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Welcome to Autumn 2 issue of the Shaftesbury Park Herald, bringing you all the latest news from across the school.

Presenting
The Shaftesbury Park
**Festive
Festival**
Five Days of Fun

14th December - 18th December 2020

This week we were very excited to hold our first ever **Festive Festival** and it really was five days of fun with fete games, arts and crafts, visits from Santa, a fantastic raffle and lots more besides.

Holding any kind of fundraising event was always going to be a challenge this year so we are beyond delighted to have been able to put on an event which was not only fantastic fun for children and staff alike but also has helped to raise in the region of £2,500!

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mrs Imms and her team for organising the event, as well as to everyone who ran games and activities, brought in items for our Festive Festival and/or sourced raffle prizes. We couldn't have done it without you!



On the topic of fundraising, we are pleased to announce that our **easyfundraising** total has grown to a colossal

£409.23!

THAT'S £409.23 OF FREE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL, RAISED BY PARENTS LIKE YOU!

Remember over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to Shaftesbury Park Primary School for FREE every time you use **easyfundraising** to shop with them. This means you can support the

school when you get your groceries, buy clothes, order a takeaway, renew your insurance policies or buy anything else online at no extra cost to yourself!

If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE.

Sign up through the link below and not only will you be raising money but once you've signed up and raised £5 in donations, **easyfundraising** will give us an extra £5! There's no catch or hidden charges and we are really grateful for anything you raise!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shaftesburyparkprimary/?invite=AVHZ8B&referral-campaign=c2s>

Last-minute presents, a treat for yourself, Boxing Day sales, wrapping paper and cards for next year (you organised person)

Think about **easyfundraising !**

This half-term we were excited to hold our inaugural..

Mighty Multiplication Masters Times Tables Competition

Following 4 weeks of intense times table practice both in school and at home, pupils across the school completed a times table test, aiming to achieve one of the following 7 certificates to show off their skills and nothing less than full marks would do.



The levels and what pupils needed to achieve them:

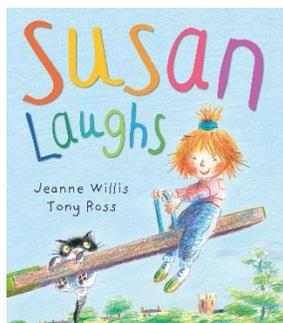
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM	EMERALD	SAPPHIRE	DIAMOND
Answer 12 questions correctly on	Answer 12 questions correctly on	Answer 20 questions correctly on	Answer 25 questions correctly on	Answer 25 questions correctly on	Answer 30 questions correctly on	Answer 30 questions correctly on
2 times tables	2, 5 and 10 times tables	2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables	2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables	All times tables up to 12 x 12	All times tables up to 12 x 12 and associated division facts	Same as for sapphire + multiplying one digit-numbers with decimals (up to 1dp)

Congratulations to:

BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM		EMERALD	SAPPHIRE	DIAMOND
Aurelie M	Leo G	Edward D	Precious O	Abdul-Majeed M	Dylan R	Leeron T	Ethan M
Emili Z	Ambrose C	Scarlett VP	Awab E	D'Saiah S		Baiden M	Khalid S
Isaiah N	Alfie M	Amar N	Cecelia Ly	Dylan J		William O	Mattia B
Kiana G	Fadel A	Mohamed A	Ben C	Jae M		Louis A	
Nicolas FD	James M	Thomas F	Casey F	Jaelah C			
Omar W	Katalina N	Cristiano A	Hashim I	Kaleb A			
Alma A	Luca B	Ritchelle R	Jak W	Kyron L			
Armani B	Ruben J	Dylan K	Oscar H	Madeline C			
Samira A	Ilyas S		Lorenzo F	Reagan V			
	Jeremiah O		Livia G	Sianna B			
	Leah N		Afroz K				
	Lewis D						

Thinking about Tolerance

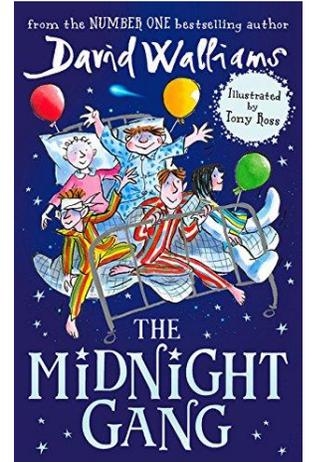
This half term, Shaftesbury Park marked the International Day for Tolerance (16th November) by thinking about what exactly tolerance is and how it applies in our day-to-day lives. Here's how the Zebras and Foxes approached the topic...



Zebras Class thought about tolerance through sharing the story 'Susan Laughs' by Jeanne Willis. In the book, Susan swims, works hard in school, plays with her friends and rides a horse. It is not until the end of the story that we learn that Susan is a wheelchair user. The Zebras used this story as a springboard to talk about why it is important to be kind to others even if they seem to be different to us and that actually we have a lot more in common than we realise.

Foxes class explored the idea of tolerance in their lunchtime book, *The Midnight Gang* by David Walliams, which featured a main character with a facial deformity which affected how some of the other characters treated him. Here's what Ambrose had to say about the book and what it has taught him about tolerance:

'If you are tolerant, you accept people whatever they look like. If you judge people by their faces, it shows you are not a wise person as it's what's inside that counts. In 'The Midnight Gang', one of the main characters, Porter, has a facial deformity. The children in the story come to realise the true meaning of not judging a book by its cover as, though he was born looking different, he has a really big heart, much bigger than the other characters in the book, and he makes the children happy. I enjoyed this book because I like stories where the characters change, like in the Christmas Carol when Scrooge changes from hating Christmas to being a much nicer person. At the end of 'The Midnight Gang', Tom has changed and no longer judges anyone by their appearance.'



Great work everyone!



Now let's go over to Ms Savizon for some tips on staying healthy this Christmas...

While the holiday season is super exciting, for many of us Christmas can also be a rather stressful time of year with long lists of things to organise in the run up to the big day.

This year, why not take steps to alleviate some of the anxiety, swapping it for calm, clarity and peace by practicing Christmas Yoga?

<https://www.kidsyogastories.com/kids-yoga-poses/> is a fantastic resource for parents wishing to practice yoga with their child/ren, providing 58 basic poses mimicking our natural surroundings.

Here are a few practical tips for practicing yoga with your children:

- Feel free to adapt or change the yoga poses to suit your needs.
- Focus on having fun with movement, not on practicing perfectly aligned poses.
- Engage with your children. Follow their passions and interests.
- Play yoga games to engage them in learning about the poses
- Create authentic, meaningful experiences.
- Cater to their energy levels and different learning styles.
- Be creative and enjoy yourselves, but please be safe.
- Wear comfortable clothing and practice barefoot.

If you do decide to give some yoga a try, remember to send your class teacher some pictures!

Now for a healthy end of term recipe...

Sweet potato rosti with parsley lemon yoghurt (serves 8)

Ingredients

500g sweet potato, coarsely grated
2 spring onions, thinly sliced
200g haloumi, coarsely grated
1 egg
80g plain flour
1/2 tsp ground cumin
1 cup (250ml) extra virgin olive oil
1 cup (280g) thick Greek-style yoghurt
2 tbs finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
Juice of 1 lemon
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 bunch mixed heirloom radishes, thinly sliced on a mandoline
2 tbsp apple cider vinegar
Dukkah and micro herbs, to serve



Method

1. Combine sweet potato, spring onion, haloumi, egg and flour in a bowl. Add cumin, then season and stir to combine.
2. In 4 batches, heat 1/4 cup (60ml) oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat.
3. Add tablespoons of mixture to pan (the melted haloumi will help to bind fritters as they cook) and cook for 3 minutes each side or until golden and crisp. Drain on paper towel and keep warm.
4. Combine yoghurt, parsley, lemon and garlic in a bowl. Toss sliced radish with vinegar and a pinch of salt.
5. Arrange warm fritters on a platter and scatter with the dukkah, micro herbs and radish. Serve with the parsley lemon yoghurt.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas from everyone at Shaftesbury Park!





EXTRA! EXTRA! SHAFTESBURY PARK SET TO RECEIVE ANOTHER TWO AWARDS!



Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.



Shaftesbury Park is proud to announce that following a successful reaccreditation visit on 8th December, we have been put forward to receive a UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools *GOLD* award!

This is obviously a phenomenal achievement that recognises how the Rights Respecting agenda has become part of the fabric of Shaftesbury Park, with children not only learning about and understanding the Rights they have under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, but also applying this knowledge in their lives and being proactive in effecting the changes they wish to see.

There have been so many examples of this over the last few months, from writing letters to MPs, helping neighbours during lockdown, to running cake sales. Lyra in Year 5 even donated 17" of her hair to a charity that makes wigs for children who have suffered hair loss due to cancer or other illnesses. It was our great pleasure to be able to share these stories with the UNICEF assessors and have them agree with just how remarkable we think our pupils are.

We are obviously very proud of this award, but we are arguably more proud of the attributes in our pupils that this award recognises.

This half-term we have also become the proud recipients of the Tribal Award which is an 'internationally acknowledged accreditation recognising and celebrating excellence in English and mathematics provision in schools'.

Our external test results in English and Maths have consistently been in the top 10% nationally over three years and the quality of teaching continues to be very strong. Our classes are well resourced and the vast majority of children can confidently discuss their progress.

It is a well-deserved recognition of all the hard work of the children, staff and parents in ensuring that our children leave Shaftesbury Park with a solid foundation for exploring many areas of learning.

A huge thank you to Ms Carter who took the lead on our Rights Respecting agenda and to Miss Goodridge and Mr Tristram who are our subject leaders in Maths and Literacy respectively. We cannot wait to show off these awards in our Reception area!

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event	Who is involved?
Wednesday 6 th January	Children start back at school	
Friday 8 th January	Epiphany (6 th Jan) - sharing of French tradition of <i>Galette des Rois</i> in class.	
Tuesday 12 th January	PTA meeting 7.00pm- 8.00pm	Virtual event. Please email the school should you wish to attend.
Monday 25 th -Friday 29 th January	Creative Week Presentations to parents 28 & 29/01/20	Virtual event. Invitation to follow.
Tuesday 26 th January	Coffee morning at 1.30pm Focus: SEND - sensory processing issues	Virtual event. Invitation to follow.
Monday 1 st - 7 th February	Children's Mental Health Week Workshops to be delivered to classes by UP	
Thursday 4 th February	Rosa Park's Birthday	
Tuesday 9 th February	PTA meeting 7.00pm-8.00pm	Virtual event. Please email the school should you wish to attend.
Friday 12 th February	Chinese New Year (12 th)	
Friday 12 th February	Last day of the half-term	
Half-Term <i>Monday 15th February–Friday 19th February</i>		