



Shelley First School Newsletter

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Care, fairness and respect... No barriers to learning... Celebration and joy

Headteacher Welcome



I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to all the children, parents, staff and governors for making me feel so welcomed at Shelley this half term.

We have had a very busy half term with lots of new and exciting initiatives including the attendance trophies and the Investors in Pupils launch. This half term has definitely flown by!

If you haven't already done so, please ensure you follow us on Twitter @ShelleyFirst and our Facebook page @shelleyfirstschool to see regular posts showing all the amazing things that are happening at Shelley.

Have a lovely half term break and don't forget to complete your 'Mrs Akhtars Challenge Homework Project' which is on the theme 'Our World'. Remember parents or family members can help with this project and there will be a prize for the most creative piece of work!

Attendance

We have introduced 3 attendance awards - Gold, Silver and Bronze. The children are really excited to discover which classes have been awarded these trophies. The class that is awarded the trophy then get to display it in their classroom for the following week. Well done to everyone for getting to school on time and being ready to learn when lessons begin.



Sporting Events

It has been a busy half term for sporting events. We have had Netball, KS2 Tag Rugby, Cycling for KS2 , Y3 football and also the KS1 Cross Country Race.

A Big shout out to Stanley Sellers who came second in the Cross Country event.

Well done to Xander Williams who came 2nd and to Finn Goodfellow who came 10th in the cycling event.

A big thank you to parents/ carers for transporting the children to and from these events, without you they couldn't participate.



Class Assemblies

Gentle reminder about assembly dates for your child's class. These have now been booked on the following dates. Please make a note of your child's class date. We can't wait to see lots of parents/ carers in school on these dates.

Class	Date	Time
Rosen (Mrs Peake and Mrs Colwill)	25/5/22	3.00pm
Bevan (Miss Ellam)	26/5/22	3.00pm
Donaldson (Miss Barker and Mrs Ward)	13/7/22	2.50pm
Lear (Miss Grist)	17/6/22	2.50pm
Elliot (Mr Pritchard)	22/6/22	2.50pm
Carroll (Miss Wood and Miss Westerman)	13/6/22	3.05pm
Coehlo (Miss Dempster) (Leaver assembly – likely to last 45 minutes)	8/7/22	9.15am

Investors in Pupils

The children and staff at Shelley have been very busy creating their Investors in Pupils displays and induction booklets. Each class has created their mission statements and then agreed to a class target and reward. Each child has also been given an individual target which is not only displayed in class but will be sent to all parents/carers.

Please keep a look out for your child's target and help us work together to enable our children to reach their full potential.



What's been happening in Class?

Rosen and Bevan -

During Science week, our children in Reception have collected tadpoles from our school pond and have been closely observing the changes that occur over time. The children have learnt all about the lifecycle of a frog and have enjoyed listening to stories and singing songs about life cycles.



In Year 1, the children have worked in pairs to collect samples of mini beasts from different habitats in our school grounds and observed them closely, recording their data and findings carefully. Children have been working scientifically during this week!

It has been lovely being outside in our lovely school grounds.



Donaldson - Class Donaldson have been working really

hard to work towards their Investors in Pupils target - to present their work neatly and to the best of their ability. Miss Barker has been looking carefully for children who are working hard to achieve this. Each day she selects two superstars to select and wear a superhero cape for the afternoon and at the end of the week these children also get a dip in her prize box.

Class Donaldson have been getting stuck into their D.T work with Miss Wood and have designed a jubilee inspired throne. They are really looking forward to making their designs a reality after the holidays and we promise to share lots of pictures with you.



The children accessing the phonics programme have been working so hard with their reading and spelling and Miss Barker has been so impressed with the recent phonics assessments. You all blew her away! **Thank you for your support with reading and spelling at home too.**

What's been happening in Class?

Lear - Year 2 pupils have enjoyed time in the school garden. They have been gathering natural materials to create flower artwork. They have identified the different parts of a flower. They have also weeded and planted in the allotment. It is almost time to reap some of the plants and veg that were planted a few weeks ago.



Eliot - Children have used simple designs and string to create print patterns. They will be used to create print work using printing paints in future art lessons. The children are also using money to buy items from a list in a practical maths lesson about money and decimal placing.



Carroll - This week in Class Carroll, we are learning all about electricity! We have looked at common household appliances and identified whether they are powered by battery, mains electricity, or both. We named and constructed simple circuits with and without switches, identified common conductors and insulators, and even demonstrated open circuits and closed circuits using...ourselves!

One of our most interesting experiments was to create a battery using a copper penny, a galvanised zinc coated nail, some crocodile clip leads and a lemon! One lemon battery alone created less than 1 volt, however when we connected eight lemon batteries, we were able to generate 6.68 volts, more than double the voltage of an AA battery!



Coelho - Year 5 would like to share with you what an amazing experience they had at the residential. We're sure you saw many photos on our school social media at the time but we wanted to share some extra information about the trip so that you know what a fantastic time this was for us all. The children and adults took part in many activities such as; zip wires, nightline, orienteering, archery, designing and building, team work, problem solving and the G3 swing. On the G3 swing, you had to sit with a partner and pull yourself up to the height of 40ft before releasing the swing and flying through the air! It was exhilarating and took great courage! Like many of the activities the children participated in, everyone showed great bravery by giving things a try and taking risks. We also had a great time staying away from home for a couple of nights with our friends as some of us had not done this before. The delicious food and super friendly staff were just the cherry on top. We fully encourage everyone to try new experiences and activities which is why we encourage you to encourage your children to participate in these residential trips.



Eco-schools Green Flag Award - Eco Committee



We have some more exciting news for our school – we are working toward Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation! <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>

Eco-Schools began in 1994 and is the largest educational programme on the planet (there are currently 70 countries delivering the Eco-Schools programme around the world), in England it is operated by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy. The Eco-Schools programme focuses on empowering young people to lead environmental education and action in their school, local community and beyond. It does this by providing a simple, seven-step framework that turns pupils into forward-thinking, decision-making, planet-protectors.

There are multiple reasons we have decided to embark on the journey to Eco-Schools Green Flag. Firstly, our planet (and all life on it) is already beginning to feel the catastrophic effects of climate change, plastic pollution, biodiversity loss and a myriad of other environmental challenges. We want our pupils to be aware of the challenges our planet faces, and will continue to face throughout their lifetimes. We don't want our pupils to avoid or shy-away from these challenges: we want to engage young people in conversations about them and we want to provide them with the skills needed to tackle these challenges directly. Our hope is by doing this we will empower our pupils with the passion and skills to protect our planet now and throughout their lifetimes, including as they grow to become leaders, decision-makers and educators themselves. Alongside benefitting our planet, we also hope it will benefit our pupils - independent research has found that pupil participation in the Eco-Schools programme leads to: increased confidence, development of leadership skills, improved behaviour and greater motivation at school. We also anticipate it will help our school, it is proven Eco-Schools consume less water, use less energy and produce less waste, which creates financial savings for schools which can then be spent on important educational resources.

The first step on our Eco-Schools journey is to appoint an Eco Committee. The children have already had information about how to get involved and some children may have taken application forms home. The deadline for submitting their application is **Wednesday 8th June**. There will be an election in each class and the selected children will meet regularly to plan, conduct and support eco-friendly initiatives around our school.

We hope you're as excited about our Eco-Schools journey as everyone at school is!



Uniform Exchange

REMEMBER TO DONATE YOUR OLD SCHOOL UNIFORM

I am sure most of your children will have grown out of their old school uniform by the end of the term or maybe leaving to a new school. Please would you donate any no longer needed school uniform to Uniform Exchange our local recycling charity. They make sure every family has access to school uniform throughout the year not matter their financial need. There are over 50 donation points across Kirklees if you go to their website, you can see the locations in your postcode area. Our school does have a collection box for you to donate into. Thank you in advance for your support.

<https://www.uniform-exchange.org/donation-points/>

FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have 1000's of items of recycled school uniform donated from all over Kirklees. This is available for all parents to access for their local school, please complete the form on this link and we will get it out to you ASAP. We give away uniform on a first come first served basis, be aware logo items are limited. We had 100 requests last week so don't leave it too late.

<https://www.uniform-exchange.org/free-school-uniform/>

As a local charity we can't thank you enough for supporting us.



PLEASE HELP UNIFORM EXCHANGE BY DONATING YOUR OLD SCHOOL ITEMS

- School Uniform
- School & PE Bags
- Shoes & Trainers

Find your local collection box on the website



You can **donate** outgrown/ no longer needed uniform items at the Eco Lodge during

w/c 7th June and also during the final week of term **w/c 18th July**

This will be open **during drop off and pickup.**

Hello from The Governors



My name is Tracy Pinnock and I am the Chair of Governors at Shelley First School. I joined the Governing board when my children started at school, nearly 5 years ago. My son, Lewis, is now in year 5 and my daughter, Georgia, is at Shelley College. We love living here and you will probably see me out and about walking our dog - Jaffa.

As Governors we work closely with the Headteacher and staff to ensure that the school's objectives can be met. The Governing Body consists of the Headteacher, parent governors, members nominated by the Trust, Community Governors and a Staff Governor. Meetings of the full Governing Body are usually held every term and sub-committees/Development groups also meet regularly. We are helped enormously by The Trust, who provide all the clerking and support, including training and guidance. If you are interested in finding out more about us then please have a look on the SFS webpage – Our School/Governors.

As Governors we would all like to thank Mrs Akhtar for an amazing first half-term in her new role, we hope that you will all agree, she is doing a fantastic job.

Gifted and Talented

During this term, Shelley First School will be updating their Gifted and Talented Register which seeks to identify and support children, of any age, who demonstrate exceptional ability or talent. One of the main aims of Shelley's More Able and Talented Policy is that it should include and recognise talent and ability, across the widest possible range of performance areas and not just the academic. To meet the agreed criteria, a 'talented' child must have proven exceptional ability and perform at a high level for their chronological age. For example, representing the district or county in a sporting activity would qualify.



Although school may be aware of your child's ability in an activity in which they excel out of school, it is possible that there is something we do not know. The form provides an opportunity for you to nominate your child to be entered on the school's Talented Register. **Please find the link for the form <https://forms.office.com/r/wXxFvxGw9e>** When the register is complete parents will be notified accordingly. We very much hope this process will both raise awareness about and encourage the development of the talents held by children who attend Shelley First School.

House Points

We will be introducing a brand new whole school achievement token system. All members of school including children and staff will be split into Houses. Tokens will be awarded for displaying our Shelley Values

Share, Help, Encourage, Love Learning, Everyone matters and You can!

More Information about this will be shared very soon.

Could you help us with this project?

We need help to build the token storage cabinet - Do you or someone you know have access to spare materials or can offer skills to build it for us? (Example in photo)

If you think you may be able to help, please contact shelleyoffice@themast.co.uk

Thank you in advance



Summer Serenade

Calling all musicians! We would like to invite all children who have music lessons (in or out of school) to perform in our Summer Serenade. Please complete a separate form for each of your children who wish to perform. <https://forms.office.com/r/fGKKfb4bn8>

There will be two Summer Serenade performances the first on Monday 11th July for KS1 and the second on Tuesday 12th July for KS2. The children who are participating will perform at both performances. They will be in the afternoon, time TBC once we know how many performers we have.

The children will be performing to parents and their peers. This is a lovely opportunity for them to share their talents – we welcome all performers, from beginners to more advanced.

We invite all parents to join us for this event to support the children who will be performing. Please come along for an afternoon full of musical entertainment and support our pupils who may be performing for the very first time.

Reading Challenge

After a short hiatus this half term we are relaunching the reading challenge for the next half term. **Further details are attached to this newsletter.**



Well done to all the children who have previously taken part and received a certificate. We also celebrate the previous winners of the book voucher - Lila Taylor-Greene and Alexander Blackledge.

All children who complete the challenge (Reading with an adult at least 3 times a week) will be entered into a prize draw for a £5 book voucher. Parents will be notified if their child's name is drawn.

Shelley Gala

The Shelley Village Association are working hard planning the annual Gala, which will take place on Sunday 10th July 1:30 to 4:30pm. Our children have invited to design the front cover of this year's gala programme. Attached to the newsletter is a design template. **The deadline for entries is Wednesday 8th June** Entries can be handed in to the school office and we will let you know when a winner has been picked. Mrs Akhtar has been asked to open the gala and it would be great if you could be there to show your support.



Phonics Screening / Y4 Timetables assessments

Reminder that after the holidays the Y1 Phonics screenings will be taking place. Year 4 timetables testing will also be happening over 2 weeks. Please support your child/ children at home with timetables practice.

Academy Catering

If your child would like to submit a recipe idea for the Lunch-a-thon then they can **collect a recipe form from the main reception vestibule**. Completed forms can be handed in at the school office between 6th and 14th June. Thank You

To feature on the menu, each idea has to contain at least **FIVE** different fruits or vegetables

WE'RE LOOKING FOR CREATIVE STUDENTS WHO LOVE THEIR FOOD!

Ask a member of the catering team for more information

DATES TO REMEMBER!

6th June – 15th June
Get those thinking caps on - send us your recipe suggestions!

16th June – 24th June
Time for our team to sort through your entries.

4th July – 8th July
Has your idea risen above the rest? Lock out for our recipe this week!

WHICH RECIPES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ON THE LUNCHTIME MENU? SEND US YOUR IDEAS AND THEY COULD FEATURE ON THE MENU VERY SOON!

Have a fantastic idea for a main meal or dessert recipe? Let us know!

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
6th June	School Closed - Extra day for Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
7th June	School opens - 8:45am
10th June	'Party in the Playground' (After school event until 4:30pm)
23rd June	New Starters Parent Meeting (4pm)
28th and 30th June	New Starters - Stay and Play sessions (3.45pm until 4.30pm)
29th June	Open Evening - (drop in from 3:30pm until 5:30pm)
1st July	Fit4Funds - Fundraising day (info to be sent home after holidays)
w/c 4th July	Creative Week (now on PPay for donations)
8th July	Y5 Leavers Assembly
13th July	Sports Day (weather permitting)