



Shorne C of E Primary School

Term 4 newsletter

March 2024



Aletheia
Academies Trust



10 years of Aletheia

The Aletheia Academies Trust is celebrating its 10 year anniversary this year and we are excited to be a part of it.

The Aletheia Academies Trust was established in December 2014 when the existing Saint George's Church of England Trust was joined by St Botolph's Church of England Primary School and Shorne Church of England Primary School. At the heart of Aletheia is the belief in educational excellence to serve pupils, staff, parents and the community by providing captivating environments where everyone has the ability to develop and thrive intellectually, socially, culturally and spiritually.

“Improving life chances for local children”

“Improving life chances for local communities”



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A message from Miss Hewett

It has been a short but eventful term with school trips, public speaking competitions, fundraising, parent consultations and many other exciting activities. I was delighted to be able to attend (and sing) at the Trust Choir Concert on Tuesday evening and really enjoyed watching all the choirs perform, especially our own.

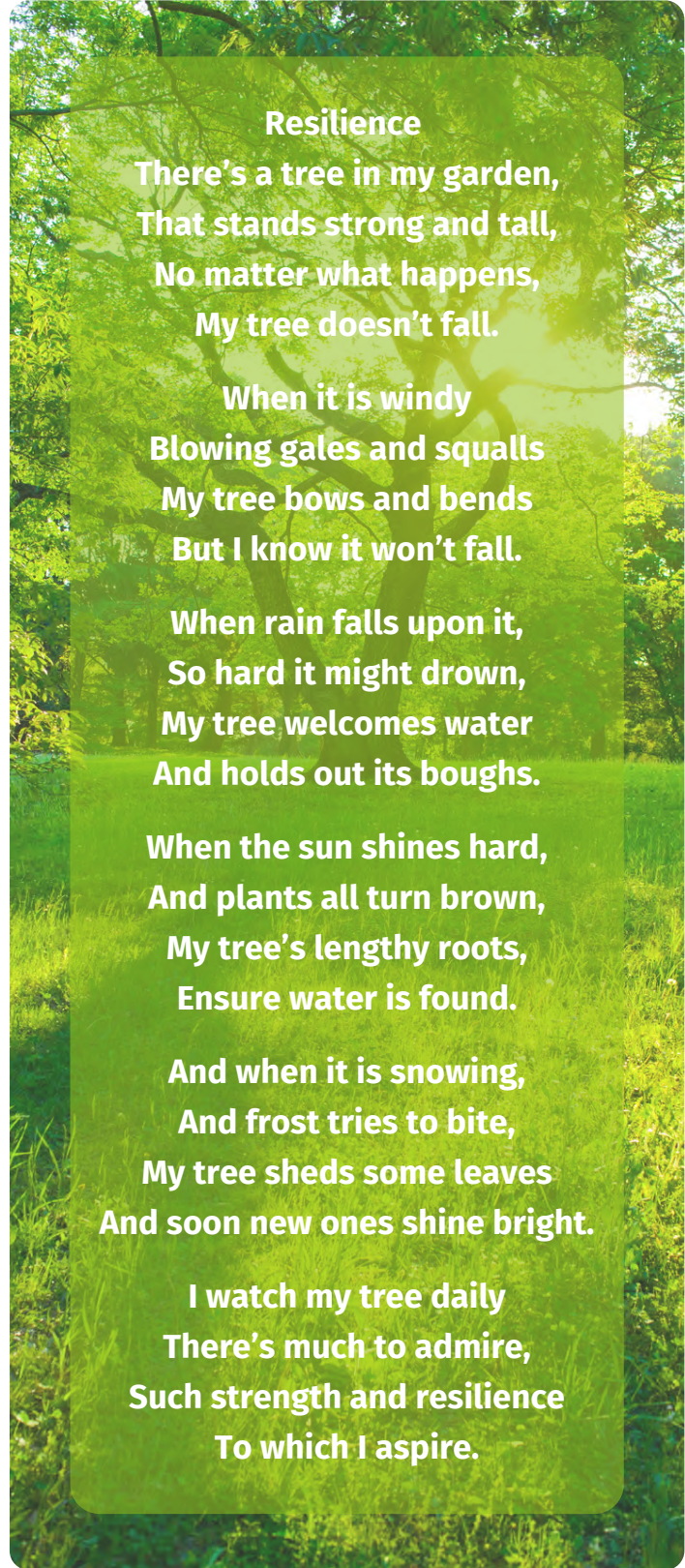
As a school we continue along our journey, and through monitoring by Executive Head and Senior Leadership Team, Teachers, Governors and pupil progress meetings this process is on-going. We are a team that consistently self reflects and will adapt to make changes for improvement.

I would like to thank the governors for all their help and support. They go unnoticed in the background but we are very lucky to have an effective and proactive governing body who work alongside the staff and myself to monitor standards and who challenge the Senior Leadership Team on a strategic basis.

In Term 5, we will be trialling something new. We have decided not to put a staff member on the gate at the end of the day. When you collect your child at 3.20pm, they will be your responsibility and we kindly ask that you exit from the school in a safe and sensible way. Playground equipment should not be used at this time as it is a health and safety risk. If you are intending not to collect your child from school from the classroom doors, as expected, please inform the school office of your arrangements. This mainly applies to children in Year 6.

Finally I would like to thank you all for your support and wish you all a very happy Easter.

Kind regards,
Tara Hewett
Head Of School



Resilience

There's a tree in my garden,
That stands strong and tall,
No matter what happens,
My tree doesn't fall.

When it is windy
Blowing gales and squalls
My tree bows and bends
But I know it won't fall.

When rain falls upon it,
So hard it might drown,
My tree welcomes water
And holds out its boughs.

When the sun shines hard,
And plants all turn brown,
My tree's lengthy roots,
Ensure water is found.

And when it is snowing,
And frost tries to bite,
My tree sheds some leaves
And soon new ones shine bright.

I watch my tree daily
There's much to admire,
Such strength and resilience
To which I aspire.

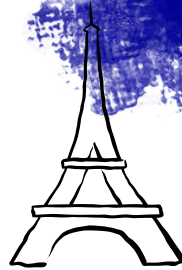
Easter Church Service

Year 1 and Year 6 led this year's Easter Church Service which took place on Monday 25th March at St Peter & St Paul's Church. The children spoke confidently and clearly and it was great to see the event so well attended by parents.



French Day

Our first French day was a huge success! The children had a wonderful time dressing up and taking part in French themed activities throughout the day, organised by Mrs Bath. They also enjoyed a delicious French breakfast and themed lunch! A big thank you to Mrs Bath for organising the whole event and FOSS for supplying the breakfast and craft supplies! We are extremely grateful for your support.



MARBLE RUN RESULTS!

Results of our whole school marble competition voted for by the children!

- 1st - year R**
- 2nd - year 3**
- 3rd - year 6**

All the children worked really hard together to make amazing marble runs. Their DT skills were put to the test!



WOW! What a fantastic effort everyone made for this year's World Book Day - the costumes were brilliant! It was also lovely to see so many parents take part in our sharing afternoon where they had the opportunity to share stories with their child/ren and create book covers.

SHORNE news

Term 4 pics



A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who organised a fantastic fundraising afternoon to raise money for a variety of charities. Each class had the opportunity to visit the stalls and participate in activities such as face painting, games and glitter tattoos. They worked exceptionally hard to put the event on and raised a grand total of **£621.29!**



Through recycling our old clothes, we raised **£36** for Bag 2 School.



On 20th March, the Trust held their annual Basketball Tournament where all the schools competed, including Shorne. We played really well but didn't win on this occasion.



Year 1 Tower of London Trip



World Book Day



Nite Owls



FOSS Easter Egg Hunt!

Public Speaking Competition

The Trust School Improvement Team held a public speaking competition to give pupils a chance to share their special interests and develop their oracy skills. Pupils from across the Trust, who had previously won their class Speaking Competition (Round 1), were invited to Holy Trinity CE Primary School to see Mike Dodsworth - Storyteller. Following the event, the children who attended polished their presentations and took part in the school final. **The Shorne School winner was Macie Snowell.** One winner from each school will have the opportunity to attend a fantastic trip in the summer term as well as present again to a panel of judges in the final round of the competition at Saint George's Church of England School on 3rd July 2024.



Celebrating success

excellent

On Tuesday 14th February Lillie (Year 6) competed in the NSEA jumping qualifiers placing 1st and 4th in two classes, earning points for Shorne school!



well done

Savanna (Year 2) and her team came 1st at the ICC INTERNATIONAL cheer competition in Guildford on 24th February. She entered as an ALL STAR, which is the highest level she can compete at for her age!



Georgina Fisher also competed for Shorne and placed in both her classes! The girls will continue to compete for Shorne throughout the rest of the school year!






great job

Poppy (Year 6) and Amber (Year 3) also competed in the competition, alongside Savanna. Poppy's team is level 1 youth and they came first, and also won the judges choice award. Amber's team is level 1 mini and they also came first too! The next competition is the Battle of Champs taking place in Nottingham in June.

Shorne's STAR Awards

Our STAR Award winners!

	RESILIENCE 	COMMUNITY 	RESPECT 
Year R	Alex M	Ada	Samuel
Year 1	Oliver	Jacob	Lenny P
Year 2	Bobby J	Arabella	Ben
Year 3	James	Meadow	Ari
Year 4	Jessica W	Olivia	Jude H
Year 5	Josh	Ben	Macie
Year 6	Poppy	Henry	Sienna Dale



Year 5 and 6 both won best attendance – 96.58%

House winners (Term 4) are: Nickleby

coram 
Beanstalk
 creating readers



We are delighted to have started a new reading partnership with Coram Beanstalk. Every Wednesday, two trained readers come into school to deliver fun, interactive, reading experiences with some of the children. They give them encouragement and support to enhance their reading skills.



Accelerated Reader Achievements:

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

4,603,092 words!

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

- Year 2 - Ben 35,913
- Year 3 - Sam 136,623
- Year 4 - Hooper 202,359
- Year 5 - Jack 169,656
- Year 6 - Gabriella 175,198

Rabbit Class



Rabbits have been learning about transport this term. We have enjoyed...

Washing cars!

Building big rockets outside!

Role playing in our bus!



Surveying the traffic!



Making boats to see if they float!



Hedgehogs



Hedgehog Class have been very busy this term. We have experienced an exciting school trip to the Tower of London and we have been working hard in class on our writing.



We have enjoyed the class story books this term, in particular they have been inspired by **The Funny Bones** story. **The Funny Bones** story inspired us to write a Wanted Poster and our very own Funny Bones stories too. Hedgehog Class have also been investigating different structures in their D.T lessons - their understanding of different frames and bases helped them to create successful marble runs!

Otters



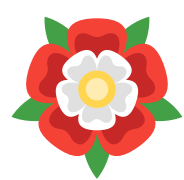
This term in Year 2 our class book has been *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt. We loved reading about the different colours' feelings and how they were annoyed with their owner Duncan! We wrote our own letters to Duncan, persuading him to choose us as his favourite colour.



As part of science week, we recorded the temperature at the same time every day to observe the change over time. Most days it was between 13-15 degrees but one afternoon it was 20!

In art we have been studying the artist Georgie O'Keeffe who is an American artist that paints flowers really close up so you can admire their beauty. Using paint, we created our own versions of some of her paintings and we went around the school taking photos of real flowers which we then created our own versions of using oil pastels.





Foxes

Year 3 have had a wonderful, creative term! In Term 5 we are taking part in the St George's Day Parade. To prepare for this, we had an artist come in for a whole day to make Tudor Roses. We had an amazing time using willow sticks to create the frame and tissue paper for the petals. It was such a fun experience and we are very excited for the parade!



Tiger Class



Year 6 have completed a lot of practical activities this term before our big final push towards SATS after Easter. In DT we contributed significantly to the devastation of the rainforests with our consumption of cardboard in order to complete our arched structures and make marble runs! We have also carried out some investigations in science, considering how moths have adapted and thinking about how components are affected by changes in a circuit.

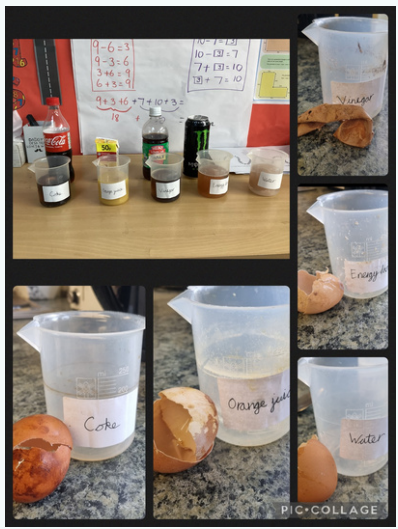


Dolphin Class



Year 4 had a wonderful time this term. We have spent lots of time looking at C.S. Lewis's 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'.

During Science week, we conducted an experiment to look at the effect of different liquids on the shell of an egg. We had a brilliant time tracking what was happening and were very shocked to see the effects the vinegar had on the egg - creating a 'rubber-like' egg!



Year 5 Pandas



Some great learning opportunities were seized in this jam-packed term, including science week, a Design and Technology-focused marble run, World Book Day and French Day.



The highlight was our trip to the Tower of London to support our learning around the Tudors. We all had a great time, led by some 'in character' guides and we even managed a bit of free time to see the Crown Jewels.



Diary Dates

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Key Dates - Term 5

Monday 15th April	Term 5 begins!
Thursday 18th April	Class photos
Tuesday 23rd April	St George's Day Parade - Year 3. Gravesend Town Centre
Thursday 2nd May	Year 3 and 4 school trip
Friday 3rd May	Year R Farm trip
Monday 6th May	Early May Bank Holiday
Monday 13th May	Year 2 trip to Chatham Dockyard
Friday 24th May	Last day of term!
Monday 1st June	Term 6 starts

Term 5 Clubs:

- Monday:** Dodgeball (KS1)
Student Minecraft Club (Years 1-6)
Gardening/Outdoor Learning Club (all)
Science Club (External - Years 1-6)
- Tuesday:** Movie/Story Club (KS1)
Dance with Berenice (External - all)
- Wednesday:** Craft Club (KS1 - £2 per session)
- Thursday:** Dodgeball (KS2)
NEW: Music Club (all)
- Friday:** Lunchtime - Pokemon Club



Thank you to all members of FOSS who are constantly working hard behind the scenes to help raise money for the school. Through the Easter fundraising activities FOSS raised a total of

£1,594!

thank you