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## \*\* Fete Update \*\*

First things first, a huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Winter Fete on Thursday. The event was a huge success raising lots of money towards the purchase of books for our lovely new library and board games for the classes for when it is wet play. Many thanks to those of you who donated items for our tombolas and raffles, bottle and sweets as well as those of you who bought raffle tickets, your support is much appreciated. We would also like to thank everyone who helped us prepare or volunteered on the day, in particular Mrs Imms who co-ordinated the whole event. We hope you all enjoyed the Fete as much as we did. We look forward to bringing you the grand total very soon!

### Y5/6 cricket at the Oval

On Monday, Mr Patterson took a group of Year 5 & 6 children to a cricket tournament at the Oval. Here's what two of our cricketing superstars had to say about their day:

"We started the day by getting two buses to the Oval, the second most popular cricket stadium in the world (after Lords). We had a short training session with Mr Patterson, focusing on bowling over arm and batting. Next we went to play our actual matches. An instructor spoke with us about rules and then it was time for us to play!

We lost two matches and won one which was good enough to get us to the semi finals, but unfortunately, despite our best efforts, we lost that match so we came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

Before we came back to school, we went to the seating area next to the pitch. It was really nice to see the pitch that you see on television. From there we could see the Shard as well.

Even though we didn't win, we were happy to have taken part as it was a really good experience, very exciting and loud."

Renee and Ria

### **Tennis workshops with the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Association**

On Tuesday, we were very excited to welcome Mark and Darren from the Wimbledon Junior Tennis Initiative to the school to provide each class with a half hour of free tennis coaching! Everyone had a really good time and worked very hard putting into practice what they were learning from the coaches.

Every year the Wimbledon Junior Tennis Initiative visit schools, looking for tennis stars of the future. In fact, Darren himself was scouted when the Initiative visited his primary school. The coaches were very impressed with the skills demonstrated by some of the children, so who knows, maybe we'll be seeing some familiar faces on Centre Court in the future!

### **The Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert at Burntwood School**

This week has been a very busy one for the Shaftesbury Park School Choir. Not only did the choir perform at the Winter Fete on Thursday, they also performed at the Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert at Burntwood School on Monday too! Though the children were nervous at the brief soundcheck, those nerves melted away for the actual performance with the children singing absolutely beautifully. This was our first time participating in the Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert but I suspect it will not be our last, especially judging by the rapturous applause of the audience for the choir as a whole and the number of compliments received by our soloist Kaceria. Well done everyone!

### **'A Miracle in Town' Foundation Stage Nativity**

For the last few weeks, children in Zebras, Tigers and Leopards class have been extremely busy practicing for the upcoming Foundation Stage Nativity.

With beautiful clear speaking from our narrators, lots of memorable songs and some fantastic dancing, this is one Christmas show you don't want to miss! We look forward to seeing as many of our Foundation Stage parents there as possible.

#### **Leopard Parents**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00pm

#### **Tiger Parents**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am

**Zebra Parents** - Please sign up with Susan to one of the above days.



#### **Right of the Month:**

##### **Article 14**

Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.



**Check out the Rights of the Month highlighted in blue**





# Forest School



The Tigers and Leopards have enjoyed the last half term experiencing Forest School, both at Battersea Park and at school. We have had great fun developing our self-help skills through getting ourselves ready for Forest School and then redressed for school. The waterproof trousers and wellington boots have ensured that we haven't had to miss a session!

The children have accessed a variety of activities within the park. Some of which have fired their imagination through storytelling and making their very own stick men after looking for and collecting lots of sticks!

The children used their problem-solving skills to put a variety of sticks in the correct size order to create our very own stick Christmas tree!!

In School this week, some of the children developed their tool use and are able to hold and use a peeler to peel carrots for their snack. Look at the concentration and perseverance needed to peel all of their carrot.



We even embraced the wet weather and sheltered from the rain to enjoy our well deserved cafe time.

Look out for more on our Forest School exploits in future editions of the Shaftesbury Update!



If you have any old wellington boots that you don't use anymore, please consider donating them to forest school. With all this wet weather, all donations are extremely welcome and will definitely come in useful!

## And lastly...

Congratulations to Mr Smith who has been appointed by the Advisory Committee on Mathematics Education (ACME) as a member of their outer-circle of advisors.



ACME is an independent committee that develops advice on mathematics education policy in England. ACME was set up in 2002 by the Royal Society and the Joint Mathematical Council of the UK (JMC) and backed by mathematics organisations. He is looking forward to developing new approaches to Mathematics and continuing to bring innovative teaching methods to Shaftesbury Park School.

## Shoot to the Moon winners!

Foundation Stage:	Key Stage 1:	Key Stage 2:
Zebbras: Tigers: Leopards:	Badgers: Hedgehogs: Owls: Foxes:	Starfish: Jahaani & Basma Seals: Taylah & Mason Sharks: Hamza & Shyanne Turtles: Maddison & Scarlett Dolphins: -
no praise assembly this week	no praise assembly this week	

## The best attendance and punctuality for last week!

Our Foundation Stage winning class	Our Key Stage 1 winning class	Our Key Stage 2 winning class
<b>Zebbras</b>	<b>Badgers</b>	<b>Dolphins</b>

## Dates for the Diary - Autumn 2

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 - Pay £1 to wear a festive jumper! <b>LAST DAY OF TERM - 2PM FINISH</b>

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

**Don't forget we finish at 2pm on the last day of term!**

**Please note: there will be no After School Club on that day.**

