



Shorne C of E Primary School


Term 1 newsletter

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Our first Colour Run!

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SHORNE SPOTLIGHT



on...Miss Hewett

Get to know our Head Teacher Miss Hewett in the first of our new feature - Shorne Spotlight! Here are five things you may not know about her!

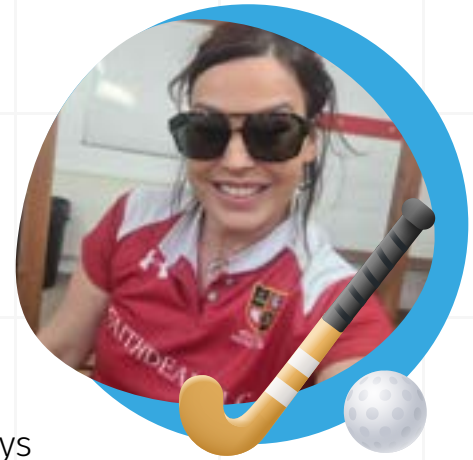
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My grandparents were both teachers, and their dedication to education inspired me to follow in their footsteps. I studied at Goldsmiths, University of London, where I completed my Bachelor of Education degree.



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I am one of four children, and my siblings and I were very sporty growing up, which certainly influenced my passion for physical education. I enjoy playing hockey for Holcombe Hockey Club, a sport I've loved since I was 17!



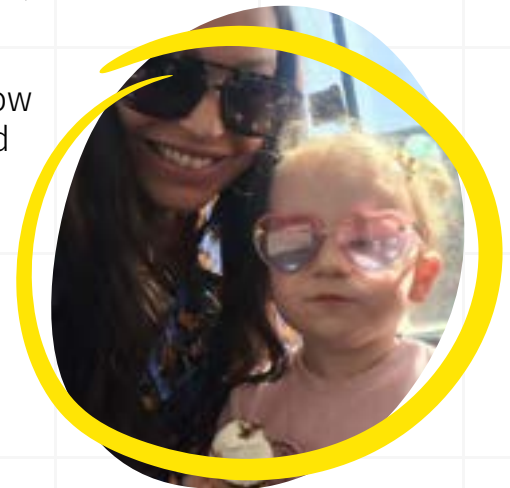
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Teaching has always been my passion, and from a young age, I knew it was the path I wanted to follow. PE and English were my favourite subjects at school, and I have always had a particular enthusiasm for working with children in these areas.



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I first joined Shorne in 2001 as a newly qualified teacher. It was a fantastic start to my career, and I quickly developed a love for working with our pupils. After spending time in Year 3, I moved to Year 6, where I spent the majority of my teaching career. I was appointed Deputy Head, and now I am in my eighth year as Head Teacher!



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I welcomed my daughter, Hattie, who is now two and a half, and have recently returned to Shorne full-time. It's wonderful to be back leading the school!

Leading this school and working with such dedicated staff, students, and families has been a joy. I look forward to working with you all as we continue to nurture and develop the wonderful pupils of Shorne Primary School. Thank you to staff, governors, families, FOSS and our volunteers for your ongoing support.

Warm regards, Tara Hewett, Head of School

SHORNE *News*

Staffing update

We welcomed Mrs Hurley at the start of the term who joined Shorne as a 1:1 Learning Support Assistant. She will be based in Year 6 supporting pupils with higher needs.



Please join us in wishing Mrs Goodger the best of luck for the future as she takes a step back from teaching.

Mrs Goodger, who joined the school in 2016 has been on maternity leave since November last year, but would like to take a break from teaching to spend more time with her family.



Mrs L. Goodger

CLASS TEACHER

Thanks from us



A huge thank you to Mrs Wanmer and Mrs Gratton who are giving up their time to volunteer and run maths interventions with Year 6. We really appreciate your support.



We are grateful to have more volunteer support from Miss Goodman and Miss Osborn who are both supporting different year groups with reading and learning.



Thanks also to Mrs Rudden-Vine for continuing to run Cooking Club. The children absolutely love baking with Clair each week and were delighted with their personalised wooden cooking spoons.

Parent feedback for Cooking Club:

Thank you for your time & efforts during cooking club. He has had the best time & we have enjoyed trying all his creations.

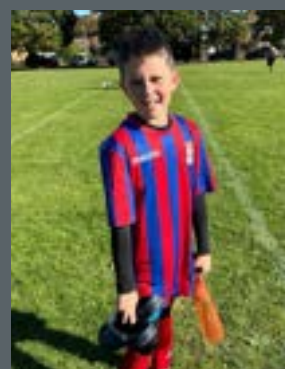
“Thanks so much for all you put into Cooking Club. You do so much, and we are grateful. He has really loved it, more than any other club he has done!”



Achievements at Shorne



Congratulations to Harry in Year 6 who won two awards for his first year at sea cadets - Attendance and Achievement. These were presented to Harry at the awards ceremony.



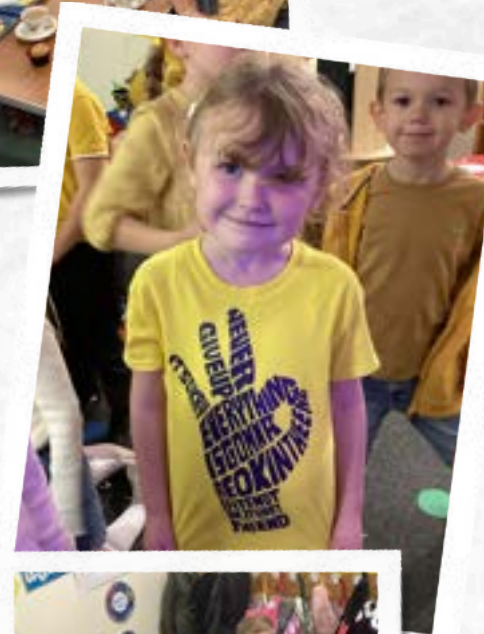
A huge well done to Teddy in Year 6 for representing our school in the district football team.

Term 1 pics



Harvest Festival

Thank you for all your kind donations towards our Harvest Festival collection. These items will be taken to the Gravesham Foodbank after half term and will be greatly appreciated.



ECO CLUB

We are extremely excited to have an Eco Club! Our first meeting consisted of meeting our giant African land snails and a spot of gardening to tidy up the peace garden. The children are very excited to tackle lots of projects to help our environment, including recycling used postage stamps for the British Hedgehog Preservation Society. Thanks to Shorne Wildlife Community Group for the wonderful idea!



Stamps can be dropped off to the school office!
Thank you



FOSS Colour Run

Photo gallery



Our first Colour Run event was a huge success!

Children, staff and volunteers had a fantastic afternoon at the FOSS Colour Run. After the first event was postponed due to bad weather, we were delighted this was able to go ahead in the glorious autumn sunshine, and everyone had a brilliant time! FOSS also held a Bake Off and disco in Term 1 and collectively the events have raised over £2,000 for the school. We are very much looking forward to the festive season and the Christmas Fair which is taking place on 23rd November from 12-3pm.

A huge thanks to all the members of FOSS (and other parents) who give up their time to volunteer at events. A lot goes on behind the scenes to make these happen and we are extremely grateful for your support.

A huge thank you for all your efforts with the Shorne Bake Off competition. We had some fantastic entries! The winners are:

Class	Runners up	Winner
R	Izzy and Florence P	Ricky
1	Alex D and Layla	Bea
2	Ronnie and Lennie	Elsie
3	Arabella and Thomas	Noah
4	Francesca and Sam	Sidney H
5	Beth and Hooper	George
6	Jack and Edie	Emily

Overall Bake Off winner - Isabella in Year 2 with her brilliant sleeping beauty cupcake!



SPORTS ROUND UP

What a truly wonderful term it has been for sport at Shorne! We've successfully entered six different competitions this term, ranging from netball to hockey to the Highland Games. Every individual who had the honour of representing Shorne has performed wonderfully and respectfully throughout these events.

In netball, we fielded a team that was relatively inexperienced, with eight out of the ten players having had little competitive action before. Of those, four had never played netball at all! Despite this, the team spirit was high, and I must say, we performed remarkably well given the circumstances.



The boys' football team showcased some outstanding skills on the pitch. Unfortunately, due to the short halves, we were knocked out in the group stage of the Ford Shield. Nevertheless, their determination was commendable.



We also had a mixed friendly football match against Westcourt Primary School. Although it ended in a 6-3 defeat, the resilience displayed was noteworthy. There were some highlights, including a brilliant volley from Harry, a stunning free-kick from Jude, an amazing solo effort from Rihanna, and a series of impressive saves from Ellis. Well done all!



The girls' team, competing in the Clarke Shield, truly impressed. Once again, we fielded a team without substitutes, and four players had never experienced competitive football prior to this event. They scored some fantastic goals and qualified for the semi-finals, finishing second in the group stages. Although we narrowly lost the semi-final 1-0, the girls had an incredible experience and should take pride in their achievements.






The Highland Games brought together our Year 3 and 4 students for an incredible event. For many, this was their first taste of competitive sport, and they performed excellently, finishing commendably in fifth place out of eleven schools. Their spirit and enthusiasm were a joy to behold.



Lastly, we were lucky enough to participate in a Rush Hockey tournament, where for some, it was their very first time holding a hockey stick. The team controlled all the games, impressively not conceding a single goal throughout the tournament. Special praise must go to Foley Bath for his powerful shots!

Shorne's STAR Awards

	RESILIENCE 	COMMUNITY 	RESPECT 
Year R	Ricky	Sofia	Ruben
Year 1	William	Leo W	Theo
Year 2	Harlow	Max	Sadie
Year 3	Oliver C	Freddie	Charlotte
Year 4	Foley	Buddy	Jayden
Year 5	Lucas	Harry J	Emily
Year 6	Harry S	Dolly	Israel

Our STAR Award winners!



Year 5 won best attendance with 97.13%

House winners (Term 1) are: Copperfield

PUPIL LEADERSHIP

We believe that every pupil in our school should be represented and heard. There are a wide range of leadership roles in our school that enable pupils to take on responsibility, have a voice and make a difference to others and themselves as a result.



Head Boy – Harry R
Head Girl – Sophia
Deputy Head Boy – Harry S
Deputy Head Girl – Rosie

Pupil Voice

Year 1 - Evie and Leo W
Year 2 - Joseph and Georgie
Year 3 - Arabella and Harry
Year 4 - Primrose and Sid H
Year 5 - Charlie and Beth
Year 6 - Tommy and Cece

Faith Leaders

Year 1 - Theo C and Tabitha
Year 2 - Jacob and Oillie
Year 3 - Harley-May and Freddie
Year 4 - Jayden and Isabelle
Year 5 - Olivia S and Lucas
Year 6 - Adas and Rihanna

Eco Club

Year 1 - Alex D and Ada
Year 2 - Jenson and Fraser
Year 3 - Luna and Thomas
Year 4 - Foley and Sam
Year 5 - Eva and Aziz
Year 6 - Harry S

Librarians

Head Librarian: Olivia
 Skye, Rosie, Rihanna, Darlie-Beau, Sophia, Seb, Dolly, Teddy, Evelyn, Ted, Harry RV, Edie, Jack, Cece, Iris, Macie, Feya, Emily, Meera, Josh, Charles, Harry S

Sports Leaders

Evelyn, Tom-Henry, Emily, Freya, Isla, Skye, Dolly, Adas, Charles, Olivia, Meera, Macie, Iris, Sophia, Darlie-Beau, Rosie

House Captains



Israel & Freya



Darlie-Beau



Edie



Ben & Teddy M

We came third!

We are so proud to announce that Shorne came 3rd in Gravesham's Summer Reading Challenge! A huge well done to everyone who took part in the challenge!



Speech and Language

Coffee Morning

Wednesday 13th November

Taking place at Shorne Primary School, Cob Drive, Shorne, DA12 3DU

9.15am - 10.15am

There will be a presentation about speech and language strategies and a short questions and answers session at the end.

All welcome!
We look forward to seeing you there!



Writer of the Week

A huge congratulations to our winners in Term 1:

Edie, Ivy and Ella M
Tate, Jacob M and Harry L
Thomas J (year 5) and Anna W
Georgie, Cooper and Harry R-V

Passed every quiz:

Arejas, Ben C (3), Finley, George G,
Dollie Mc, Jude S, Oliver S, Primrose,
Drew, Sidney H, Ella M, Jon, Tommy R,
Freya W, Ivy, Hooper, Molly B, Harry C,
Kalel, Matthew, Jude H, Rene, Harry J,
Thomas J, Charlie P, Zachary, Lucas,
Tom-Henry, Adas, Evelyn, Ben C (6),
Cobie, Seb, Charles, Sophia H, Edie,
Cece, Jack S, Rihanna and Ted W.



Accelerated Reader Achievements:

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

3,813,544 words!

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

Year 2: Georgie Fisher - 12,740 words

Year 3: Ben Collins - 128,236

Year 4: Ella Mahon - 93,441

Year 5: Matthew Gurney - 368,191

Year 6: Cece Smith - 173,771

Rabbit Class



Rabbits have settled well into school life. They have enjoyed getting to know each other and making new friends.



Hedgehogs



Hedgehog Class have had a successful first term! They have engaged with many stories and particularly enjoyed, Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel and Beegu. These stories have all inspired great pieces of writing.



We read supertato as part of our superheroes topic and had a visit from evil pea who did some very naughty things in our classroom! Thankfully we made our own supertatoes that captured him and put him back in the freezer!



The children are very proud of their Rapunzel sentences, they worked well by sequencing the story, acting out the story and learning about adjectives to describe the setting. They took great care with their letter formation and worked hard to remember to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops correctly.



Otters



This term in Year 2 we have been looking at the books Tidy by Emily Gravett and Greta and the Giants by Zoe Tucker and Zoe Persico. We learned all about climate change activist Great Thunberg and we researched her journey to New York on a yacht, writing a newspaper report about the even. Did you know that it took Greta two weeks to sail there and there were no toilets on the yacht!



In art we looked at portraits and we created our own portraits based on the style of Andy Warhol and experiments with colour washing in the style of Thomas Gainsborough.



We've been having lots of muddy fun at forest school! We've been creating mud recipes, building dens and creating habitats for animals.





Foxes

Year 3, we have had a wonderful first term! It's been a busy few months filled with creativity and teamwork. One of the highlights was our exploration of graffiti artwork.



We delved into the lives of various famous graffiti artists, discovering their unique styles and messages. Inspired by their work, we created some amazing pieces that reflected important and powerful words—truly a fantastic display of our imaginations!

In PE, we've been focusing on the significance of teamwork and tactics. We've had great fun applying these skills to various game situations, enhancing both our understanding of the games and our team spirit.

Additionally, we were introduced to Boccia, which is an inclusive sport featured in the Paralympics. Overall, it's been an enriching and enjoyable start to the year!



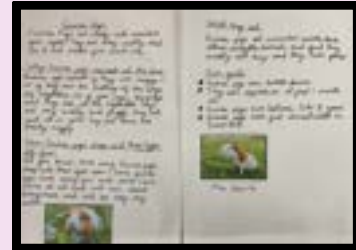
Dolphin Class



Dolphins have made an excellent start to the year. In art, the children have taken inspiration from LS Lowry and created some amazing pieces, focusing on perspective and how to show determination in characters. They have also studied abstract art, looking at many artists including Klee and Kandinsky. They created their own art in different mediums (and came up with their own titles) – see a couple of great examples below.



In English our work has revolved around the book Varjak Paw by SF Said. The learning culminated in them using the skills learned to create some report writing.



Tiger Class



All the children have made a fantastic start to the new school year and have truly been a pleasure to teach. They have demonstrated a fantastic attitude to learning, embracing the new expectations of year 6, including the homework.



Early in the term they produced some super descriptive writing and have recently written informative biographies to support our learning in Black History Month.

We have had the opportunity to attend lots of forest school sessions, which have quickly become a firm favourite – let's hope the weather continues to be kind to us next term!



Year 5 Pandas



Year 5 have had a busy and exciting first term. We have been very creative, creating art displays for the hall, studying and recreating artwork by the famous 'star' architect Zaha Hadid. For DT we have started to create our own motorised cars! We have been using motors and have learnt some of the many different ways they can be used, such as using their rotary movement to move propellers or pulley systems!



For black history month, we have been writing biographies in English on Katherine Johnson and her many accomplishments throughout her life. The children loved taking ownership of this piece of work, having planned and researched all their own material and have created such high-quality pieces of writing!



Diary Dates

Key Dates - Term 2

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with our news and
events on our
Facebook page!



Monday 4th November	Term 2 begins
Friday 8th November	Open Morning for prospective parents - 9.30am-10.30am
Wednesday 13th November	Speech and Language Coffee Morning - 9.15am-10.15am
Wednesday 13th November	Open Evening for prospective parents - 5.30pm-6.30pm
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
Monday 25th November	Open Afternoon for prospective parents - 2pm-3pm
Thursday 28th November	Open Morning for prospective parents - 9.30am-10.30am
Friday 29th November	Travelling Book Fair - after school in the hall
Monday 2nd December	Travelling Book Fair - after school in the hall
Tuesday 3rd December	Parent Consultations - 3.30pm-7pm
Wednesday 4th December	Parent Consultations - 3.30pm-7pm
Thursday 5th December	Nativity Performance (PM)
Friday 6th December	Nativity Performance (AM)
Wednesday 11th December	EYFS and KS1 Panto trip
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Breakfast with Santa
Monday 16th December	Christmas Church Service - Year 2 and 5, 10am
Wednesday 18th Decemner	Elf Day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 20th December	Last day of term - 1.30pm finish

