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Shaftesbury Update

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"On Wednesday 27th February, Turtles class went to the Battersea Library for a workshop about the Holocaust.

A lady called Sara talked to us about what happened to Jewish people in Nazi-controlled Europe during World War II. Jews were not treated fairly; they were made to sew a yellow star on their clothes and were not allowed to work, even if they were doctors. Jewish people had to change their names and were only allowed to go shopping between 2pm and 3:30pm. They were treated very badly.

Jewish people were forced to go to camps where they were separated into two groups - those who could work and those who the Nazis would kill. Some people tried to escape by not sewing on the star or by changing their name but they were found out because the Nazis had lists of all the Jewish people.

We didn't all know about the Holocaust before so finding out was very shocking and made us sad, especially when we looked at some photos of the train carriages, of inside the camps and of piles of shoes belonging to the dead people. It was hard to understand how it had happened, why people didn't just break the rules that made their lives so hard. Some of what Sara told us didn't even make sense, for example that Hitler liked people who had blond hair and blue eyes even though his hair and eyes were brown. We must remember the Holocaust so it doesn't happen again.

We were really glad that we went to the workshop to learn about what happened. We both feel very lucky that we are alive now and weren't alive then!"

Sally and Malia

Article 38:

Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war. Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces.

Tigers and Leopards go shopping

Tigers and Leopards had a wonderful week last week exploring the shops in our local area. We travelled to Northcote Road on the G1 and visited lots of shops. We tasted delicious cheese in Hamish Johnston Cheese Shop. We taste amazing cakes and breads in Les Merveilleux. We discovered what is sold in Goys Pharmacy. Unicorn Dry Cleaners very kindly showed us how to bag up the clothes. Now we know lots about different shops!



"We went on a trip to the cake shop and we looked at a toy shop and it was really good."

Lea, Leopards class



Children and families to attend exit point together!

On Saturday, we exited our shopping topic with a visit to our very own Farmers Market. Between 10.30 and 11.30 am, families joined us for an action-packed hour of fun activities related to shopping. Thank you to Susan for all her hard work and to everyone who attended!

Scooter training reminder

As part of our Healthy Schools School Travel Plan, promoting safe, healthy, sustainable travel, Leopards, Tigers, Hedgehogs, Badgers, Foxes and Owls enjoyed some fantastic scooter training today. In spite of the wind, all the children had lots of fun learning essential skills to help them scoot safely, taking into consideration other people.

Well done everyone! We hope that you have learnt some useful skills to help you and those around you to stay safe!



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please help us to get some new sports and cooking equipment by placing any Active Kids vouchers in the box at the School Office. Thank you in advance!

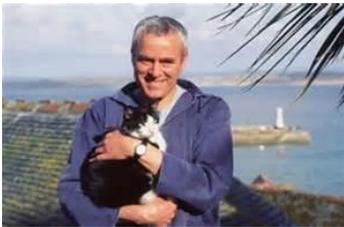
STEM Week

Monday 1st February was the start of the Shaftesbury Park STEM week and what a week it was! The children have been taking part in a wide range of cross-curricular subjects linked to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. This year, we had a special emphasis on investigations and took inspiration from some of the most amazing minds around. We have seen it all this week, from mouldy bread and fruit; impact craters; natural selection; inventions and even explosions! On



Thursday we had a special engineering competition, where every class had to build the tallest possible tower with only a pack of spaghetti and a bag of marshmallows. Not only did we see some fantastic designs and spot a few engineers of the future, we also saw brilliant team work. What a great week!

Billy the Kid



This year, Sharks class have been taking part in a fantastic project in conjunction with Chelsea FC, based on the book 'Billy the Kid' by Michael Morpurgo. On Thursday 4th February, the class enjoyed a visit to the Westminster archives to meet the illustrator of the book, Michael Foreman. Everyone had lots of fun learning about where he gets the ideas for his illustrations from and about his work with Michael Morpurgo. Look out for a special piece of artwork created by Michael Foreman especially for Shaftesbury Park Primary School appearing somewhere in the school soon!

Library - help needed!

We are extremely proud of our new library and looking forward to the grand opening on Wednesday 2nd March, by a very special guest.



In the meantime, we are looking for parent volunteers to staff our new library. Full details are yet to be confirmed, however if this is something you might be interested in, please give your name to the School Office.

In addition to this, we are also keen to speak to anyone available to help us with categorising our new and donated books on Friday 12th February. If you would be willing to help with this, please give your name to the School Office.

Thank you in advance.

INSTITUT FRANÇAIS

Looking for something to do with the children of a weekend or planning ahead for the half-term and Easter holidays?

Why not pop along to the Institut Français in South Kensington for some French-speaking fun!

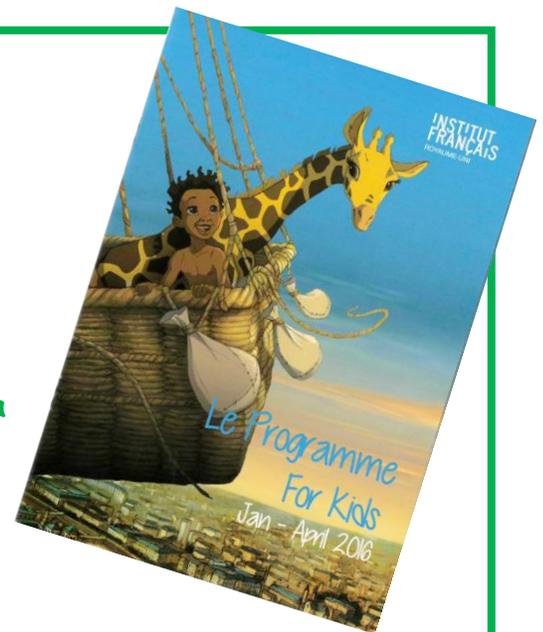
Organised activities include:

- Films
- Drawing and creative writing workshops
- Musical discovery sessions
- Story clubs
- Children & adult book groups

If you are unable to visit in person, why not take advantage of the **Culturethèque**, the Institut Français' digital platform? This online library features more than 400 free eBooks for kids, 200 free comic books, children's television programmes and more.

To access this wonderful resource, simply sign up for a free account on the website:

<http://www.culturetheque.org.uk>



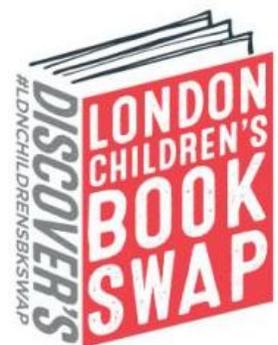
London Book Swap

Calling all book worms! Discover's London Children's Book Swap returns for the fifth year running. Bring your old books to the Bibliothèque Quentin Blake for a day of book swapping, free activities and fun.

It's almost Valentine's Day and we also want to show and declare our love for books and stories with some special crafty activities planned up!

Sat 13 Feb | from 12.00 noon | Free | All ages

For information on other participating venues, activities and events, go to www.facebook.com/LondonChildrensBookswap



Garden development in the Foundation Stage playground

Here at Shaftesbury Park we are extremely proud of our wonderful forest school. It has been lovely to see groups of Reception children exploring Battersea Park and learning different concepts (for example, length) through interaction with plants and trees. The next stage in the development of our forest school will be the construction of long, low beds in the Foundation stage playground instead of the high beds there currently which the children cannot reach. We anticipate this work will take place over the half-term holiday. We look forward to seeing how it all turns out.



In other horticultural news, we are excited to announce that we have now enrolled in the RHS Campaign for School Gardening. As part of our commitment to ensuring all pupils across the school have the opportunity to study and interact with the natural world, we will shortly be creating a wonderful garden for all pupils to enjoy and learn from. Look out for more information on this in future Shaftesbury Updates.

Messages from FoSP

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to the many parents and carers who helped with the Reception/Key Stage 1 Disco on Friday, the children all really enjoyed themselves.

On the subject of volunteering, we are keen to hear from parents/carers interested in being a 'Parent Rep' for their child's class.

'What is a parent rep?' I hear you ask. Parent Reps are responsible for attending FoSP meetings and disseminating pertinent information to the parents of other children in their class. Parent Reps also play a key role in encouraging parental participation in school events.

We have some Parent Reps already (see below) but if you are interested in representing one of the other classes, please see Mrs Richards, Miss Humble or Mr Smith. Thank you!

Parent Reps by class and key stage

Foundation Stage:

Zebra's :

Shiloh's mum (Ms. Francois-Pecco)
Edward's mum (Ms Parrott)
Harry & Charlie's mum (Mrs Davis)

Tigers:

Jae's mum (Ms. Meredith)
Callum's mum (Miss. Keegan)

Leopards:

Ahalia's mum (Ms. Robers)
Lyra's mum (Ms. Wilkie)

Key Stage 1:

Badgers:

Charlotte's mum (Mrs Gray)
Sami & Mehdi's mum (Miss Radi)

Hedgehogs:

2 VACANCIES

Owls:

2 VACANCIES

Foxes:

2 VACANCIES

Key Stage 2:

Starfish:

2 VACANCIES

Seals:

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Sharks:

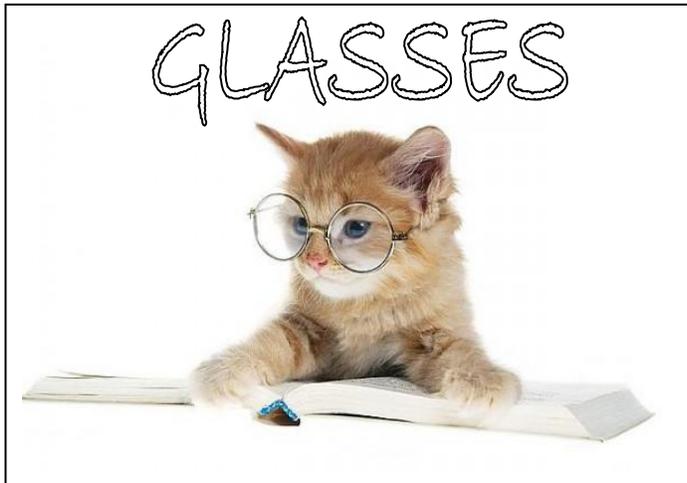
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Turtles:

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Dolphins:

2 VACANCIES



Right of the Month:

Article 24

Every child has the right to the best possible health.

We have had a number of pairs of glasses handed in over the last week.

If you believe your child may have lost their glasses, please see Miss Parmenter at the School Office.



Reception Handwashing Workshops

Reception handwashing workshops with the School Nurse will be taking place on 8th March.

Shoot to the Moon winners!

<p>Foundation Stage:</p> <p>Zebras: Lewis & Carlotta</p> <p>Tigers: Amelia & Dylan K</p> <p>Leopards: Andre & Maxence</p>	<p>Key Stage 1:</p> <p>Badgers: Krishna & Elliot</p> <p>Hedgehogs: Karina & Chelsea</p> <p>Owls: Kysen & Delord</p> <p>Foxes: Niyah & Kaitlin</p>	<p>Key Stage 2:</p> <p>Starfish: Reece & Kayda</p> <p>Seals: Joziah & Taylah</p> <p>Sharks: Noah & Essie</p> <p>Turtles: Israel & Denise</p> <p>Dolphins: Saffron & Ria</p>
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The best attendance and punctuality for last week!

<p>Our Foundation Stage winning class</p> <p>Zebras P/T</p>	<p>Our Key Stage 1 winning class</p> <p>Foxes</p>	<p>Our Key Stage 2 winning class</p> <p>Dolphins</p>
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Dates for the Diary - Spring 1 & 2

Date	Event	Is it for parents?
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THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9 th February	FoSP meeting - 9:00am	Parents welcome
Tuesday 9 th February	Science curriculum evening - 6:00pm	Parents welcome
Wednesday 10 th February	Hedgehogs sharing assembly - 9:30am	Parents welcome
Friday 12 th February	Last day of Spring 1	-

Half term: 15th - 19th February

Monday 22 nd February	Children return to school	-
Thursday 25 th February	Bilingual meeting	Parents of children in Leopards, Badgers and Foxes classes
Monday 29 th Feb-4 th March	Book week	-
Tuesday 1 st March	Spring term Parents' evening 1	Please book an appointment with your child's teacher.
Wednesday 2 nd March	Foxes sharing assembly - 9:30am	Parents welcome
Thursday 3 rd March	Coffee morning - 9:00am Focus: Looking after yourself	Parents welcome
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book day parade	-
Tuesday 8 th March	Reception handwashing workshops	-
Tuesday 8 th March	Spring term parents' evening 2	Please book an appointment with your child's teacher.
Wednesday 9 th March	Seals sharing assembly - 9:30am	Parents welcome
Tuesday 15 th March	Spring term parents' evening 3	Please book an appointment with your child's teacher.
Tuesday 15 th March	Year 5 Junior Citizenship workshop	-
Wednesday 16 th March	Turtles sharing assembly - 9:30am	Parents welcome
Friday 18 th March	Sports Relief	-
Tuesday 22 nd March	FoSP meeting 7:00pm	Parents welcome
Wednesday 23 rd March	Easter competition entries due in	-
Thursday 24 ^h March	Easter parade with winners of the competitions LAST DAY OF TERM - finish at 2pm	-