



Shelley First School Newsletter

October 2022

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

Headteacher Message:



It has been a wonderful first half term and the children have been taking part in lots of engaging and creative activities across school. They have been focusing on South Asian creative arts and each class was allocated a country to research. The work happening around school has been amazing and children have developed a huge range of skills and knowledge around creative arts. We were very privileged to have the Mayor open up the Creative Week Finale event, where children were able to display and share their work, with parents and the community. The final reveal of the Indian truck that the Year 5 class had been working on this half term, also took place during this event. I want to thank all parents and carers for the support they have demonstrated this half term and I am looking forward to continuing to build these positive relationships.

Parents Evening

We are offering in-person parents' evening slots on Thursday 10th and Thursday 17th November from 4pm until 6.30pm. Please look out for the letter that will come out via email during the first week back after half term.

Sporting Events



It has been a busy half term for sporting events. It's been lovely to see the children sporting (no pun intended!!) their new Shelley First PE tee shirts!

We've had Cross County events for all years and Girls' Football for our Year 2 and 3 girls. Many thanks to our parents/carers for transporting the children to and from these events, without you they couldn't participate.

Year 2 spent Tuesday morning at Shelley College for a Multi skills session, where they got to use the college's facilities and participate in lots of sporting activities they wouldn't ordinarily get to do. More on this below....



Twitter

The school will be moving primarily onto Twitter after half term. So parents are asked to follow us on Twitter, (and create an account if you don't already have one!) as there will be more celebration of the children's work posted there than on our Facebook page, although this will still be kept going as well.

Volunteer Readers

Our Reception Class would be grateful for anyone who could spare an hour or two a week to read with target children to help to develop fluency in reading. Please contact the school office if you can help: 01484 604484; schooloffice@themast.co.uk

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Class River's Multi Skills Trip to Shelley College

Year 2 took part in a multi-skills event at Shelley College along with other year 2 classes from across the pyramid. Children were able to try a multitude of different activities related to a number of skills from different sports. There were smiling faces everywhere with everyone enjoying the morning.



What's been happening in Class?

Droplets

During Creative Week, the children have learnt all about Diwali. We have learnt all about how and why people celebrate Diwali. This week we have made our own Diya lamps out of clay, made paper lanterns, painted firework pictures, made Rangoli patterns, cooked chapattis, made Mango Lassi and much more. What a fun week we have had!



Brook

English - The children in Class Brook have been working super hard on their writing and are very proud of their work! They have been writing sentences, ensuring that they have used capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.



Black History Month - The children have also been learning all about Black History Month. We have explored stories about historic and modern achievements of black people and have discussed how everybody should be treated fairly. We learnt all about the artist, Alma Thomas. She was the first African-American woman to display her work at the Whitney Museum in New York. We recreated one of her famous pieces (The Eclipse), using collage to create a whole-class piece of art work.



What's been happening in Class?

River

Class River have been focusing on Multi-Skills this half term and have been working on a plethora of different, but very important, skills. We have looked at running and stopping, changing direction and keeping balance, stopping and catching, and kicking and dribbling. We have focused on our agility and coordination and thought about how much force to use when throwing, kicking and dribbling balls of different sizes. We practised rolling balls without them bouncing, dribbling through obstacles and throwing by pushing off from our chests. We have had so much fun while learning these key fundamental skills!



What's been happening in Class?

Lake

Class lake have been learning some hockey skills: learning to push pass and dribble with accuracy.



Sea

This half term Year 4 have been developing their skills in football with Project Sport. They have been doing this through different drills and team building games throughout the half term in order to make them more competent football players and sports people in general. This concluded on the last week of term with the class playing mini games against each other.



Ocean

Year 5 have been working hard this week to complete our creative week project, which we revealed on Friday....



Eco Committee

Our new Eco-Committee met for the first time this week. Our first action is to introduce clearer signage around recycling in school. Their half-term challenge is to create posters explaining acceptable items for recycling in Kirklees which will be added to new bins for each classroom after the holidays. We worked together to plan an email to our school governors to invite them onto our committee and are delighted to Welcome Tracy Pinnock the Chair of Governors who will be joining us on our eco quest. Once we return from half-term the committee will meet again to complete our School Environmental Survey which will inform our future planning. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th November.

Creative Culture Week Gallery



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Open Evening for Reception Children, September 2023

Please help us to spread the word to any prospective parents.



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START YOUR SCHOOL JOURNEY
WITH US



**RECEPTION
PLACES
AVAILABLE
FOR
SEPTEMBER
2023
APPLY
TODAY**

Open Evening

Come on in and join us with your child for our Open Evening event on **Wednesday 2nd November** from **4:00pm** until **6:00pm**.

- Take a tour of our newly refurbished Early Years Unit
- Meet our friendly staff/fantastic pupils.

We can't wait to meet you

For further information

call us on: 01484 604484 or

email us at : shelleyoffice@themast.co.uk







JOIN THE HUNT FOR THE SNOWDOGS THIS AUTUMN!

2nd SEPTEMBER to 5th OCTOBER 2022

This autumn, towns and villages across Kirklees will be brought to life by a pack of 67 Snowdog sculptures, each one dazzlingly decorated by professional artists or local school children.

HOW MANY WILL YOU FIND?
Complete the trail by picking up a map or downloading the Snowdogs Support Life, Kirklees app from the App Store and on Google Play. Brought to you by The Kirkwood and Wild in Art.

FIND OUT MORE HERE
Please visit: www.snowdogskirklees.org.uk or scan the QR code to find out more and sign up to our newsletter!

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TAKE PART IN ONE OF OUR SPECIAL EVENTS THIS HALF TERM

THERE ARE LOTS OF PAW-SOME ACTIVITIES FOR YOU TO ENJOY!

Find out more: snowdogskirklees.org.uk/events

PAINT YOUR OWN SNOWDOG WORKSHOPS!
Release your inner artist! A paw-some activity for children and adults alike. These workshops are a wonderful opportunity to get creative and paint your very own ceramic Snowdog sculpture which you can take home to cherish forever!

SELFIE CHALLENGE!
Organise your own Round up your friends and family and spend a precious day of competitive fun!

The challenge is to go for 'winners' across Kirklees and see how many snowdogs you can get a selfie with in one day!

CHALLENGE WEEKEND!
Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th October
Could you visit all 67 sculptures in one weekend? How many could you visit in a day? Could you spot the equivalent length of the whole trail?
Why not take on your own backing road challenge and raise money for The Kirkwood in the process?

FAREWELL WEEKEND!
Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November 10am - 4pm at Kirklees College, Wakefield Quarter, Huddersfield
Don't miss your final chance to wave goodbye to your favourite Snowdog sculpture at our Farewell Weekend! Join us to celebrate the creation of all 67 sculptures.

ACTIVITY IDEAS
On the go:
• Visit our pop-up shops in Huddersfield for free art and craft activities.
• Watch out on our social media pages for half term pop-up activities and challenges!
• Watch The Snowman and the Snowdog at home before setting the trail.

FIND OUT MORE HERE



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October Half Term Football Camps

Monday 24th - Tuesday 25th October 2022
£20.00 per day
Kirkburton Middle School, HD8 0TJ
Reception - Year 7
10.00am-3.30pm Full Day
Call /Text 07944 876348 or info@damianivescoaching.co.uk

**Outdoor Camp, Fun Activities, Penalty Shoot Out
Skill Development, Mini World Cup.**



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Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
2nd November	Reception Open Evening (for parents of potential pupils) 4-6 pm
4th November	Autumn Term reports published
10th November	Parents evening 1
17th November	Parents evening 2
21st November	Anti-bullying week
2nd December	FOSS Christmas event (details TBC)
5th December	Reindeer Run
7th December	FOSS Christmas Film Night
9th December	Christmas jumper day Christmas Pantomime (in school) FOSS Christmas Fayre
w/c 12th December	Christmas performances
16th December	Christmas party day (note the date change!!)

