



The Shaftesbury Park News

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Children are back to school on Monday 23rd February

A Message from Mrs Richards

It has been a fantastic half term. STEM week was a huge success and I thoroughly enjoyed visiting all the classes and seeing the children actively engaged in developing their scientific and mathematical skills with thought provoking experiments. The Egg Parachute Challenge, conducted by the Sharks and Badgers class, was a real eye opener! Another highlight was 'Breakfast at Shaftesburys' - Seeing the hall ablaze with the colour of fruit and juices and alive with the chatter of parents, children and staff has made this a MUST as an annual event. Looking forward, I would like to draw your attention to our important parents' meeting (being held whilst the children enjoy Film Night) after half term on Thursday 5th March. The meeting will be an opportunity to review the school's vision and to share your ideas about how we can make our school even better (please see poster overleaf) Further details will be provided the first week after half term.

On a separate matter, our thoughts have been with the Marzec family as Jakub continues to undergo treatment for cancer. I am pleased to report that Jakub is doing well and we have raised over £500 to support the family through this very difficult time. I am also pleased to report that Learah Pascoe-Smith who lost her mother last year in sad circumstances has settled well into her new school in Manchester. We raised £100 which has been donated to the British Heart Foundation (www.bhf.org.uk) at the request of the family.

After six years at Shaftesbury Park School, covering classes and working with small groups, Mrs Krisztina Hampson will be leaving to go on maternity leave. We wish Mrs Hampson all the very best in her new role as a mother and I am sure she will come back and visit us soon.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and your commitment to developing our school at this exciting time. I wish you a lovely half-term break.

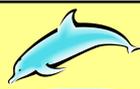
Attendance

Congratulations to our attendance superstars! The following children have been in school everyday for the last half term. Children with an asterisk

<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>
Mariam	Sherianne	Bahja	Kaitlin	Anaiya	Basma*	Liam*	Noah	Hasham*	Ridwana	
Harry	Sella	Amira	Jaliyah*	Haseenah*	Glory*	Ellie	Eudella*	Kaceria	Shaur*	
Naiomi	Callum	Salwa*	James*	Marija	Willow	Tyra*	Amber	Ria	Haytham*	
Precious	Tyara*	Sara*	Elodie	Siddiga	Jamilah	Joshua*	Adam	Tyrell	Natai	
Liam		Quincy*	Niyah	Alban	Giovanna	Aiya	Connor	Yahmari*	Iona	
Malaak		Charlotte*	Faith	Kyle*	Tyra	Suleyman	Antoinette*	Ayman	Sophie	
Tevelle		Amna	India	Jamil	Sophie	Njay	Megan	Mariana	Shaione	
Chloe		Louis	Lucien	Moses	Kayda	Luxshmi*	Israa*	Emma	Sarangi	
Riley		Krishna	Oliver	Alana*	Shiqi	Jevonte	Valentina M	Carolina	Leon*	
Dylan		Daniel*	Semih*	Abdurah-	Nyla	Monae	Zayn*	Saffron	Amal	
Ciara		Haruki*		man*			Ismael	Scarlett		
Tyler		Benjamin		Samuel*			Valentina	Romell		
Khalid*		James*		Shiyao			U*	Daniella		
		Levi		Demi			Mason	Macy		
		Jacob*		Malia				Myia		
		Jonathan*								
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Dolphins

Dolphins have had a jam packed half term! We all enjoyed our IPC topic, Space Explorers. We made our own scale models of the solar system and used some very complicated maths to work out exactly how far away each planet is from the sun. In literacy, we researched the life of an astronaut and wrote excellent non chronological reports. Our descriptions of the Moon and Saturn were fantastic. Dolphins have worked hard on using a wide variety of language and punctuation in their writing. We all enjoyed our trip to the Science museum and creating our own artwork based on nebulas (the birth of a star). In PE, we have loved leaning how to play rounders and I have been very impressed with how Dolphins have taken to yoga - some of us can even do an unaided headstand now! We look forward to carrying on with this next term.



Turtles

Turtles have been working extremely hard this half term. In Literacy we have loved reading 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' and really explored the main character (Bradley) through drama and writing some superb diary entries. I am very impressed with the children's use of conjunctions to add length and detail to their sentences and their understanding of the English language is improving weekly - well done Turtles! Our focus in Maths has been on fractions. Knowing our multiplication facts has really helped us to create and recognise equivalent fractions as well as find fractions of amounts. In our IPC topic 'Making New Materials' we made chocolate chip muffins to help us understand the science behind baking and investigated the question 'Do all solids dissolve in water? This week in our topic groups we have been getting our hands messy and using a wide range of materials to create a 3D piece of artwork about an issue that is important to us. Enjoy half term Turtles!



Zebras

We have had so much fun this half term that it has flown by! We welcomed 8 new children into the Zebra class in January. They have all settled in extremely well. Our Topic this half term on Food has enabled us to explore and taste different fruits and vegetables. We have enjoyed cooking and eating pancakes. We thoroughly enjoyed our Antarctica workshop where we created our own birds. During STEM week we teamed up with the Foxes class to investigate measuring using non-standard units. We used ourselves, built towers and measured different objects. We are looking forward to our new topic of 'animals' next term. Happy holidays!



Tigers

We have really enjoyed our topic of Food. Our entry point was an amazing tea party. We continued our adventure with our Antarctica workshop. We have learnt all about making healthy food choices in our fruit cafe. We have tasted so many different types of fruits! This gave us the opportunity to find out about paying for fruit with pennies, with help from the Turtles class. The Tigers have carried out different scientific investigations about how food changes when heated or cooled. We really enjoyed working with the Turtles during STEM week when we investigated what happens to ice. We have loved all our stories this term, especially the Wolf's Pancakes and really liked eating our own pancakes! We look forward to our 'Animals' topic next term. Have a happy holiday!



Leopards

The Leopards have had a fantastic half term, really getting into their IPC topic 'Food.' We enjoyed making play dough, bread and pancakes and had the opportunity to taste lots of different fruits at our healthy fruit cafe. In French we have been learning the names of many fruits and vegetables and practising talking about what we like and don't like. In Literacy we have read and enjoyed lots of wonderful stories such as The Little Red Hen, Mr Wolf's Pancakes and Roule Galette. We have been writing shopping lists, menus, recipes and even our own story books. We look forward to next term's topic 'Animals'. Have a lovely half term!



Badgers

Badgers have greatly enjoyed their topic "What is it Made of?" We linked our learning to the story of "The Three Little Pigs" and built houses out of different materials in order to conduct a fair test to determine which material was the strongest. Thank you very much for your contributions. We discovered that the houses made of tin foil attached to a cardboard base were surprisingly resistant to the Big Bad Wolf in the form of a hairdryer! We have also had a great time learning the story in both English and in French with actions. Very well done for all of your hard work Badgers, have a great half term break.



Hedgehogs

We have had a fantastic start to the Spring Term in Hedgehogs. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our IPC Topic, 'What's It Made Of?' They have been learning all about the properties of different materials and how to carry out science investigations. Science Day and STEM week were a huge success and the children particularly enjoyed working with the Sharks Class on their egg parachute projects. Thank you to the parents who were able to come to watch us release the parachutes - it was a wonderful opportunity for the children to share their learning with you. Thank you also if you were able to attend our class assembly, I have never been more proud of the children. They performed, spoke and sang beautifully! I hope you all have a relaxing and happy half term break and I look forward to seeing you for another exciting term!



Foxes

What a busy start to 2015 for the Foxes! We have really enjoyed our IPC topic 'Super Humans'. Foxes started by amazing Mr Yorke with how much they knew already about the human body, before starting on our fantastic work on keeping healthy in STEM week. We also really enjoyed working with the Zebras class to investigate and measure different parts of our body. In Maths, we have been working really hard on money, where we even had a go at running our own little shops. In Literacy, we have loved writing our letters asking for help when our Foxy went missing and we also had to write an eye witness recount when we had an unwanted burglar! Thank you to all the parents who came along to our sharing assembly and I am sure you will agree that the Foxes did an amazing job! Next half term we begin our topic 'People of The Past' and we can't wait to get learning again!



Owls

Owls Class have had a wonderful Spring Term 1 and look forward to Spring Term 2. Our IPC topic 'Super Humans' has really help the children to focus on the different parts of the human body and has brought about a real understanding of healthy eating. We have explored different types of fruits and have learnt about the vitamins we get from them. In STEM week Owls had the opportunity to work along side the Year 6s and role play shopping. We focused on giving the correct change and working out what happens to the cost of items when there is a 50 percent sale. In Literacy Owls have experienced a staged burglary and the children wrote an eye witness recount of this unbelievable event! Have a fantastic half term break!
Things to remember for next term:
Owls class will continue P.E on Mondays and will have Dance on Tuesdays.



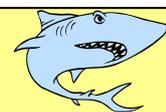
Starfish

This half term Starfish have been researching Forces during our ICP topic time. The children have really enjoyed experimenting with and formulating ideas about forces and have discovered how great a role they play in our everyday lives. During STEM week we worked alongside Badgers class and helped them explore the force magnetism. In literacy we have been learning about Greek Myths and gathered lots of information to help us invent our own Greek myth. We have been learning the story of Theseus and the Minotaur to help us formulate our stories. In numeracy we have looked at shape and measurement where we converted ml to l, cm to m and g to kg. We have learnt about 2D and 3D shapes as well as beginning to understand perimeter. Starfish class have had a fantastic term in regards to foundation subjects - we have been lucky enough to have had music, dance and swimming as well as our much enjoyed PE lessons!



Sharks

Sharks have welcomed the New Year in with lots of exciting topics and projects! We have worked with the Battersea Arts Centre every Tuesday mornings to produce art and literacy work on the subject of the Second World War. We have also had lots of fun investigating forces and taking part in different experiments for I.P.C. We behaved extremely well on our Science Trip to see Feel the Forces where we watched more experiments and learnt even more about forces with the help of Phil the Frog and Dwaine. We cannot wait for the one next term on Time and Place, Earth and Space! We also practised and learnt our lines for our sharing assembly - thank you very much to all the parents who came along to see us perform. Have a great half term break!



Some dates for next term

Sharing assemblies

Our sharing assemblies are on Fridays at 9.30am this year. These are the sharing assemblies for next term; please come along to see your child's work!

Leopards —6th March

Zebras —13th March

Dolphins —20th March

Other Dates for the Diary

Monday 23rd February - Sharks visit to Battersea Arts Centre

Monday 2nd March - Friday 6th March - Book Week and Book Fair

Tuesday 3rd March - Spring Term Parents' evening 1

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Thursday 5th March - Kids Company Coffee Morning: Care—9AM

Thursday 5th March - Parents' Meeting and Film Night

Tuesday 10th March - Spring Term Parents' evening 2

Tuesday 10th March - Turtles visit for the Junior Citizenship Scheme

Friday 13th March - Comic Relief 2015

Friday 13th March - Owls and Foxes trip to the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment

Tuesday 17th March - Spring Term Parents' evening 3

Friday 20th March - Turtles Shakespeare workshop

Thursday 26th March - Easter competition entries due in

Friday 27th March - Easter Parade

Friday 27th March - Last day of Spring 2. Break up at 2:15pm

Return to school after the
Easter holiday -
Tuesday 14th April

Shaftesbury Park is proud to present...

FILM NIGHT 2

5th March 5:50 - 7:30pm

A year on from last year's parents' meeting, we are organising another Film Night on 5th March from 5:50 to 7:30pm.

This enjoyable event is being held to give governors, parents and teaching staff the chance to meet to review the school's progress and to continue to share thoughts on making Shaftesbury Park an "outstanding school of choice".

We would like to encourage as many children as possible to come to school in the evening and watch a film so that parents can meet without having to worry about childcare. Further details will be provided during the first week after half term.

We look forward to hearing your views and together shaping the future of our