

# Stroud Valley Community School Newsletter



## HEDGEHOG REPUBLIC

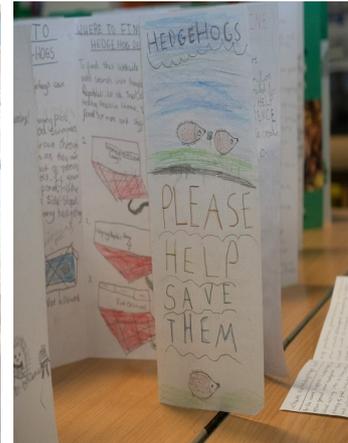
Stroud Valley School children have scored a UK first by developing a computer game to teach conservation. As part of Hedgehog Republic they did detailed research into the life cycle of a hedgehog. Beautiful informative leaflets have been produced by the children amongst other amazing work. We invited parents into school to see what we've been doing and how much we know about Hedgehogs and our plight to keep their habitats.

Here are some of the children's comments:

It was lots of fun to get the adults to come and tell them about <http://hedgehogrepublic.org/> so we can get the word out - hedgehogs are in danger of becoming extinct!

It's an amazing thing to make a game. It's an efficient way to get the word out about what is happening to hedgehogs.

We invited our parents into school to see all of the exciting projects we've been doing as part of the hedgehog republic. We shared our amazing computer game creations.



7th February  
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**Dates for your diary**

February	
14th	Amber class Assembly 2pm
13th	Amethyst class Assembly 2pm
14th	Last day of Term 3
17th-21st	Half term
24th	INSET DAY
25th	First day of Term 4
March	
10th & 11th	Parents' Evening
2nd	Bikeability Week Y5
5th	World Book Day
12th	Sports Relief
April	
3rd	Last day of Term 4
6th-17th	Easter Holidays
20th	Start of Term 5

**REQUEST FROM  
SUNSHINE & RAINBOW**

If anyone has any spare pants, socks or tights (age 4-6yrs) to donate to Sunshine & Rainbow class, we would be very grateful.

The governors meet in various committees throughout the year, and we also have one full meeting of all governors every half term.

At the Full Governing Body meeting this week, we discussed attendance.

Attendance is one of the biggest things the school is working to improve as it's below national average. Most of the problem is children arriving late. Just a few minutes late counts as an absence, and it does really matter. A lot of the most important learning comes at the start of the day. Please remember to help your child be at school by 8:50am. We'll be writing more about this in the next few weeks.

We also discussed our behaviour policy. As you may know, the school has been using "Golden Time" as a reward system for the good behaviour children present. Staff and governors now feel it's time to replace this with something that involves the children more actively in monitoring their own behaviour. As a first step staff have consulted with the children about what behaviours they think should be encouraged (for example: good listening). This is an ongoing process:

Golden Time will be with us for a few more terms, but in the meantime, watch the behaviour policy on the website, which will be updated as our thinking evolves.

Debbie Sleep updated us about safeguarding training and auditing (for example, training staff in safer recruiting). We're already good at this, but we now are employing a good external consultant to help us get even better.

We also discussed how "monitoring" is going. This means checking that all children are reaching the standards they are capable of. Teachers are supported by subject leaders through "book looks" when they discuss and assess children's' work; plans are put in place for children that need extra help. There are regular sessions with other schools where we look at each others' standards; and compare our marking and judgements. Governors make regular visits to ask questions about the vision and plans for the different subjects. The governors have been working on ensuring these visits happen on a schedule, and that we always cover the right topics.

On a final note, some of the staff and governors have been getting training about the new OFSTED inspection framework that is starting this year. Unusually for big changes like this, we all feel really positive about it, and we think it will help support children's learning and wellbeing.

**GLORIA'S CROSSING TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY**

Gloria will not be available on Tuesday afternoon next week to do the crossing duty due to staff training. Please ensure your child crosses the road safely.

**Message from PTFA**

**Cake Sale**

Rainbow class cake sale is next Friday 14th February. Rainbow parents please get baking and let's all remember our pennies to support our children.

What a great way to end the term...*with some full-of-love  
Valentine's scrumminess!*