



Shorne C of E Primary School

Term 3 newsletter

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Singing success at Young Voices!



YOUNG VOICES



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Growing Together in Learning and in Faith

The choir had a fantastic time at the Young Voices concert on the 19th January at the O2. Young Voices is the largest children's choir concerts in the world and this is the third time Shorne participated! They attended alongside ten other schools in the Trust and collectively sung a repertoire of songs, including hits from Matilda The Musical and a Moana medley!



A huge well done to everyone involved, especially Miss Morgan for taking the choir to this brilliant event and to all the parents for their support.



We have some exciting events coming up for you to look forward to!

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
Wonka Bars
Easter Egg Hunt

FOSS is a registered charity dedicated to raising money for the school. We organise lots of fundraising events and activities throughout the year with a wonderful team of parent helpers. We work closely with the school to use this money to enhance the children's learning experience and provide all those little extras that the school cannot fund. If you have any spare time and would like to find out more please get in touch.

Email: shornefoss@gmail.com

You can follow us on Facebook and Instagram too!



A message from Miss Hewett

Thank you for all your hard work this term. We have been adapting to lots of new staffing changes but also been working hard with preparations for the year ahead. It was lovely to see so many parents attend the workshops this week. We really appreciate your support and it's great to see parents engaging with your child's learning.

Attendance

In Term 4, Parent Consultations will be taking place and this will be an opportunity for teachers to discuss your child's learning as well as attendance. Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development.

Should your child be persistently absent from school (90% or below) we will contact you either by letter or telephone call to arrange a meeting. We want to do all we can to work with you to help improve your child's absence.

Please visit our website for our Attendance Policy, and you can access the most up-to-date information about your child's attendance on Arbor.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you a relaxing half term break.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **90% attendance equals half a day of school missed every week**
- **One school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole weeks of lessons and schoolwork missed**
- **Among pupils with no missed sessions over KS2, 83.9% achieved the expected standard compared to 40.2% of pupils who were persistently absent.**

The national target for pupil attendance is 96%. As a school, our current overall attendance so far this year is 95.5%.

Staffing update

We were extremely sad to say goodbye to Mrs Bond who left the school last month for pastures new. Mrs Bond was an instrumental part of the school and formed very close relationships with many children and families over the 14 years she was here. She will be greatly missed.

Next term, Mrs Vickers will move into Reception Class as the full time Teaching Assistant.



Baby News

We are delighted to share the good news that Miss Weedon gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, named Evie Butler, born on 30th January, weighing 8lb 13oz. Both Mum and baby are doing well.

WHIZZ KIDZ

Whizz Kidz Week

We raised
£2,054!

Term 3 pics



THANK YOU!



Help Save Lives



Bounce Trampolining Workshop

We were thrilled with the enthusiasm the children expressed towards our fundraising week for Whizz Kidz! They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in all the activities and fun run! A special thanks to *Nuffield Health* for providing a fun energetic warm up. The winning name of the pug was '**Honey**' and was won by Maya in Year 2. There were **218** sweets in the jar and Rory from Year R had the winning guess! Sophia in Year 5 was the runner up! Thanks so much for all your support - we raised such an incredible amount!

Express Yourself Own Clothes Day!

Instead of wearing school uniform, children and adults came to school wearing clothing that expressed their interests, favourite colour or simply something that they felt comfortable in. Thank you for your donations.



Girl's lunchtime football club



School Performance!

On Friday 9th February families were invited to watch a special performance of the song 'You've got a Friend in me', sung by the whole school in the playground. This was a lovely week to end Children's Mental Health Week.



Pancakes at Breakfast Club!

Celebrating success



well done

Harry Rudden-Vine completed a Reindeer Run of 24 miles for the RNLI in December and raised **£177.60!** He was very excited to receive a medal and thank you letter for all his efforts.



great job

On the 20th December Molly in Foxes Class became one of the chair people for the Children and Young People Council (CYP). Her duties are to work alongside the hospital and the community in order to improve services for children in Dartford and Kent. This will also include engagement with all schools in the local area.



excellent

At the end of January, Teyte from Year 6 competed in the U11 European Futsal Cup in France and beat Barcelona 2-0 in the final to win!



Shorne Sports news!

Dodgeball

Year 5 and 6 took part in the Trust Dodgeball Tournament this term and came 5th! The team showed great resilience and respect and represented Shorne excellently.



Girls Football

The girls played against New Ash Green and won 4-3, thanks to goals from Bella and Rihanna! They have progressed to the next round of the cup and face St John's.



Sports ambassadors

This term, some of our Year 5 students were invited to take part in the Active 60 Playground Leaders event which took place at the Legends Sports Centre. They learnt various playground games which they can bring back to the school and share with others, alongside our sports leaders.






Multi Skills

Pupils from Year 1 and 2 travelled to St Botolph's Primary School to take part in the KS1 Multi Skills event and finished 6th! This was an excellent opportunity for our youngest children to represent Shorne and they all had a great time.



Shorne's StAR Awards

Our StAR
Award winners!

	RESILIENCE 	COMMUNITY 	RESPECT 
Year R	Tate	Bea	Molly
Year 1	Jada	Pippa	Ariadne
Year 2	Riley	Maya	Bonnie
Year 3	Jayden	Primrose	Oliver
Year 4	George	Thomas	Rene
Year 5	Harry	Sophia	Teddy
Year 6	Isla P	Sienna	Amelie



Class with the best attendance is: Year R

House winners (Term 3) are: Nickleby

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

For World Book Day this year, children are invited to dress up as a book character or an adjective (e.g. sparkly, colourful, spotty, magical, blue etc). The more creative the better! They can also bring in their favourite book. This can be fiction, non-fiction, comic, poetry - whatever your child loves to read!

At 2:30pm on World Book Day, all families are invited into the classrooms to see everyone's costumes and complete some World Book Day related activities. If you have children in different year groups, you are welcome to go in between the classrooms but the children will stay in their classrooms. Families are also invited to dress up too!

As part of the day, everyone will also receive a £1 book token.



Accelerated Reader Achievements:

This academic year, we have read a grand total of:

14,281,428 words!

Our readers who have read the most words per class this term are:

Year 2 - Ben 35, 887

Year 3 - Sam 134,672

Year 4 - Matthew 382,478

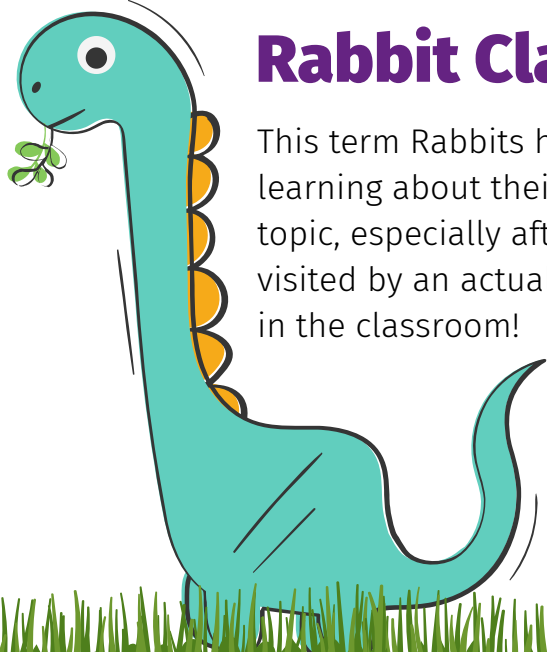
Year 5 - Harry 299,457

Year 6 - Isaac 326,827

Rabbit Class

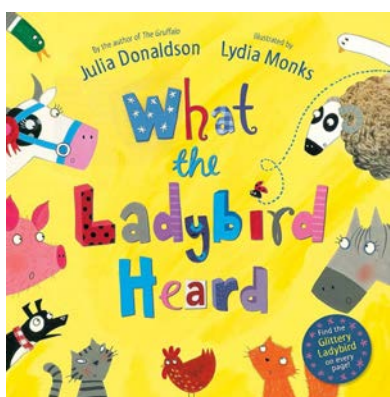
This term Rabbits have loved learning about their dinosaur topic, especially after being visited by an actual dinosaur in the classroom!

They have been hunting for fossils, excavating dinosaur poo, making flotation devices to help the dinosaurs swim, making dinosaur mud paintings as well as chocolate dinosaur nests!



Hedgehogs

This term Hedgehog Class have produced wonderful pieces of writing. We have been reading the story, What the Ladybird Heard by Julia Donaldson. The story inspired us to go on sound hunts around the school and then write our own stories called, What the Ladybird Heard at Shorne School!



Julia Donaldson's story also made us want to learn more about life on a farm, so we collected up some books from our school library and carried out lots of research. Following this, the children learnt about the features of non-fiction texts and created some exciting leaflets – All About the Farm.

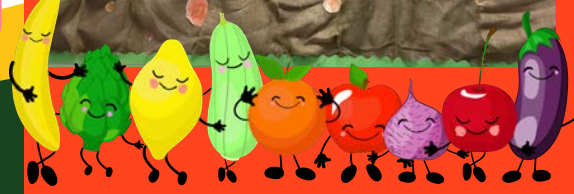


Otters

In Year 2 this term we have been looking at the story of Dread Cat by Michael Rosen. We created missing posters, sorry letters to the mice and even rewrote a chapter from the book to make it even better! We also had the opportunity to draw our own version of Dread Cat!



In art we have been studying Paul Cezanne and using his techniques and water colours, we recreated his painting - Still life with apples and oranges from 1895.



Foxes



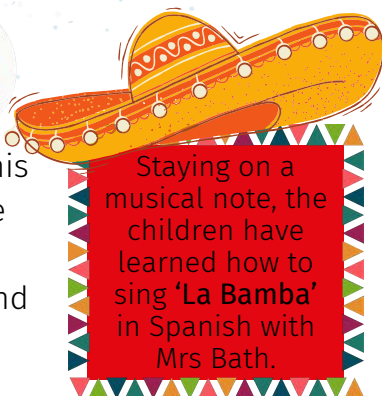
This term Year 3 has been reading 'A Bear Called Paddington'. We have thoroughly enjoyed using it as a stimulus for our writing. One of our extended pieces of writing was to write a set of instructions to tell our readers how to make Paddington's favourite food, a marmalade sandwich! We followed instructions carefully to make our own which we were able to take home and enjoy!



We have also been looking at Astronomical art. We learnt about the history of this style of art and used visual language to discuss how pieces of art, which depicted the future, made us feel. We then created our own space pictures!



Tiger Class



Staying on a musical note, the children have learned how to sing 'La Bamba' in Spanish with Mrs Bath.

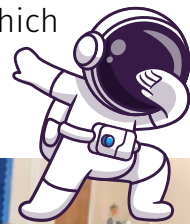
We have also begun revising for SATs. Please encourage your child to have a look at the activities available on the 'maths with a mouse' website over half term.



Dolphin Class



Term 3 saw us complete some lovely pieces of work. In PE we have been learning an amazing Space themed routine - which included teaching the parents key words and a section of the dance.



In English we have written some excellent pieces of work based on our book The Iron Man. We have created detailed setting descriptions, diary entries as well as some amazing blackout poetry.



Year 5 Pandas

Highlights for Year 5 included starting their Humanities work on the Greeks and some amazing writing based on the book "Who Let the God's Out" (definitely a recommended read if you like stories laced with humour). Of course we also had our Greek God inspired dance unit - check out the photos to see some of the children in action!"



Diary Dates

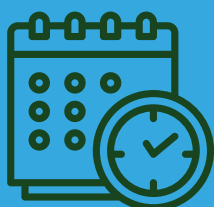
Key Dates - Term 4

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events on our
Facebook page!



Monday 19th February	Term 4 begins!
Monday 26th February	Year 1 Tower of London Trip
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 12th March	Trust Staff Development Day
Friday 15th March	Red Nose day & Year 5 Tower of London Trip
Monday 18th March	Parent Consultations - 3.30pm - 7pm
Wednesday 20th March	Online Safety Parent Workshop - 9am
Thursday 21st March	Parent Consultations - 3.30pm - 7pm French Day!  We are pleased to announce that Shorne School will be holding its first French Day! Children will have a chance to practise their French language skills and participate in a variety of teacher-led workshops celebrating French culture. Ce sera très amusant!
Monday 25th March	Easter Church Service - 10am (led by Year 1 and Year 6)
Wednesday 27th March	Last day of term - 1.30pm finish
Thursday 28th March	Staff Development Day
Thursday 4th April & Tuesday 9th April	SHORNE SPRING CLEAN!!! (From 10am onwards at the school, we need as many helpers as possible!)
Monday 15th April	Term 5 starts

Term 4 Clubs



Monday:	Dodgeball (KS1) Choir (KS2)
Tuesday:	Lunchtime - Girl's Football (KS2), Boy's Football (KS2) Movie/Story Club (KS1) Dance with Berenice (External - all)
Wednesday:	Lunchtime - Board Games Club (all) Craft Club (KS1)
Thursday:	Dodgeball (KS2) Outdoor Learning Club (KS1)
Friday:	Lunchtime - Pokemon Club (all - no sign up required)