



Shaftesbury Park Primary School

Shaftesbury Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Vision

Last year we worked hard to develop a shared vision for our school. We involved teachers, children parents and governors in the process of sharing ideas about what an outstanding school looks like. We looked at four main areas: teaching and learning, ethos, environment and parental involvement. Then the key messages from these discussions were drawn together to form our vision and mission statements, which read as follows:

Shaftesbury Park Primary School - the local school of choice providing an outstanding education to its diverse community.

At Shaftesbury Park Primary School every child will make the best progress and reach the highest possible standards they can in all aspects of their development. Pupils will be nurtured as individuals within the school and wider community. They will be aspirational, reflective learners who enjoy their valued role in our school. Through a creative and diverse curriculum, and with the benefits of a bilingual provision, all children will be empowered to succeed academically and socially so they can take a confident place in an increasingly global and digital future.

Our Mission

At Shaftesbury Park, we are at our best when we:

- * encourage, listen to and value contributions from all members of our school community***
- * engage with parents to support pupils and the school***
- * give pupils opportunities to play a valuable role in their school, local community, and wider world***
- * celebrate successes in all areas of school life***
- * encourage enquiry, creativity and curiosity about the world***
- * help children see how they move on in their learning***
- * ensure all children are able to fully take part in school life, through a strong emphasis on inclusion, pastoral care and the safe environment of our school***
- * strive for a high standard of respect and positive behaviour and use our school charters, which are based on the United Nation's Convention of the Rights of the Child, as a framework to remind us of these rights.***
- * continually look for opportunities to improve the school***
- * benefit from the opportunities provided by the school's bilingualism, regardless of stream***

We have shared the vision and mission statements with the children during assemblies and we intend to display them in both English and French throughout the school. We will be referring to them continually to remind us all of our commitment to these goals and how we will achieve them.

Once again we would like to thank all the parents who took part in the discussions held during 'Cinema Night' in the summer of last year and in so doing helped to shape the vision of our school.

Variety, the children's charity

The School Office is still selling £1 gold hearts for Variety, a children's charity providing practical help for children who are sick, disabled and disadvantaged.

Please help us to raise as much money as possible for this fantastic cause.

Don't delay, get yours today!



FoSP Halloween party!

Please support our Halloween party on 7th November for children from Reception to Year 2. Tickets are now on sale from the school office for £3, which includes a drink and snack. All children must be accompanied by an adult, although this does not mean one adult per child, as one adult may be responsible for several children at the party. There will be a disco, games and prizes for the best costume from each class.

We will be planning an event for KS2 in the spring term and there will be a KS2 school council meeting to discuss this next week.

Wandle football tournament

This Thursday saw the boys' football team in action for the first time this year in the Wandle boys football tournament. Competition was tough but our team still managed two wins and a draw out of 6 matches. A huge well done to Natai, Haytham, Andre, Einoras, Charlie, Israel and Romell, we are very proud of you!

We look forward to seeing how the girls get on next week.

Turtles British Museum trip

This week, Turtles class enjoyed a fantastic trip to the British Museum, over now to our reporters Frank & Reece for more on this story.

On 15th October, we went to the British Museum. There were immense, tall sculptures. We were meant to go to the Africa section but it was closed. The entire class gathered around the Islamic section. Then a nice man called Simon let us in the Africa section and it was amazing! We saw the 'Tree of Life' made out of guns and a chair. We saw weird and wacky masks which had different patterns on and we drew our favourite ones. We really enjoyed the trip.



MONDAY 20TH - FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER
From 3:15pm onwards

Yes, it is that time of year again. The Scholastic Book Fair is back and this year it is better than ever!

Come along to find your perfect book and help the school in the process - the more money we manage to raise, the more free books we can get for the school. If we smash our total of £500, each class will win £50 to spend on new books!

Don't forget to bring the vouchers from the Scholastic leaflet sent home earlier this week for money off great books, oh and make sure you enter the competitions too!

Governor vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a co-opted Governor. Unlike a parent Governor, a co-opted Governor is not elected, but appointed by the Governing Body because of the particular skills they can offer to the school. If you would be interested in becoming a school Governor, please contact deputy@shaftesburypark.wandsworth.sch.uk outlining what skills and support you feel you would be able to bring to the Governing Body/ school, and these will be passed on to our Chair of Governors.

****Don't forget to bring your Harvest donations of non-perishable food to the School Office****
All items received will be donated to local charities.
We thank you in advance for your support

Upcoming dates this half term:

Tuesday 21st October: Harvest celebration at 2pm in the Ascension Church on Lavender Hill
Thursday 23rd October: Dolphins trip to the British Museum
Friday 24th October: Last day of Autumn 1 half term
Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October: HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 3rd November: Return to school

Shoot to the Moon winners!

| Foundation Stage: | Key Stage 1: | Key Stage 2: |
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| Zebras: Maximilian & Tyrell | Badgers: James & Lucien | Starfish: Harvey & Neajar |
| Tigers: Sella & Alfie B | Hedgehogs: Amy & Yara | Sharks: Mason & Jeya |
| Leopards: Danny & Mariam | Owls: Leanne & Omurtag | Turtles: Reece & Israel |
| | Foxes: Taylah & Nyla | Dolphins: Cy & Shaur |

Congratulations to this week's 100 word challenge winner Myia



The blind climber slowly took off her backpack and carefully opened up the tent. She was incredibly tired and extremely cold. The wind howled wildly around her as she settled uncomfortably in her sleeping bag. Her legs were aching badly and she was breathing deeply on her oxygen. Everyone thought that the blind girl would give up easily but she was utterly determined to reach the summit and hear the penguins. But then the next morning she saw sunlight and said "I can see again!"

We were very impressed with the calibre of all the entries we received for this last week's thought-provoking challenge, but especially this one with its plethora of adjectives, interesting idea and the important moral to never give up. Well done everybody!

The prompt this week is: **...I could not believe the smell...**