



The Shaftesbury Park News

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Children are back to school on Tuesday 14th April

A Message from Mrs Richards

The entries for the Easter Competition look amazing. The creativity and intricacy of some of the designs is really something to behold! It will be extremely difficult to pick only three winners from each phase, but well done to everyone for bringing in their entries. Exciting times are ahead with the 1st phase of our playground getting underway yesterday. After the Easter break we should return to see a multi-purpose sports pen installed and the rest of the playground ready for re-tarmacking. We are all very excited that it is finally happening - in the heartfelt words of a pupil in Sharks class, 'At long last!' There has been a focus this half term on assessing the children's attainment and progress in English and Maths and sharing this information with you during parents meetings. I hope that you have found these meetings helpful. Report cards for all children will be issued in the first week after the holidays.

I hope you enjoy reading the rest of the newsletter about all the interesting things that each class has been learning this half term.

I wish you all an enjoyable Easter break!

Attendance

Congratulations to our attendance superstars! The following children have been in school everyday for two whole half terms and will receive a bronze badge. Children with an asterisk next to their names have been in school for two whole terms and will receive a silver star badge for this excellent achievement.

<u>Zebras</u>	<u>Tigers</u>	<u>Leopards</u>	<u>Hedge-</u> <u>hogs</u>	<u>Badgers</u>	<u>Foxes</u>	<u>Owls</u>	<u>Starfish</u>	<u>Sharks</u>	<u>Turtles</u>	<u>Dol-</u> <u>phins</u>
Chloe	Alfie B	Bahja *	hogs	Kaitlin *	Alban	Willow *	Aiya	Noah *	Tyrell *	phins
Riley *	Spencer	Amira	Archie *	Elodie *	Moses *	Jamilah *	Njay	Amber *	Ayman *	Iona
Tyler *	Chelsea	Amna	Jakub *	Oliver	Nyla *	Kayda *		Adam *	Carolina *	Shaione
	Shyanne	Benjamin	Kysen *	Shiyao *		Shiqi *		Connor *	Scarlett *	Sarangi
	Sherianne	Nahom		Demi		Monae *		Megan	Myia *	
	Maggie			Malia *				Ismael *		
								Valentina		

Dolphins

Dolphins have had a jam packed half term! We have been focusing on our IPC topic- 'Going Global' and have researched our own city, creating fantastic PowerPoint's with pictures, text and hyperlinks. We discussed the advantages of tourism alongside the disadvantages of tourism and designed our own eco friendly island resort, complete with solar panels and coral reefs! We have had some interesting discussions in class about equality in the world and the difference between needing and wanting items. In Literacy we have really enjoyed writing some persuasive paragraphs, putting things into Room 101. We have put mushrooms, rats, spiders and jealousy into Room 101 and have tried to include rhetorical questions, emotive language and facts and figures to persuade others to agree with us! In maths we have been working hard on our mental maths skills and recapping lots of learning from throughout the year. Please ensure that your child completes their homework over Easter- we have a busy Summer term coming up!



Turtles

Spring 2 has flown by and the Turtles have enjoyed lots of activities to enrich their regular curriculum. We had two members from the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment come to teach us the songs which we will be rehearsing and performing in a 'Water Cycle' concert on April 27th. At the Wandsworth Junior Citizen Scheme, we all learnt valuable information about how to keep ourselves safe from dangers at home and in our local environment. Last week we visited the English Speaking Union and had fun taking part in Shakespeare workshops where we took on the role of fairies to perform a scene from a Midsummer Nights Dream and tried to develop our own modern day Shakespeare drama piece. Back in the classroom, we have learnt how to: read Roman numerals; represent numbers as fractions, decimals and percentages; add detail to our paragraphs; create short stories following a simple structure and explored the positive and negative impacts of tourism. Have an egg-cellent Easter break !



Zebras

Wow! What an amazing term the Zebras have had. We have learnt all about animals and have created some brilliant pieces of jungle animal artwork to decorate our 'Down in the Jungle' reading area. The Zebras showed off these, as well as their story telling, and sang two songs, one in French, for our fabulous assembly. We have experienced being a Vet and taking on different roles within our Vets role-play. We are looking forward to learning all about 'Plants and Flowers' for our next topic.



Tigers

Well done Tigers, you have been very busy this term! We have been finding out about animals. We have learnt how to care for them and practise our 'letters and sounds' reading and writing in our amazing vets role play area. We have painted and drawn some brilliant observational pictures of animals. The Tigers have worked hard learning to solve addition and subtraction problems. We have found out we are superb story tellers especially when we use story maps. The Tigers were so happy to share their learning in their wonderful sharing assembly. We all used our big voices and were brave to stand up in front of all those people! We will be learning about Plants next term. Thank you, Parents and Carers for your continued support. Have a wonderful holiday.



Leopards

The Leopards have had such a busy and fun half term, learning all about our topic animals. We had a great start to the half term with our wonderful sharing assembly. Since then we have been enjoying using our vet home corner to role play different scenarios with the pets that come to visit. In maths we have started to learn to solve addition and subtraction using a number line and bead string. In literacy we have enjoyed learning different stories and retelling them and changing them using our imaginations. In French we have been learning how to tell the story of 'Walking through the jungle' and we have been learning all about the different skins and camouflage of animals in the jungle. Have a fantastic Easter Leopards!



Badgers

Well done Badgers for working so hard this term! Not only did we complete non-fiction writing tasks for our Water World topic, we also reflected on our past experiences in order to develop our historical investigation skills. We explored the causes and effects of the events in our lives and I was really impressed by the level of sensitivity demonstrated by the children. In Maths Mastery, the children have completed a wide range of time-telling activities in both English and French, as well as consolidating their counting skills up to 40. We are now preparing for our new IPC topic 'I'm Alive' during which we will be growing our own plants! Have a great Easter break and I'll see you in the Summer Term!



Hedgehogs

We have had another super term in the Hedgehogs class! The children are showing me more and more their ability to focus and engage with their learning in a positive and happy way. We have enjoyed learning about the importance of water and the many ways we use it. During Book Week we loved working with the Turtles and Badgers classes learning the story of The Cat's Drum. During Maths Mastery we have carried out a wide range of activities involving 'Time' and are now learning to work with numbers up to 40. Our term has ended on a real high with our wonderful trip to Windsor Castle! The children were so engaged all day and one of the teachers there commented on the Hedgehogs exceptional behaviour. I was extremely proud of them. I hope you all have a fantastic break and I look forward to seeing you in the Summer Term!



Foxes

What a busy term yet again! In our topic 'People of the Past', we have been discovering so much about the lives of people who have made a difference. Don't ask us about what it was like before Florence Nightingale turned up at Scutari hospital! Yuk! We also learnt all about the drawing skills of Leonardo Da Vinci, the unique way of creating a portrait with Pablo Picasso and even how using just coloured paper and scissors you can create a masterpiece like Matisse. Next half term we will be embarking on our topic 'Earth Our Home' and in particular looking at the stories, songs, animals and art of Africa. We can't wait! Have an egg-ceptional Easter!



Owls

We've reached the end of another term and I can happily say that it's been a really good one. Well done to all Owls children who have put an excellent effort into this term and have made good progress. We have been learning about 'People of the Past' and have explored the life of Florence Nightingale, Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. The children thoroughly enjoyed this. In Numeracy, Owls have learnt about the 'quarter past' and 'quarter to' and also solved many problems involving time. We have investigated shapes and their properties. Our topic next term will be 'Earth Our Home'. We will be looking at stories, animals and songs. This will be also linked through an African theme. I wish everyone a fabulous Easter Holiday.
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P.S Don't forget to read with your child as often as you can! Thanks for your continual support.



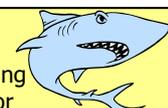
Starfish

This term Starfish class have been looking at the topic Time and Place, Earth and Space. We have investigated how the sun and earth move, explored the festivals related to the sun and created our own sundials. We have also been lucky enough to visit the Science museum where we watched a 3D film at the IMAX cinema and learnt all about an astronaut's life in space. Book week was an exciting time for Starfish class. We really enjoyed learning our story 'The talking Papaya' with Year 2 and we have become great performers. We look forward to sharing our story telling skills at our next sharing assembly. In maths we have been working hard to perfect our times tables and improve our division skills. We have explored the topic of time to link in with our IPC work and have also spent time looking at fractions and word problems. The class have made excellent improvement in their swimming lessons this term and are sad that it is coming to an end. However, we have dance and music to look forward to next term!



Sharks

I would like to begin by praising the Sharks this half of term for progress in their learning and in their behaviour. We have tackled new subjects in Maths of shapes, angles and symmetry and measured angles using a protractor. This has required much practice and perseverance and we have finally managed to use them correctly! We had an exceptional Book Week, where we learnt to tell a story 'Awongaleema' with the Foxes class and wrote beautiful poems. A big thank you to all the parents who came to read with us on the Friday morning. Lastly, we have been very excited to learn about the earth, sun and the moon in our IPC topic and made experiments to show how shadows are formed and why we had a partial solar eclipse last Friday. Reminders for next term—we have swimming on Wednesdays and P.E. will now be on Thursdays. Have a lovely Easter holiday!





Important Dates for Summer 1

Tuesday 14 th April	Children return to School
Monday 20 th April	Meeting for parents of children in Year 6 about SATs - 3:30pm & 5:30pm
Friday 24 th April	Starfish Sharing Assembly - 9:30am, parents welcome
Friday 1 st May	Turtles Sharing Assembly, 9:30am, parents welcome
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 7 th May	Kids Company coffee morning - 9:00am
Friday 8 th May	Badgers sharing assembly - 9:30am, parents welcome
Monday 11 th May - Friday 15 th May	KS2 SATs week
Monday 11 th May	Sayers Croft parents' meeting
Friday 15 th May	Sharks sharing assembly - 9:30am, parents welcome
Monday 18 th May - Friday 22 nd May	Creative week
Monday 18 th May	KS1 SATs begin
Monday 18 th May	Cycle training for Year 5
Monday 18 th May	Isle of Wight parents' meeting
Tuesday 19 th May - Friday 22 nd May	Cycle training for Year 6
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of Summer 1.

Return to school after the half-term - Monday 1st June