



# Shorne C of E Primary School

Term 5 newsletter

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## A trip to Parliament!



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**On Friday 17th May, Macie from Year 5 enjoyed a special school trip to The House of Lords, as part of Macie's prize for winning the KS2 school Speaking Competition for Shorne. She travelled to the Parliamentary Estate at Whitehall with the winners from each school in the Trust. As part of their visit they were taken on a tour of Westminster Hall, St Stephen's and the Central Lobby and also had the opportunity to meet with Lord Waverley. Well done Macie!**

## A message from Miss Hewett

I would like to thank both the staff and students for their hard work this term. It has been jam-packed full of learning, success, enrichment, trips, national assessment and fun! A special mention to Year 6 for working so hard during SATs week, I am incredibly proud of you all for showing resilience.

We are focusing on reviewing our Vision Statement and would welcome your input from the Parent Survey. We intend to streamline all aspects whilst keeping the central themes. We will be holding a Parent workshop on **Wednesday 26th June** and hope to see you there.

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is **95.2%**. However, we are seeing more requests for holidays which will continue to be unauthorised. Please think really carefully about taking your child out of school in term time in order to go on holiday. Every day of school counts and even if (as many parents tell us) the children may get to experience different cultures or history, this is no replacement for the days of education missed which are tailored to the age and needs of your child. Gaps in learning are very difficult to fill and returning to school after time away can cause anxiety.

As you know, we always make time to talk and listen to you should you have a concern. Remember your first points of contact are the class teachers who are at the doors for short chats at the end of the school day.

Looking forward to next term, when Year 6 go to Kingswood for their Residential trip, Year 5 have a taste of Glamping on the school field, and rehearsals will get underway for the Year 6 end of year production. I am also looking forward to National Sports Week and our annual Sports Day event.

I would also like to say a great big thank you to FOSS for your continued support. I know they are busy preparing for lots of fundraising events that are taking place next term such as a Crazy Hair Day and the Father's Day Brunch.

I hope that you all have a very enjoyable and relaxing half term break and look forward to seeing everyone back safe and well again on Monday 3rd June.

Kind regards,  
*Tara Hewett, Head Of School*



Miss T Hewett  
HEAD OF SCHOOL

# SPRINGWATCH at Shorne



Baby birds were born in a nest outside the school office

A hedgehog was found under an old shed that we were replacing outside Rabbit Class



It was rescued and rehomed by Shorne Wildlife Group, who are coming in after half term to talk to the children about how we can become a more 'wildlife friendly' school.

## Message from Keith Syrett, Chair of Governors

It has been an extraordinarily busy year and before you know it, we are almost at the end of the academic year. As a governing body, we continue to grow as does the Trust we are a part of. Shortly we will have a position opening up for a new **Parent Governor**. Our Head of School, Miss Hewett, will be sending out a communication to all parents asking for applications.

Whilst I don't wish to pre-empt this communique, I would like to say that if you feel you have the time available to represent the Parents' point of view then why not ask for an application form?

Alternatively, contact the office and we will put you in touch with a governor who will be able to go into things in more detail? It's very rewarding!

## Staffing update

We would like to say a very warm welcome to Miss Couchman, our new a 1:1 Learning Support Assistant, who started with us last month.



Miss L Couchman

1:1 LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

## Whole school art project



Thank you to everyone who came along to our art afternoon yesterday, it was lovely to see so many of you getting involved - and we were very lucky with the weather! We will be assembling our tree over the next few weeks and will share a photo when it is completed. Thank you, as always, for your support with our whole school art project.



# SHORNE *News*



Students from Year 5 and 6 represented Shorne at a Tag Rugby tournament hosted by Andrea Kitchener, School Games Organiser, at Dartford Valley Rugby Club.

The boys and girls performed admirably and we were delighted with a third place result for the girls. It was a lovely afternoon of sports and they all had a wonderful time

## *Thanks from us*



A huge thanks to our new volunteer Mrs Gratton for all her help and support with Year 6 in the lead up to SATs. She gave up her time to come in twice a week to lead interventions with different pupils and we are extremely grateful.



Welcome to Mrs Chapman, our new reading volunteer, who will be coming in to read with KS2 on a Monday afternoon. Thank you...



We are extremely grateful to Mr and Mrs Love who have very kindly paid for new blinds to be put up in our Year 6 classroom. This will have a huge impact on the children's learning environment and we can't thank them enough.

## *Term 5 pics*



*St George's Day Celebrations!*



*Spring lambs visit!*



*Rocksteady rehearsals!*



*Chance to Shine workshop*

# Celebrating success

A huge well done to Freddie in Year 1 who took part in his first mini marathon! The charity event was held at Greenwich park in aid of the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice.



Congratulations to Tommy and Noah in Year 2, who represented Riverview U7's in the Challenge Cup final match against Gravesham Borough Reds, and came runners up.



Eva from Year 4 competed at the Ice Blast Cheerleading competition with her cheer team Flurry. They came 2nd out of six other teams.



# Shorne's STAR Awards

Our STAR Award winners!

	RESILIENCE 	COMMUNITY 	RESPECT 
Year R	Jax	Cooper	Rose-Marie
Year 1	Freddie	Rohan	Layla
Year 2	Harry	Luna	Charlotte
Year 3	Benjamin	Jon	Isabelle
Year 4	Beth	Sidney	Matthew
Year 5	Evelyn	Isla	Seb
Year 6	Isla H	Robin	Jessica



Year 5 won best attendance – 98.97%!

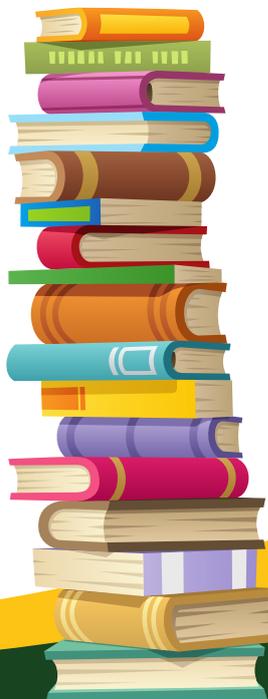
House winners (Term 5) are: Haversham

## Writer of the Week

This term we launched 'Writer of the Week'. Each week, one children in EYFS and KS1 and one child from KS2, will be chosen as the writer of the week and receive a certificate. They will also have their picture taken and writing shared.

A huge congratulations to our winners so far:

Parker and Jude D  
Sienna J and Jude H  
Luna and Teddy M  
Isla P



## Accelerated Reader Achievements:

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

**3,701,083 words!**

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

Year 2 - Jude 47,915  
Year 3 - Ella 126, 641  
Year 4 - Matthew 265,926  
Year 5 - Evelyn 134,502  
Year 6 - Gabriella 133,059

## Rabbit Class



Rabbits have been learning about farms and why they are so important. We milked cows, planted strawberries and herbs, designed our own farms and we even had a visit from a tractor! We have also been watching caterpillars transform to butterflies and let them go in forest school which was magical. We ended the term celebrating Bee Week by painting bees, learning about honey from beekeeper Warren, making bee biscuits and having a dress up day!

## Hedgehogs

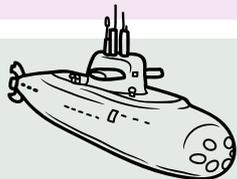


Hedgehog Class have been working so hard on their phonics and reading skills this term. They have also engaged brilliantly with their class book, *The Perfect Pet*, and produced excellent pieces of writing. We have been working on extending our ideas and the children have been successful in producing longer narratives. To celebrate their hard work, we had a special visitor come into class... Stanley, the tortoise!



Stanley is Mrs. Bull's pet tortoise, and she kindly brought him into school to meet us. Mrs. Bull taught us lots of interesting facts and the children asked amazing questions. The children (and all of the staff) really enjoyed meeting Stanley and learning all about tortoises.

## Otters



This term, Year 2 went on their trip to Chatham Dockyard. We explored a submarine, met Pirate Tracey and found out all about the horrible Black Beard and sang a pirate song, made our own boats and raced them, made our own rockets and fired them and sat in real life boats! We were lucky that the weather was nice enough we could have a picnic outside on the grass.



The children were very well behaved and they represented the school brilliantly. A huge thank you to our parent helpers and Mrs Dalton and Miss Couchman for their amazing help!



## Foxes



Year 3 have had a wonderful, busy term!

We started off by taking part in the St George's Day parade with our hand made Tudor roses. The children thoroughly enjoyed parading with many other schools, seeing people on stilts, singing along with the celebrations and interacting with a St George puppet who loved their roses!

In DT this term, we have been learning how to make vegetable soup. We started by peeling and using our claw grip to safely chop different vegetables and adding seasonings to our soup. We then cooked and tried it! The children could try the chunky and smooth soup, it got many good reviews from them!



## Dolphin Class



Year 4 have had a busy Term 5! We had a wonderful trip to Detling as part of our school trip where we met some lovely animals, saw some amazing displays and managed to taste some local produce! We ended the term by improving our coding skills using Scratch and attempting to create different varieties of dip!



## Tiger Class



Even though Year 6 have been working hard this term, revising for SATS, we've taken some breaks in the afternoons to visit the church and take inspiration for our art from the stained glass windows. We then took these ideas back to class and created some lovely examples of our own which look lovely on our windows. We've also taken advantage of some of the (unfortunately very few) dry days to go out and explore the forest school area.



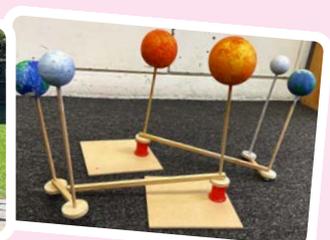
## Year 5 Pandas



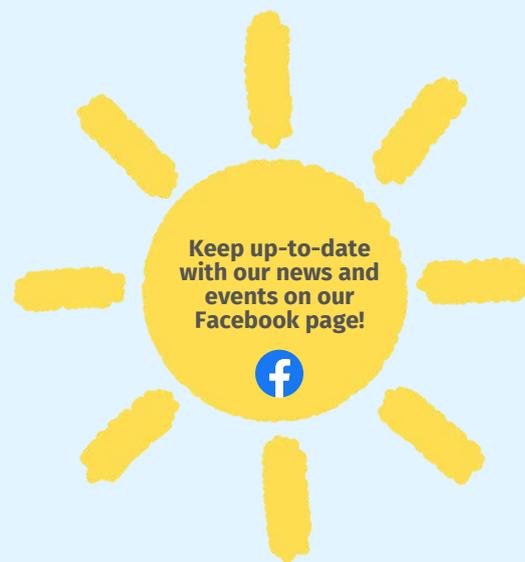
This term has flown by. Highlights have included some amazing story writing and poetry around our class text, Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo, designing and making our own orrery to assist our science work and creating foil sculptures in the style of El Greco when looking at art and religion



We also managed to squeeze in some time to train up as Sports Leaders ready for Term 6 and next year. Roll on Term 6 when we will have the Glamping Experience to look forward to!



# Diary Dates



## Key Dates - Term 6

<b>Monday 3rd June</b>	<b>Term 6 begins</b>
<b>Wednesday 5th June</b>	<b>Wrap around care drop in session - 5-6pm</b>
<b>Friday 7th June</b>	<b>FOSS Crazy hair/clothes day</b>
<b>Monday 10th - Friday 14th June</b>	<b>Year 6 Residential Trip</b>
<b>Thursday 13th - Saturday 15th</b>	<b>Year 5 Glamping</b>
<b>Friday 14th June</b>	<b>Year 5 trip FOSS Father's Day Brunch (1) Travelling Book Fair (3.30pm-4pm)</b>
<b>Monday 17th June</b>	<b>Travelling Book Fair (3.30pm-4pm) FOSS Father's Day Brunch (2)</b>
<b>Friday 21st June</b>	<b>Sports Day and FOSS BBQ</b>
<b>Wednesday 26th June</b>	<b>Parent Meeting - Vision and Values, 2.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 28th June</b>	<b>FOSS School Disco (KS1 and KS2 - time TBC)</b>
<b>Monday 1st July</b>	<b>Trust Development Day - school closed</b>
<b>Wednesday 3rd July</b>	<b>Trust Charity Day for Cancer Research</b>
<b>Wednesday 17th July</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Service, St Peter and St Paul Church, Shorne</b>
<b>Friday 19th July</b>	<b>Last day of Term - 1.30pm finish</b>