantries. The Pantry Team will be in Hulme Street Car Park with their van on the **morning of 4<sup>th</sup> April from 8.30am** if you are able to donate anything.

Items that would be gratefully received:

- Soup
- Sauces
- Beans
- Rice or pasta
- Tinned fruit or dessert items (rice pudding etc)
- Hygiene products – toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel etc
- Cleaning products – washing up liquid etc
- A fridge product but would need to have a week left in date (yoghurt, cold meat, cheese etc)
- Cereal

Thank you for supporting local Stockport residents. To find out more please visit <https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3	Year 5
<p><b>The land beneath our feet</b> - please ensure that you have completed the following Google Form giving permission for your child to attend.  <a href="https://forms.gle/CFqwwFN2A52zbADe8">https://forms.gle/CFqwwFN2A52zbADe8</a></p> <p>3B Monday 24th March            3S Wednesday 26th March            3L Thursday 27th March</p>	<p><b>14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July or 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>            Conwy Residential</p>
Year 4	Year 6
<p><b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>            Class 4B TT Rockstars party</p> <p><b>Wednesday 2nd April 2025</b>            Parents Ilam Hall information meeting. 5-6pm</p> <p><b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025</b>            Ilam Hall Residential</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>            PGL Boreatton Park information evening. 5-6pm.</p> <p><b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May-Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025</b>            PGL Boreatton Park Residential</p>
Whole School	
<p><b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>            Parent Forum. 9:15am</p> <p><b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>            School Council Bake sale. 3:15pm in the school playground - raising money for a school buddy bench.</p>	

## FOODBANK VOUCHERS

A reminder that school can provide foodbank vouchers upon request. If you feel you would benefit from a Foodbank Voucher please contact the office on 0161 480 2330 or email [admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk) or alternatively contact Stockport Foodbank directly at [foodbank@stockportfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:foodbank@stockportfoodbank.org.uk)

Foodbanks can supply food, baby and hygiene items as well as bread, fresh fruit and vegetables.

**Support is not just for families on free school meals but for any family that is in genuine need of help and support.**



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