



"A Local School with a Global Perspective"



Shaftesbury Park Primary School

Shaftesbury Park Primary School Shaftesbury Update

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This week, the Shaftesbury Update goes global!

Welcome back to school for the Autumn 2 half-term!
I hope you have all enjoyed a restful break and return to school refreshed and ready for some more hard work.

At the start of this new half-term, I thought I would share with you how I spent my week's holiday - on a **maths fact-finding mission in Hong Kong**, courtesy of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust.

As you can see from this photo, some things about school in Hong Kong, and indeed in other schools around the world, are extremely similar to here in the UK. I had the pleasure of visiting three primary schools and, just like Shaftesbury Park, they introduce concrete and pictorial representations of concepts before using the abstract notation.



A typical classroom in Hong Kong



A picture of me with some of the lovely people I met on my trip

The classes also included lots of reflection and student discussion and were taught at a pace similar to our mathematics mastery classes. The thing that surprised me, however, was that there seemed to be less recording of work in exercise books and fewer assessment opportunities in Hong Kong.

Overall, my trip to Hong Kong was a really wonderful experience. I was privileged to meet some fantastic passionate people and to experience a different way of approaching the teaching of mathematics. I'm now looking forward to a visit to Taiwan over the Christmas holidays to further inform my own teaching practice and look forward to sharing my experiences with my colleagues here to help us all make sure that our mathematics teaching is as effective as it can possibly be.



The Hong Kong skyline at night

Please do come and speak to me about my trip if you see me in the playground. It really was a brilliant opportunity and I am happy to talk about it!

Andy Smith
Deputy Head

And now for a sneak preview of some of the things going on this half-term...



Next week, we will be holding our first IPC sharing assemblies!

The aim of these assemblies is to explain a little about the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) that Shaftesbury Park follows: what the IPC involves, all about entry and exit points and what the IPC means in practical terms in the classroom. Each class will also be sharing some of their work from last half-term.

The IPC assemblies will conclude with a chance for parents to take a closer look at class topic books, classroom displays and to speak with the children about their learning.

For the dates of your child's IPC sharing assembly, please see below:

Wednesday 11 th November 9.30am	Hedgehogs and Badgers Leopards and Tigers Zebras *	(Upper hall) (Lower hall) (Zebra classroom)
Thursday 12 th November 9.30am	Starfish Owls & Foxes	(Upper hall) (Lower hall)
Friday 13 th November 9.30am (Zebras - 2.15pm)	Dolphins & Turtles Sharks & Seals Zebras *	(Upper hall) (Lower hall) (Zebra classroom)

*** PLEASE NOTE: the Zebra class IPC sharing assembly will be immediately followed by a parent information session about how to apply for a Reception class**

KS2 Remembrance Day Commemoration at the Battersea Park War Memorial

Wednesday 11th November - 10.00am

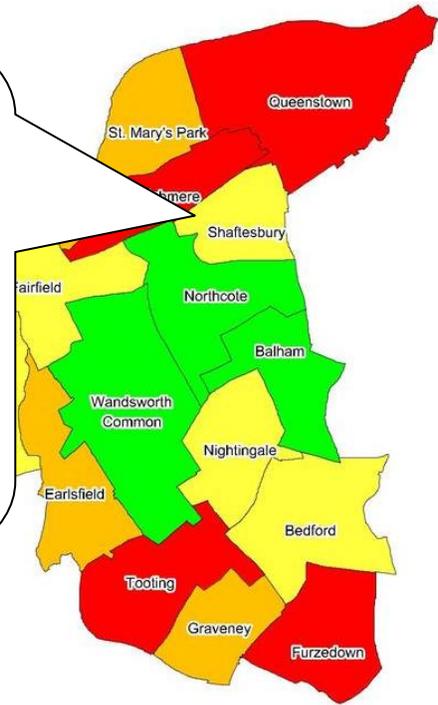


Article 38 - You have the right to protection and freedom from war.

Shaftesbury Ward Meeting
Wednesday 11th November 7.30-9pm
Shaftesbury Park Primary School

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Come and talk to your ward councillors and senior council officers from all the Council's main services! This meeting will allow you to raise any issues that you are concerned about, whether it be education, rubbish collections, street cleansing, state of footways, parking, planning issues or something else entirely.
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Hope to see you there!



November means a new set of Rights for us to focus on...

Our Rights of the Month for November are:

Article 19

Every child has the right to be protected from all forms of violence, abuse and neglect.

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.

In line with these articles, we will be holding an **Anti-Bullying Week** from **Monday 16th to Friday 20th November**, on this theme:

Make a
NOISE
about bullying

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Please look out for more about this in the coming weeks.

NO ADULTS ALLOWED • DROP-OFFS ONLY • NO ADULTS ALLOWED

Crazy Hair KS2 DISCO (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) 13th November

dancing competition
best hair competition
glow-in-the-dark face painting
fantastic music • fun & games

7:00 - 8:30pm

Tickets - £3

And
Available
Now!

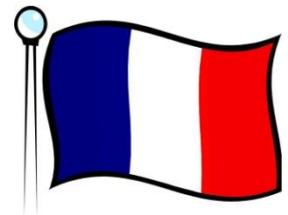


Don't forget your pocket money !

Drinks, sweets, crisps & glow-in-the-dark bracelets on sale on the night!

We still have places available on...

the Year 5/6 journey to Étapes, France,
Monday 13th June - Friday 17th June 2016



as well as



the Year 3/4 journey to Sayers Croft
Wednesday 6th July - Friday 8th July

Please see the School Office for further details!