





**Red Nose Day:** We celebrated Red Nose Day and raised over £150 for the charity. Thank you. The children came to school dressed in red with some dressed as superheroes.

**Parent's Evening:** We have parents evening the second week back after the holidays. Letters have gone out to book your slot. 5AW will be later in the month.

**British Science Week:** As part of this week, we were visited by Dr Geary from UTC who hosted our British Science Week assemblies. He discussed with the children the important skills needed to become a scientist and how big questions can lead to scientific discoveries! The children experienced the wow factor when a balloon was pierced but didn't pop, water 'disappeared' in front of everyone's eyes, and the children had an in-depth exploration in to how everyday alkalines and acids react when combined.



**Football:** A team of Year 4's faced a Barncroft team. It was an end to end game, full of drama and excitement. Finishing the first half 1-0 up, Stamshaw headed into the second half with optimism. A Barncroft resurgence levelled the score and a goal by Lance gave Stamshaw the hope of a hard-earned victory but again, Barncroft rallied and scored a second to keep the game even. The game finished 2-2 but the Year 4 boys showed resilience to keep playing even when it seemed the most difficult. They also showed great respect to the other team and coaches and made the school proud.

**STEM:** A team of Year 5 girls attended a city-wide STEM event organised and held at UTC Portsmouth. They participated in three team events, working with other girls across the city. As part of this year's British Science Week theme, 'Connections', they really embraced connecting with others and developing their communication and team work skills.



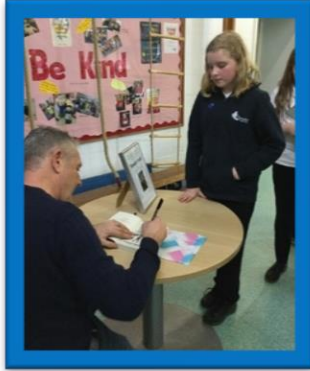
**Year 5 Writing Competition:** Year 5 participated in an 'In-House' writing competition to demonstrate their fantastic writing skills and creativity. Their challenge was to write 100-word mini sagas! All children did incredibly well, and the children themselves voted for their favourite top 10 - ready to go through to the final being held and judged at North End Library.

The Top 10 finalists shared their stories in front of two fabulous judges who chose their top 3 winners! The year group were fantastic in their writing efforts and represented our school well at our local library.

**House Winner:** Well done to Victory house (blue) winning this term's house points. They will win a non-uniform day next half term.







**Author Visit:** Award-winning author Stewart Foster shared what it's like to be an author, what motivates him to write stories, read extracts from one of his amazing books, *Bubble Boy*, and took questions from a very enthusiastic SJS audience. Even Buddy enjoyed his books!

**SJS Pupils Shine:** Four of our Year 6 pupils took part in the Portsmouth Literature Quiz 2023! They had a fantastic time competing and meeting Authors Stewart Foster, Steve Cole, Ele Fountain & Fleur Hitchcock. 23 teams took part and we are proud to announce that Team SJS came joint 5th!



**Year 3 Fishbourne:** Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace where they learnt about the history behind the 2000-year-old ruins of King Togidubnus' home. They enjoyed an excellent workshop where they were able to dress as Roman slaves and take part in a range of Roman activities, including writing on Roman tablets, making mosaics and spinning wool. Photos to follow soon.

**Attendance:** We have seen a real improvement with our attendance this term. Our attendance for the Spring term (January, February and March) was 95.9%. Thank you so much for supporting us with this and getting your children into school!

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**SCITT:** We welcome SCITT to their new home at SJS and look forward to welcoming the teacher trainees back from their placements. SCITT stands for School Centred Initial Teacher Training. Take a look at their [website](#).

Have a great Easter break.

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