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Welcome to Spring 1 issue of the Shaftesbury Park Herald, bringing you all the latest news from across the school.

CREATIVE WEEK

This half-term, we had so much fun during Creative Week. This year's theme was 'We are Designers', for which each year group was challenged to design, make and evaluate a structure.

Classes began the week by analysing existing structures and learning about famous designers and architects and the purpose of their structures. As a class, they then devised their own design criteria to inform their design decisions. The children were encouraged to be creative, innovative and take risks when making their purposeful products, drawing on skills from across the curriculum such as Maths, Art and Science, which they applied in a real-life context.

The end result was some absolutely amazing AND FUNCTIONAL windmills, castles, landmarks and bridges! Not only was it wonderful to see the children having such a lovely time making them, it was also great to see them really applying key Enterprise skills such as positive problem solving, creativity and teamwork in order to get the best out of their product. We certainly have lots of confident designers at Shaftesbury Park!

Check out this veritable windfarm produced by the Badgers Class



Renewable energy has never been so stylish!





This half term school council have been busy tidying up our local area! Some of our councillors noticed there was a lot of rubbish and litter being left on the roads surrounding our school. They made a suggestion that we, as school councillors, could do something about this. We spent one chilly Wednesday afternoon with our litter pickers and rubbish bags collecting as much rubbish as we could. We were shocked at home much rubbish is left on our streets and will doing another litter pick in Spring 2.



‘Without cars, we could...’

This week you should all have received an email about our amazing Ashbury Road Poster Competition, imagining the future of our car-free school street and with half-term about to begin, what better time to start working on your fabulous designs!

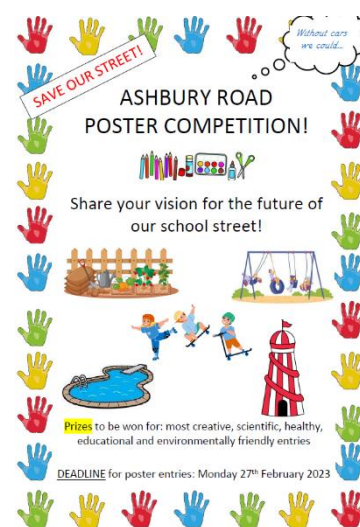
Simply take the sketch of our school street (above) and make it your own by adding pictures of the things you want to see (check out the poster on the right for a few ideas)!

Feeling creative? Why not blow up the template and really go to town! Coloured pens, pencils, paints, anything goes 😊 (TOP TIP: If drawing isn't your thing, why not make a collage or do it digitally?)

Prizes will be awarded for the most creative, scientific, healthy, educational and environmentally friendly entries.

The deadline for poster entries is **Monday 27th February 2023.**

GOOD LUCK!



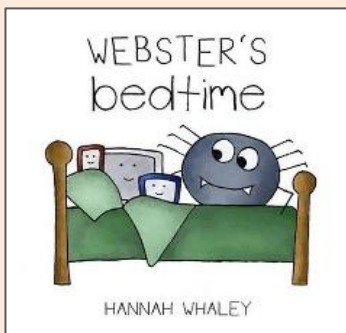
Please note: A4 copies of the school street sketch are available on request from the School Office.



On Tuesday 7th February, Shaftesbury Park Primary School marked **Safer Internet Day 2023**. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in our school and celebrating this campaign is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year - we aim for the children of Shaftesbury Park Primary School to be responsible digital citizens.

In line with this year's theme, 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online', children explored internet safety through these excellent books:



Webster's Bedtime by Hannah Whaley

From the back cover:

'It's bedtime for Webster, but first he has to help all his electronic gadgets get to sleep. This funny rhyming story takes a twist when it proves hard to get everyone to bed!

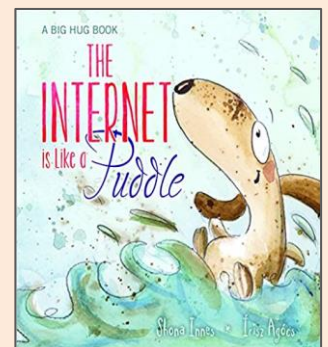
Providing a subtle reminder to young children about the need to switch off from screen time as they get ready for sleep, Webster's Bedtime is a brilliant bedtime companion book for the digital generation.'

Listen and read it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DT4CagOwCT4>

The Internet Is Like A Puddle by Shona Innes

From the back cover:

'The internet is amazing - you can use it to talk to friends and family that live far away, to play games and to learn all sorts of fun and interesting things. The internet is also a bit like a puddle. There are some puddles that are fun to play in, but others are much too deep and not very safe. It is important to stay in the right parts of the internet.'



This series deals with emotive issues that children face in direct and gentle terms, allowing children's feelings and problems to be more easily shared and discussed with family and friends. Author Shona Innes is a qualified clinical and forensic psychologist with many years of experience assisting children.'

Listen and read it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59zia4DVPIg>

Children also looked at materials provided by London Grid for Learning (LGfL) and resources from the UK Safer Internet Centre.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating this event by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in downloading the free [Safer Internet Day Education Pack for Parents and Carers](#). Safer Internet Day have also created a [short film](#) for parents and carers, take a look to remain fully updated. In addition to this please visit the [Shaftesbury Park Primary School Safer Internet Day Website](#) for top tips, a quiz and video clips which you can use at home with your child.

Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet](#)
- Guides on popular apps and games from [NetAware](#)
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from [Common Sense Media](#)
- Help with using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters](#)
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from [CEOP Online safety](#)

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with me or their class teacher. Ms McKenzie-Arday

Children's Mental Health Week

This week, children across the school participated in **Children's Mental Health Week**.

Co-ordinated by our in-school counselling service, Unlocking Potential, the children enjoyed an assembly on this year's theme 'Express Yourself', exploring the importance of expressing our feelings as a way to help others learn and understand more about us, helping people to support us better, especially when we need it the most.

Don't forget to check out the Unlocking Potential Children's Mental Health Week leaflet for lots of fun activities related to this year's theme.



COME AND JOIN US FOR
PARENTS' COFFEE MORNINGS.
LET'S CHAT AND CONNECT.
WITH ZUZANA AND GEORGINA,
UP THERAPISTS.



EVERY TUESDAY FROM 9A.M IN
THE SCHOOL.

Over now to our Bilingual Lead, Mr Yorke, for even more cake...

Épiphanie: Fête des Rois



On Friday 6th January, the Bilingual Stream enjoyed a 'slice' of French tradition by celebrating Epiphany, a Christian holiday marking the day when the three wise men arrived in Bethlehem to meet the baby Jesus, with the traditional Galette des Rois or Kings Cake.

Every child enjoyed their own slice of this delicious tradition, enjoyed by people across France, irrespective of religion, with the the one lucky person who found the 'fève' (usually a little figure made out of china) hidden away inside being crowned King or Queen for the day.

What a fun tradition and cultural highlight for the children to enjoy!



It is an important time of the year for our children in Key Stage 2 in the bilingual stream, as we look towards May and the next round of DELF exams. These officially recognised, optional exams form are just one of the ways we celebrate our learning in the bilingual stream. If you have signed up your child to take a DELF exam, please keep an eye on your inbox for an email from Mr Yorke requesting further information.

On the topic of fundraising, we are delighted to announce that our easyfundraising total has grown to a massive:

£1,170.66

**THAT'S £1,170.66 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 Christmas presents, stock up on groceries, buy clothes, order a takeaway, renew your insurance policies or buy anything online at no extra cost to yourself!

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Valentine's Day gift or
some beautiful flowers?*

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These are the UNCRC Articles and Sustainable Development Goals for January and February which we have been speaking about with the children in assemblies this half-term. Why not ask your child all about them!



The UNCRC Articles and Sustainable Development Goals for January & February:

<p>Article 13</p>	<p>(freedom of expression) Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.</p>
<p>Article 16</p>	<p>(right to privacy) Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation.</p>



If you have experienced a change in your income or are worried about your finances/your ability to afford the cost of attending school, we would really encourage you to get in touch with the School Office or Mrs Di Doi, our Learning Mentor. There may be some additional support that you may be entitled to or we may be able to assist with some school costs.

Some assistance that might be available to you includes:

- > free school meals
- > welfare and debt advice
- > support for families with no recourse to public funds
- > grants or in-kind support.



Like many of you, we have been horrified by images in the news of the destruction wrought on Turkey and Syria by a terrible earthquake. For this reason, we are sharing details of the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal, that has been launched by the Disasters Emergency Committee (an umbrella group of 15 UK charities, including the British Red Cross, Oxfam, Islamic Relief and Save the Children).

To make a donation, please visit:

<https://donation.dec.org.uk/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>

Any donations to the DEC appeal will be matched by the British government up to the value of £5 million.

Please find below some useful resources on how to support children through bad news in the media:

[Talking to your children about scary world news | Mental Health Foundation](#)

[Top tips on how to talk to your children about the worrying news they see online - Own It -](#)

[BBCAdvice if you're upset by the news - CBBC Newsround](#)

Dates for the Diary

Please Note: All dates are subject to change

Date	Event	Parent welcome?
Monday 20 February	Children return to school	
Friday 3 March	World Book day	
Tuesday 7 March	Spring term Parents' evening 1	Please book an appointment with your child's class teacher
Monday 13 -17 March	STEM week	
Tuesday 14 March	Spring term Parents' evening 2	Please book an appointment with your child's class teacher
Friday 17 March	Red Nose Day	
Friday 25 March	Easter competition entries in	
Monday 20 - 24 March	Francophonie Week	
Friday 24 March	Easter competition entries due in	
Tuesday 28 March	SATs meeting for year 6 parents 3.30pm and 5.30pm	All staff and children
Tuesday 28 March	Parent Forum – 6pm	Parents welcome
Friday 31 March	Marking Maya Angelou's Birthday (04/04)	
Friday 31 March	Easter parade with winners of competition FS: Easter bonnets KS1/2: Egg models End of term – finish at 2pm	

