



## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Another fantastic week in school! We have had two teaching and learning reviews this week, including staff from two other schools in Stockport. They could not speak highly enough of the children, particularly their learning behaviours and enthusiasm and motivation in class. We could not be prouder of them, and we are sure you are too! We are also proud of our amazing staff, as the standard of teaching and learning in each subject we observed was of the absolute highest standard. We have always said we want the highest levels of care and education for our children and it was clear to see that this is exactly what is happening. I genuinely could not be prouder!

We are really pleased with how Seesaw has improved our communication with parents. However, considering the wellbeing of teachers, we have made the decision to use Seesaw between the hours of 7:30 and 5:30. If you send messages outside of these hours, the teachers will still receive them but within the allocated time. As always, we appreciate your support with this.

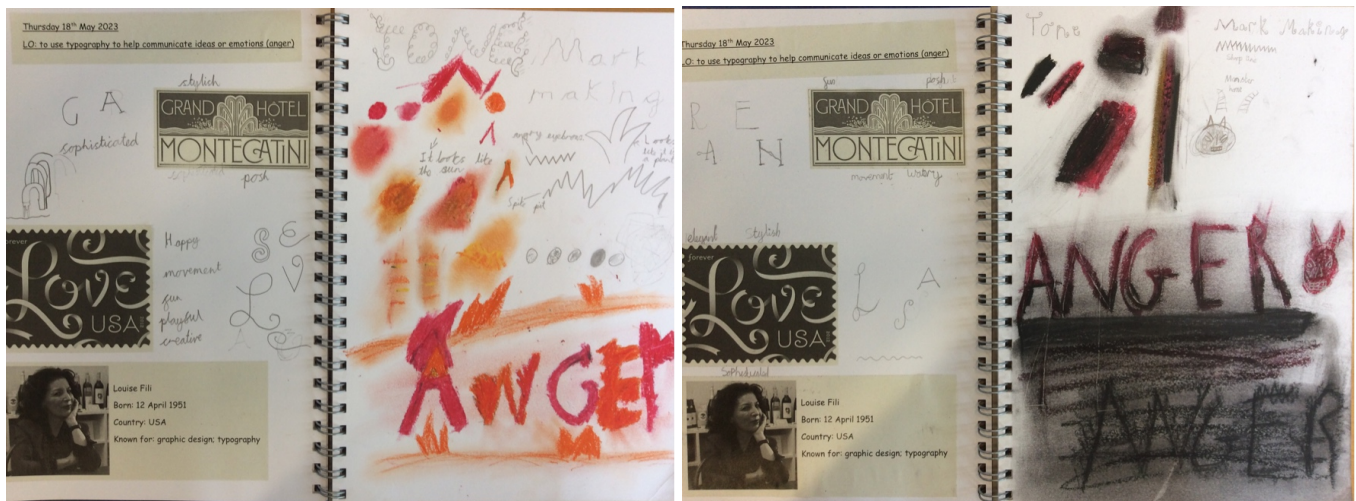
Please look through the rest of the newsletter for some great photos which I hope capture the feel of the week.

### **Care in the Community**

The last day of this half-term, Friday 26th May, we will celebrate our Care in the Community Awards. We would love to hear about the things your children have done to support our community. Please could you forward any nominations for Care in the Community Champions to your class teacher via Seesaw on Thursday 11th May.

### **Year 4**

Year 4 are really enjoying their unit on typography. This week, they learned about Louise Fili, a graphic designer based in New York. They then investigated tone and mark making before applying what they had learned to represent the word 'anger' using oil pastels. They are extremely proud of what they produced!



## Year 5

On Monday, the children in Year 5 were lucky enough to be involved in a Zoom call with multi-award winning author, Polly Ho-Yen, whose book 'The Day No One Woke Up' is one of the six books nominated for the Stockport Book Awards. Many of the children in Year 5 have been rotating through all six and it would seem Polly's is a definite favourite. She also presented the children with an opportunity to enter an art competition connected to the book awards; we hope all of our wonderfully artistic Year 5 children have a go at entering this. Polly spoke in great detail about where her ideas come from and how long it takes her to write an initial draft (two months for those wondering). If anything, we hope Aspire opportunities like this provide inspiration for the authors of tomorrow from Alexandra Park.



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**Year 6**

This week, the children in Year 6 were extremely fortunate to welcome a local business owner to help them develop presentation skills. After an interesting presentation, Alison worked alongside each group to provide specific advice on how they can deliver an effective delivery of their content. Furthermore, Alison discussed her own career and how these presentation skills impact on her business and future success when trying to attract new clients. The children really enjoyed seeing how it links to their own future as well as helping them produce excellent work in school.



## **Important Dates**

- Stay and Read for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and parents will continue on Thursday mornings 8.40 to 9.10am
- School breaks up for half term on **Friday 26th May**
- School reopens on **Tuesday 13th June**