

Our main aim is a love of life and learning.
Happiness is the key and our children's happiness, safety, security and love are at the heart of our achievements for each individual child.



Shawclough Community School Newsletter

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GLIMPSE OF THE WEEK



Year 4 have been baking bread and wanted to share their recipe with everyone...so here it is!



QUICK BREAD DOUGH

This is Peter's recipe for quick white bread dough. Use it for focaccia, pizza and calzones. The dough contains strong flour, yeast and salt. This recipe makes 2 focaccia, 2 pizza bases or 1 large one, or 3 calzones. If used for making bread, the quantity will make a loaf for 4 or 6 slices.

INGREDIENTS

- 250g strong white plain flour
- 2.5ml (1/2 level teaspoon) salt
- 2.5ml (1/2 level teaspoon) yeast
- 150ml warm water
- 20ml (2 tablespoons) olive oil
- 20ml (2 tablespoons) strong black coffee
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EQUIPMENT

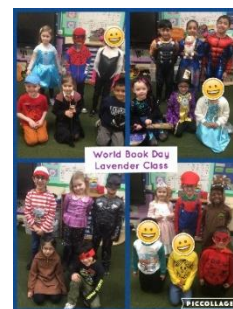
- Mixing bowl
- Wooden spoon
- Rollingpin
- Measuring jug
- Flour dredger
- 200g loaf tin or baking tray

HOW TO MAKE IT

1. Combine the flour, salt and yeast in a mixing bowl. Make a 'well' in the centre.
2. Add all the warm water and oil. Mix to a soft dough with a wooden spoon.
3. Additional water will be needed if the mixture is too dry.
4. Use one hand to gather the dough together. Press on a lightly floured surface for approximately 10 minutes until the dough is smooth and springy. Use as required.

SPECIAL POINTS

- 1. Use warm, not hot water. Hot water kills yeast!
- 2. Use one hand - hand over - one hand and it to the flour before adding any.
- 3. Knead the dough thoroughly to strengthen the gluten enough to hold the carbon dioxide bubbles.



EVEN MORE WORLD BOOK DAY!



WORLD BOOK DAY WINNERS



OUR WINNERS! Well done to all the children that took part. We had so many brilliant entries, judging was a very difficult task but we got there in the end.



WORLD BOOK DAY - NEED WE SAY MORE?



RAMADAN



Many of our Shawclough School families are looking forward to the start of Ramadan, a month of fasting, prayer, giving to charity and thinking about those less fortunate than ourselves. Last year we introduced our Ramadan Fasting Policy (which has been updated this year) after a number of pupils had expressed an interest in fasting.

This year we will be allowing **ONLY YEAR 6** children to fast and a room will be made available to observe prayers.

We have sent out the policy to all our year 6 parents **and will only be allowing those children whose parents have filled out a consent form, to fast.**

If your child has expressed an interest in fasting, please be aware and make them aware that they will still be required to partake in ALL of the curriculum including games/PE. It might be advisable to let them opt out of fasting on the days they have PE, as not to over exert themselves.

We would like to wish all our families observing Ramadan a peaceful month and RAMADAN KAREEM.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Our school community collects food bank donations for our local food bank every year.

This year is no different. Times are extremely difficult for a lot of local people and as a school we love to help. We have sent out an email detailing this and by the time you get the newsletter it will be Friday afternoon. However, please remember that you can still donate any time of the year (especially during Ramadan).

See below the list of item that are needed at this time of year:-

- Custard
- Rice pudding
- Tinned fruit
- Jam
- Pasta
- Pasta sauces
- Long life milk



Treats for families in need over Easter (Easter eggs, chocolate)

Please help if you can.

WONKA BAR CHALLENGE

The PTA Wonka bar challenge is set to go ahead.- Yay!

Wonka bars will be on from 20th March till the end of term (depending on availability) – payment over GATEWAY, priced at £1.50. The challenge is open to all year groups and classes. Once a bar has been purchased, they will only be given to children at the end of the day. Some prizes will be redeemable instantly, others will be redeemable in the new term. . These are just some of the great prizes to win if you're lucky enough to find a GOLDEN TICKET in your Wonka bar:



26 Easter eggs, different sizes

A chocolate bouquet



2 X Head Teachers breakfast for the winner and a friend

Non uniform pass for the winner and a friend

A Cakearooney cupcake box voucher



2 x pair of RFC Football tickets



VUE cinema tickets

A free Fencing session for 2 with Angelo Salle Fencing club



4 X early dinner pass for the winner and a friend

2 x Extra playtime pass for the winner's class



A Cuddly toy

Win a carpet clean voucher fro your mum & Dad

Cash prizes - £10, £5.



SHAWCLOUGH PTA

HOODIES

Thank you to all year 6 parents who have purchased a hoodie for their child – well done you got the early bird offer! The hoodies are still available but the price has increased only slightly. You still have till the end of the term to order a hoodie.



Remember, the hoodies are a great memento/keepsake of your child's years at Shawclough School.

PTA VOLUNTEERS

The PTA are always looking for new ideas and volunteers. If you have extra time or would like to help out with event, please get in touch via the school office.

All the funds raised by the PTA go back into school to enhance school life and make it more enjoyable all round.



This year we would like to be able to contribute towards end of term trips for the whole school should funds allow.

SHAWCLOUGH SCHOOL GOVERNORS



We have thrown our hat in and applied for the 'Making a Difference – Primary School of the Year' award. Mrs Collins, one of our Reception Class teachers, has made a fabulous video,

which is on the school website – **GO WATCH IT!**

FUN WITH TIMESTABLES

Is your child struggling with their Timetables?

Have a look on the TTRockstars webpage below to see how to best support your child with their continuous timetables practice whilst having fun!

ttrackstars.com/parents/

What's included?

Importance of timetables

TTRS intro video

Parent guide PDF

FAQs answered

Free downloadables



ROCKSTEADY

Is your child musical? Would he/she like to sing, or learn to play an instrument and play in a rock band?

Rocksteady is a company that work in partnership with school to deliver a musical learning experience to children which in turn helps improve:



For more details visit their website:-

www.rocksteadymusicschool.com

Some of our children are already benefitting from the benefits of Rocksteady and take part in a showcase concert every term for their peers.

Classes are delivered at school, in school time by a professionally trained musician supplied by Rocksteady. Our current teacher is Adam. Adam collects the children from their classroom and delivers them back after their lesson. Adam has developed close relationships with the children and creates a fun environment for the children to learn.

See our children below in their 'Rock Bands' having fun whilst learning

valuable skills.



(Payments and bookings are made directly through Rocksteady *not* school)

REMINDERS

PHONES

For safeguarding reasons please ensure that you are **NOT** on your mobile phone when you are in the school reception area.



PEDESTRAIN GATES

We kindly ask that when entering and leaving the site that the pedestrian gate is **NOT** pulled or pushed. Please let the gate close and open automatically. If you encounter any problems, please let the office know.



PARKING

PLEASE...

Be mindful of where you choose to park around school.

Be mindful of our neighbours and local community.

Be kind and use kind language to each other around the school.

Remember our children are always listening.

Set a good example for your children and others.

Remember to rise above it!



PLEASE HOLD ONTO YOUR CHILD WHEN ARRIVING OR LEAVING SCHOOL ESPECIALLY ON THE ROADSIDE – THERE HAS BEEN COMPLAINTS OF CHILDREN RUNNING INTO THE ROAD. PLEASE TAKE CARE!

PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE OVER AND ALONG PAVEMENTS – This is very dangerous and unnecessary.

EARLY START & TEETIME CLUB

For safeguarding reasons, please may we remind parents and carers that **all** children who are attending

Early Start Club, **must** be brought in and signed in by an adult.

Any child dropped off before 8:30am **will** be placed into Early Start Club **and you will be charged for this.**



If you are late picking up your child, he/she will be taken to teatime club **and you will be charged for this.** Teachers will only wait by the door for a short while after pick up time.

PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

If you have a **regular** arrangement for a child to walk home (year 6 only) or be picked up by another parent or someone not on the 'class pickup arrangements' please let the office know. Children will not be released to anyone if school have no prior knowledge of it.

If you change pick up arrangements for a one-off afternoon via phone call, this does not constitute a regular change in arrangements. If pickups are to be done by anyone other than someone on your pick list

on a regular basis, please notify the office via email/fill in a form.

Too many parents are assuming that if they pick up someone else's child, they are automatically allowed to pick up the other person's children. This is only possible if they are on each other's list.

Please give the office plenty of notice if arrangements are to be changed – Thank you.

COMMUNICATION

Please check your email and text (SCHOOL GATEWAY APP) regularly. We can send out a number of messages during the day to notify you of changes in collections, letters going out, trips, payments, etc.

Please advise the office (in writing) if you have had a change in email addresses or phone numbers.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE DOWNLOADED THE SCHOOL GATEWAY APP.

IS YOUR CHILD OFF DUE TO ILLNESS OR AN APPOINTMENT?

If your child is off due to illness **YOU MUST** inform the office first thing in the morning. You can leave a message on the answering system and then call to follow up. Alternatively, you can email or text in. **THIS INCLUDES NURSERY.**



If your child has an appointment first thing in the morning (made last minute) you must still inform the office and fill in an appointment slip before or on your return to school. School should be informed for all other appointments in advance.

If your child has been **vomiting** or is sent home from school for vomiting please be advised that they should be off for **24 hours** from the last bout of sickness.

If your child has **diarrhoea** or is sent home from school due to having diarrhoea, please be advised that they must be off for **48 hours** from the last bout of diarrhoea.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can follow us on (formerly Twitter)



We can also be found on the web :

<https://shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk/>

The Shawclough PTA are also on :






We are a CASHLESS school. All money transactions are conducted over the SCHOOL GATEWAY APP. We do not accept ANY cash payments, unless collecting for charities on non uniform days or when special dispensation has been made.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2024		
11 th	Food bank collection 	Whole school
11 th	Trip to ChristChurch Healey 	Year 1
11 th	World Book Day dress up 	Year 3 only
13 th	Parent Assembly/breakfast 	Year 1
14 th	Oral Health Team 	Year 4
15 th	Red Nose Day 	TBC
18 th	Bikeability 	Year 5
18 th	Parents meeting 	Year 4
19 th	Parents meetings 	Year 3
19 th	Bikeability 	Year 5
19 th	Rocksteady Concert 	Children in Rocksteady ONLY
19 th	Parents meetings 	nursery
20 th	Wonka bars go on sale – payable by GATEWAY 	Whole school
20 th	Parents meeting 	Year 6
21 st	Parents meetings 	Year 2
21 st	Down Syndrome day Rock Your Socks 	Whole School
25 th	Circus Skill 	Year 3
25 th	Parents meetings 	Year 3
26 th	Parents meetings 	Year 1
27 th	Parents meetings 	Year 5
28 th	END OF TERM FINISH 1PM 	Whole school
29 th	Final date for paying for Yr 6 leavers Hoodies 	Year 6

April 2024			
15 th	WELCOME BACK FOR THE NEW TERM		Whole school
May 2024			
13 th -17 th	SATS week		
23 rd -24 th	Residential trip to Gullivers World		Year 6
June 2024			
1 st	Bikeability		Year 6

PLEASE NOTE THAT DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON STAFFING

ATTENDANCE WEEK ENDING 01/03/24

5P	97.7%
RT	97.5%
4Y	96.4%
RB	95.8%
6R	95.5%
IL	95.4%
1P	95.4%
2S	95.0%
NO	94.1%
3L	90.9%
3A	90.9%
2C	88.9%
5C	86.3%
6S	85.6%
NS	73.3%

WELL DONE YEAR 5 POPPY – GOOD JOB!

Please make sure that your child attends school every day, on time.

“TRUST IN THE POWER OF ATTENDANCE – IT’S ESSENTIAL FOR YOUR CHILD’S ACADEMIC SUCCESS!”

COMMUNITY NOTICES



How to access the Neurodiversity Hub – Update February 2024

It is no longer necessary to fill in a 'Getting Help' form to access the Neurodiversity Hub for parents/carers or professionals and these forms will no longer be screened by the team

How do I access the Neurodiversity Hub

Coffee Mornings/Afternoon

- The easiest way to access support from the Neurodiversity Hub is by attending one of our **coffee sessions** to meet the team and discuss the support you require. Sessions are held across Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale. Details of these sessions can be found via our Facebook page **HMR Neurodiversity Hub** or can be accessed via the local offer website.

Telephone Advice line

- If you are unable to access any of our coffee sessions, the Neurodiversity Hub team will be setting up a **telephone advice line** for parents/carers & professionals which will take place on **Tuesdays** starting the **13th February 2024**
- Please call **0161 206 0606** between 8am and 12pm on a Tuesday morning. You will then be added to a 'call back' list and a member of the team will return your call between 1pm and 3:30pm Tuesday afternoon. Please note—there will be a set amount of telephone appointment slots each Tuesday and these may fill up quickly. If there are no available slots please call us again the following Tuesday.

Professional Support/Guidance

- If you feel that your concerns have not/cannot be addressed through universal and targeted services or hub support and you think specialist level assessment/input is required, please refer to the Community Paediatric Service for children Under 5 and the CAMHS service for children over 5.
- For children under 2 years old who are demonstrating delays across their development please refer to the Community Paediatric Service, as appropriate.



Saving lives
Improving lives



The Neurodiversity Hub

Are you a parent/carer of a child or young person aged 0-19 years old?

If so and you would like to meet The Neurodiversity Hub and other parents/carers, then come along to one of our sessions.

What are we offering?

- The opportunity to talk to and share ideas with other parents and carers
- A member of the Neurodiversity Hub will be available to answer any questions about the service and signpost to appropriate services.
- Resource ideas
- Cup of tea/coffee

This session is for parents or carers and you do not need to bring your child or young person

Coffee Mornings hosted by schools

Thursday 15th February 9.15-11 at St Thomas More Primary School, Evesham Road, Alkington, Middleton, M24 1PY

Thursday 14th March 1.30-3pm Our Lady and St Pauls Primary School, Sutherland Road, Heywood, OL10 3PD

The Neurodiversity Hub will be attending the following Homestart RAASS support group sessions: More information available at www.homestartrochdaleandbury.org.uk



Monday 12th February 9.30-11.30 at Trinity Methodist Church Bethel Street, Heywood, OL10 1HU

Thursday 29th February 6.30-8pm at St Georges Church Hall, Bury Road, Oakenrod, Rochdale, OL11 4ED

Tuesday 5th March 2024 9.30-11.30 at Butterworth Hall, New Street, Milnrow, OL16 3PQ

Friday 22nd March 9.30-11.30 at Burnside Community Centre, Burnside Crescent, Langley, M24 5NN

Thursday 28th March 6.30-8pm at St Georges Church Hall, Bury Road, Oakenrod, Rochdale, OL11 4ED



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