



"A Local School with a Global Perspective"



Shaftesbury Park Primary School

# Shaftesbury Park Primary School Shaftesbury Update

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## Meet our Governors!

School governors are members of a school's Governing Body. They have responsibility for raising school standards through their three key roles of setting strategic direction, ensuring accountability and acting as a critical friend. We have a mixture of parents, local authority representatives and members of the community on our governing body. Here you will find some information about our governors.

But first of all, a word from the Chair of Governors, James Cousins:



It was a privilege to be elected as the chair of the school's governing body at its last meeting. Having been a governor here for a number of years, and now also sending my children here, I'm honoured to be able to play a role in the next stage of the school's development and improvement.

I should also record my and the other governors' thanks to George Spencer, the last chair, who did a magnificent job in guiding the school through a period of change, most significantly the introduction of bilingual education, and leaving it in an incredibly strong position for further improvement. We are incredibly lucky that although he decided to step down as chair he will be remaining as one of the school's governors.

Looking to the future there are still challenges to meet. The Ofsted inspectors may be returning as early as next year, we need to manage the growth of the bilingual stream while ensuring every pupil receives the best education we can offer regardless of stream and most importantly we need to work on meeting our own ambitions for moving Shaftesbury Park from good to outstanding.

I am keen that as we improve we are a lot more transparent about the work of the governors, as well as providing more opportunities for parents to contribute to the school's improvement. If you have anything about the school you want to discuss, please get in touch, either through the school's office or just emailing me:

[mail@jamescousins.com](mailto:mail@jamescousins.com)

Name	Type of Governor	Introduction
Charlotte North 	<b>Vice Chair of Governors</b>  Co-opted Governor	<i>'I have been a governor at Shaftesbury Park since 2010. I am the Vice Chair and I additionally chair the Curriculum Committee. I am also a link governor for Tigers class and for PHSCE. I am really excited by Shaftesbury Park's bilingual provision (I speak French and Russian myself). I am a civil servant and in my spare time I enjoy ballet dancing and theatre.'</i>

<p><i>George Spencer</i></p> 	<p><i>Co-opted Governor</i></p>	<p><i>My career has been in the insurance, construction and steel sectors and in management consulting. I have been a charity trustee and chair and have been a governor of Shaftesbury Park since 2006. I am married with two sons and two daughters and have lived locally for twenty years.</i></p>
<p><i>Guy Senior</i></p> 	<p><i>Local Authority Governor</i></p>	<p><i>Guy was first elected to Wandsworth Council in 1990 and has represented his local area ever since. In addition to his work for a financial services company in the city, Guy has held various leading roles in the Council, including being in charge of planning and leisure services, though he is currently in charge of roads and transport. Guy is also a director of Battersea Arts Centre.</i></p>
<p><i>Pat Taylor</i></p> 	<p><i>Co-opted Governor</i></p>	<p><i>I have been a Governor here for 9 years - my son used to attend the school - and a teacher for more than 20 years in both the state and independent sectors. As a SpLd (dyslexia) specialist I work at Shaftesbury Park one day a week and I am also an art psychotherapist, so my interests are in literacy and neuro-diverse learning.</i></p>
<p><i>Alison Melrose</i></p> 	<p><i>Co-opted Governor</i></p>	<p><i>I started my teaching career at Norland Place School before joining Broomwood Hall in 2000 and becoming the Head of the Lower School at Garrads Road in 2002. Since 2011 I have been the Director of Admissions for Broomwood Hall and Northcote Lodge. I became a governor at Shaftesbury Park in 2010 and always enjoy reading a story to the children when I come in to visit.</i></p>
<p><i>Anthony Boon</i></p> 	<p><i>Co-opted Governor</i></p>	<p><i>I am a Wandsworth resident and parent of two. My interest in Shaftesbury Park School lies particularly in its quest to establish a bilingual stream as I have a bilingual (French and English language) background. In addition I find it interesting and rewarding to help the school's senior leadership team as it works for the good of the pupils and to do this through a committee where the Governors represent different people, from all walks of life all working towards one common goal.</i></p>
<p><i>Elena Hahn</i></p> 	<p><i>Parent governor</i></p>	<p><i>I have been a Parent Governor since 2011 as well as the link Safeguarding Governor. I work as a Safeguarding Children Trainer for the NHS and until last Summer I had all my three boys at Shaftesbury Park School. My oldest son is now attending secondary school but I still have one boy in Turtles and another one in Seals.</i></p>
<p><i>Aly Ganney</i></p> 	<p><i>Co-opted governor</i></p>	<p><i>I became a co-opted Governor almost 18 months ago and I am the Governor linked to the bilingual stream. I am also a parent at the school as I have a daughter in the bilingual stream in Year Two (Foxes class).</i></p>
<p><i>Patrick Montgomery</i></p> 	<p><i>Co-opted governor</i></p>	<p><i>I have two children with the eldest in Badgers class. I have been living in the area for the last 6 years and love living here with all it's got to offer. I am very impressed with how Shaftesbury Park has been evolving and how my son is enjoying his time here. As someone born in Ireland, raised in Holland and who has made the great international city of London my home I am a big believer in the benefits of the bilingual environment that we are developing at Shaftesbury Park.</i></p>
<p><b><i>Our Staff Governors are Bunmi Richards, Julia Humble and Andy Smith.</i></b></p>		

### What to do if you would like to contact a governor

You can speak to any of our parent governors in the school playground, or if you would like to pass a message directly to the Chair of Governors, you can leave a message at the school office which will be passed on during his fortnightly visits to the school. You can also email the school for the attention of Chair of Governors and it will be forwarded to him.



In Africa  
Trees mean life

### How green is your tree?

*How your Christmas tree this year can help save lives in West Africa.*



This year, our school Christmas tree will be donated by **The Christmas Forest**.

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## Open morning

It was once again lovely to see so many people at the Reception 2016 open morning.

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, we will be holding our first Open Morning for parents of children due to start Nursery in 2016. Open mornings begin at 9:30am and include a presentation on how to apply, the chance to meet the teacher and the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

For further information and to book a place, please see the School Office. Thank you!

## John Burns Football

This week, children in KS1 played a friendly football match against John Burns Primary School. This match was organised with the view to giving the children experience of competitive events. Here is what one Year 2 child had to say about the event:

On Tuesday, I played football against John Burns School with Naim, Nyran, Javen and Sam. All the Shaftesbury Park children were on one side and all of the John Burns children were on the other side. John burns scored six goals and Shaftesbury Park scored three. I thought it was really good and that we did really well.

Archie, Owls

A big thank you to Mr Patterson for organising the match and to John Burns School for hosting it. We look forward to holding more sporting events in conjunction with John Burns School in the near future.

## Shaftesbury Park Ciné Club

On Friday, Shaftesbury Park Ciné Club held it's very first session. We were delighted to see so many families (both French-speaking and non French-speaking) in attendance.

The first film was the famous 'Peau d'Ane', a French musical from the 1970s based on the French fairy tale of the same name. We were all absolutely enchanted by this wonderful film and very much enjoyed learning how to make a 'cake d'amour'!

We look forward to the next meeting of the Shaftesbury Park Ciné Club taking place next term.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please see Sandrine.

# WINTER FETE

fun & games

LUCKY DIP

TOMBOLA



CAKE STALL



HOT FOOD

Irish Coffee & Mulled Wine



RAFFLE



BOTTLE HAMPER

The Golden Bucket



Choir



...and lots, lots more!

## Thursday 10th December

### 3.15pm onwards

We are now seeking volunteers to help with the Winter Fete which is less than two weeks away!

If you can help, please see Mrs Imms in the School Office.

We are also very keen to receive donations of items suitable for bric-a-brac and the raffle.

Thank you in advance.



A Winter Fete Carol  
BRING A BAG OF SWEETS  
(to the tune of 'Jingle Bells')

Bring a bag, bring a bag  
Bring a bag of sweets  
We need lots of jelly tots  
For the Winter Fete, oh!

Haribo, lollipops,  
bags of gummi bears,  
Things that come in nice small packs  
for the Winter Fair!

Please bring donations of sweets  
to the Office by  
Monday 30th November.



Check out the Rights of the Month highlighted in blue



This week, we were extremely excited to finally receive our new Rights Respecting Schools Level 2 logo (left) for the school letterhead!

Achieving level 2 is really a fantastic achievement for our school and it is so lovely to see that, despite having now attained this very special award, there has been no let up - the children and staff of Shaftesbury Park are just as committed as ever to promoting the rights of children all over the world.

This week we have been collecting money in aid of World Toilet Day, to fund the building of a toilet block in Sierra Leone. We have been astounded with the generosity of some of the children, not only discussing it with their parents but also offering to bring in more than £1. If you would like to donate to this very worthy cause there is still time, just see Miss Parmenter at the School Office. We look forward to bringing you further information on the results of this fundraising effort.

**Right of the Month:**

**Article 23**

Every child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and independence, and to play an active part in the community.

**Did you know that people with disabilities constitute 15% of the global population?**

Or that people with disabilities are often some of the poorest, most vulnerable and excluded members of society, even more so if they happen to be children?

Article 23, one of our Rights of the Month for November, reminds us that children (and indeed all people) with disabilities are just as entitled to the same rights as other people.

**A person isn't disabled, they have a disability.  
There is a difference.**

To mark International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, we will be discussing with the children during circle time things that we can do as a society to be more inclusive.



We look forward to sharing some of the children's insights with you next week.

## Shoot to the Moon winners!

<p style="text-align: center;">Foundation Stage:</p> <p>Zebbras: Valère &amp; Mariam Tigers: Jae &amp; Jack Leopards: Maxence &amp; Riley</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Key Stage 1:</p> <p>Badgers: Jonathan &amp; Naomi Hedgehogs: Karim &amp; Sella Owls: Delord &amp; Iqra Foxes: Marc-André &amp; Amari</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Key Stage 2:</p> <p>Starfish: Blake &amp; Sophie Seals: Leon &amp; Makeda Sharks: Iqlas &amp; Aiya Turtles: - Dolphins: Luca &amp; Emma</p>
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## The best attendance and punctuality for last week!

<p>Our Foundation Stage winning class</p> <p><b>Tigers</b></p>	<p>Our Key Stage 1 winning class</p> <p><b>Badgers</b></p>	<p>Our Key Stage 2 winning class</p> <p><b>Starfish</b></p>
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## Dates for the Diary - Autumn 2

Tuesday 1st December	Autumn term Parents evening 2
Wednesday 2nd December	Open morning for prospective parents for September 2016 Nursery intake Please contact the School Office to book your place!
Thursday 3rd December	Children's Christmas lunch
Thursday 3rd December	Friends of Shaftesbury Park meeting 9am at the school
Friday 4th December	Coffee morning at 9am Focus: Working with challenging behaviour
Friday 4th December	Foundation Stage trip to Battersea Arts Centre
Monday 7th December	Choir concert at Burntwood School - details to follow
Tuesday 8th December	Autumn term Parents evening 3
Tuesday 8th December	Visit from the Wimbledon Junior Tennis Initiative for some free tennis coaching
Thursday 10th December	<b>Winter fete at 3.30pm</b>
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas performance KS1/2 at 2pm in church
Wednesday 16th December	FS Nativity for parents at 2pm in school
Thursday 17th December	FS Nativity for parents at 9.30 in school Christmas parties and Santa in the afternoon
Friday 18th December	Text Santa Christmas Jumper Day
	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM - 2PM FINISH</b>

**Children return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2016**