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

Coming Soon...



Shaftesbury Park is delighted to once again be partnering with Run Kids Run this April for Run Shaftesbury Park Run, a fantastic fundraising event the whole family can enjoy together!

Taking place on 28th April 2024, all pupils and parents are invited to join school staff in Battersea Park to complete a 2km and help raise important funds for aspects outside of the curriculum that enrich our children's school lives.

And with the added benefit of helping us all get a bit fitter, what's not to love!

LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS ON HOW TO SIGN UP COMING SOON!

Épiphanie: Fête des Rois



Every year, we look forward to returning to school after the Christmas holidays a little bit more than we might otherwise because we know that we will soon get to enjoy marking Epiphany.

Whilst our children certainly enjoy learning about this festival that so important on the French calendar, we're sure that it's the 'Galette des Rois' brioche cakes that they are really looking forward to the most!

Every class from Nursery to Year 6 loves taking part in the quirky little traditions associated with enjoying their galette, including who will get to go home as the 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.

World Religion Day

World Religion Day takes place each January, aiming to promote understanding and peace between all religions as well as mutual understanding and tolerance between peoples from different backgrounds.

Although World Religion Day 2024 took place on Sunday 21st January, we marked this day in school on Friday 19th January instead. KS1 and KS2 enjoyed designing their own symbol to promote world religion day and raise awareness of working together to make the world a better place, whilst EYFS shared a presentation and had a discussion as a circle time afterwards. Great work everyone!



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"And it's over now to our reporter at Southfields Academy for the latest news on the Girls 5-a-side football tournament. Can you hear me Scarlett?"



"Yes, yes I can. Well it's all over now and what a day we've had!

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Last month, a few of our year 5 and 6 girls took part in a tournament at Southfields Academy and we all worked very hard.

In the first game, the team scored one goal, winning the game 1-0. The second game, however, was much harder with the Shaftesbury Park team losing 0-2. The most pressurised game by far was the last game which was against a very difficult school. The team lost this game 0-1.

In my opinion, we all played outstandingly. Even though we didn't make it to round 2, we were still very happy with our performance, using all of the skills we have been working on in football training with Mr McIntosh. I'm so proud to be have been a part of the team. I enjoyed playing in goal and the challenge and thrill of football. I can't wait for the next game!"

We're so glad that you enjoyed the tournament, girls. We look forward to hearing more from all our sports teams in future editions!



On Tuesday 6th February, Shaftesbury Park Primary School marked **Safer Internet Day 2024**.

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 order to help keep children safe however, it is not enough to just talk about it at school – we need parents / carers to get involved too.

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

- This free Safer Internet Day Education Pack for Parents and Carers
- Advice for parents and carers from <u>Childnet</u>
- Guides on popular apps and games from NetAware
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from <u>Common</u> Sense Media
- Help with using parental controls and privacy settings from Internet Matters
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from <u>CEOP Online safety</u>

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

Mr Seakens, 1CT Lead

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 classroom activities and an assembly on this year's theme 'Being Kind to Yourself Matters', exploring the importance of self-care to mental health, exploring the things which 'empty our cup' causing all our positive thoughts and feelings to disappear and what we can do to fill it back up again (listening to your mind and body, putting yourself first sometimes, doing things which bring you joy, thinking positively about yourself and being your own cheerleader).



We were also delighted to have many parents join us on Tuesday for our Unlocking Potential Coffee Morning, exploring the cup analogy further and providing helpful resources to keep the conversation going at home.

Missed the Coffee Morning?

Not to worry! Please find attached to this email a copy of the presentation given by Zuzana and information of resources you can access to support better self-care (3)



- Easyfundraising Update - -

We are delighted to announce that our easyfundraising total has grown to a massive:

£1,722.44

THAT'S £1,722.44 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!

Buying a last-minute Valentine's Day gift or some beautiful flowers?

Don't forget to use easyfundraising!



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!

It's So Easy and Completely FREE. Join today ♥

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shaftesburyparkprimary/?invite=AVHZ8B&re ferral-campaign=c2s

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 halfterm. Why not ask your child all about them!





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

(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.	



Article 16 (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.





Pssst! This week, the School Council have started planning their very own fundraising / awareness project. They've been talking to their classes about four UNCRC Rights they are really passionate about (the right to water, the right to the best possible health, the right to shelter and the right to education for all) and holding class votes to decide which one to focus on.

"What are they are going to be doing?" I hear you ask.

You'll have to wait and see!

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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.

Dates for the Diary

Please Note: All dates are subject to change

Date	Event	Parent welcome?
Monday 19 February	Children return to school	
Friday 1 March	World Book day	
Tuesday 5 March	Spring term Parents' evening 1	Please book an appointment with your child's class teacher
Friday 8 March	LKS2 Evening Event – details TBC	
Monday 11 - 15 March	STEM week	
Tuesday 12 March	Spring term Parents' evening 2	Please book an appointment with your child's class teacher
Friday 15 March	Red Nose Day 2024	
Friday 25 March	Easter competition entries in	
Monday 18 - 22 March	Francophonie Week	
Friday 22 March	Easter competition entries due in	
Tuesday 26 March	SATs meeting for year 6 parents - 5.00pm	All staff and children
Wednesday 27 March	Marking Maya Angelou's Birthday (04/04)	
Thursday 28 March	Easter parade with winners of competition FS: Easter bonnets KS1/2: Egg models End of term – finish at 2pm	M