

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



Merit Assembly - Thursday 20th December 2018

Our final day of term saw merit certificates being presented to deserving children for their academic, social or sporting efforts.

Nursery	Sophia Sahar	Y4W/H	Khail Holly Alexander
Reception A	Sahana Aanav	Y5S/A	Joshua T Emily
Reception AC	Alannah Jaidev	Y5T	Millie Mwansa Zaynah
Reception L	Haashir Bobby-Boy	Y6F	Jenson Avneet
Y1E	Vibha Yusef	Y6B	Sophie Nina Tade
Y1J/B	Rayan Anika	Mrs Hodgetts	Joseph D Bow Chloe Charlotte
Y1W	Aahil Harlow	Mr Griffin P.E.	Aryan K Zico
Y2R	Rosie Sumayah	Piano	Adyan, Hermione Isabel P, Aryan S
Y2J/D	Naomi Isla	I.T.	Hermione Cody Darcey Daanish
Y3R	Hussain Jack	Courtesy Badge	Ayan Das Aryan S for beautiful manners (Nursery)
Y3F	Beau Seve Stella		
Y4H	Nuha Maryam Keira Coates		

The Shrubbery School

Staffing

Mrs Rowley-Field leaves us for her maternity leave; we send all our good wishes and look forward to meeting her baby in the New Year. Y6F will be taken by Mrs A Lees, a very experienced teacher who joins us at the start of the new term in January.

A Snapshot around School

Nursery

The Nursery children have been exploring technology to include torches, I-Pads and Roamers.

Reception have worked on a theme of work around the title 'Why can't I have Chocolate for breakfast?' which has involved painting in chocolate, looking at healthy eating and a trip to Cadbury World!

Year 1

Working around the theme of 'Splendid Skies' and have looked at how shadows are created, experimenting with torches and shadow puppets.

Year 2

Pirates have continued to fascinate Year 2 with their theme of 'Land Ahoy', discovering the story around Grace Darling.

Year 3

A messy afternoon was spent building volcanoes for eruption on the school field!

Year 4 have looked at Vikings this half term under their theme 'Invasion'. This has also involved lots of exciting literacy work about dragons using 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell.

Year 5 have examined the Tudor period with their gory theme 'Off with her Head!' They recently visited 'Tudor World' in Stratford to consolidate their learning, which they found really interesting.

Year 6 have looked at the Victorian era and lately have spent time looking at the impact of the British Empire on trade.

Christmas Assemblies

Thank you for your support with our Christmas assemblies with your attendance, sourcing outfits and helping children practice words and songs at home.

Nursery produced 'Whoopsy Daisy Angel' and we were impressed by their enthusiasm and how they remembered all their songs and words. Well done Nursery children and staff!



Infants staged 'The Donkey Seller' with every child taking part, it was a colourful, dramatic performance and reflected the hard work of all the children and their teachers.

The Junior School took part in 'Bethlehem: The Musical' with Year 5 children as usual taking centre stage supported by the rest of the year groups. Children and staff can all be congratulated on making the performances a success.



Each performance sought to put the real meaning of Christmas at its core in these very commercial times.

KES Chess Tournament

Our Chess Team visited King Edward's School in Edgbaston for a tournament. It was great experience for our children and this year there were medals given within each school for the highest points.

Well done to all of the team selected: Ahmed, Avneet, Aryan, Tade, Nathan, Harvey, Alexander, Noah, Nicholas, Ray, Ciaran, Khaii and Alfie.

Medals were awarded to:

Ciaran:	GOLD
Ahmed:	SILVER
Tade:	BRONZE



You can be very proud of yourselves!

Children in Need

We raised £615 for Children in Need this year. Thank you for all your kind donations. Children enjoyed wearing their mis-matched clothes and we had two energetic dance sessions organised by Mr Griffin and our Year 6 leaders. It was great to see parents, staff and children joining in the dances together.



Finally we had a competition to choose a name for our Shrubbery bear. He will be known as Shrubsy and Zara included a detailed reason for his name and was named the winner. Zara received a small bear related prize as did Abhinav, who came up with the same name minus the explanation.

Thank you to all parents, staff and children for your support for this worthwhile charity helping children who need help across the UK.



Parent Workshops

We held two separate workshops this half term around the theme of Reading and Phonics. One was for Reception parents and the other for Year 1 parents. After a presentation by Mrs Duckworth, children joined their parents to share activities to promote reading planned by class teachers.

The mornings were a great success and the children loved sharing the games and tasks with their parents. We will plan further workshops over the school year. Thank you for your support.

Y4 Trip to St Martin's Church, Birmingham

On Friday 30th November, Year 4 visited St Martin's in the Bullring. We learned that St Martin was a Roman soldier who became a Christian in the 3rd Century A.D. He devoted himself to the poor and homeless. In the same tradition, St Martin's in Birmingham is doing the same as it's name-sake and caring for the poor and homeless people today.



We saw the tombs of the de Bermingham family who built a church on that site and helped people in Medieval Birmingham to learn trades and become independent workers. We also saw a famous Burn Jones stained glass window which survived the bombing in World War II.

Winter Fair

The Hall was decorated early for Christmas with our Winter Fair taking place on November 24th.

Year 6 assisted in the Games Room, became Santa's Elves and helped pack presents for parents. Our oldest pupils also chose the charity to benefit from craft items made by every child in the school on their Charity Stall. The children chose 'Water Aid' as the charity.
Well done!



The Fair was well attended and our School Choir led by Mrs Hawkes and the newly formed Recorder Group, led by Mrs White performed seasonal songs. There were refreshments and the raffle, tombola and hoopla, reindeer food making, biscuit decorating and coloured sand art. The Games Room had a variety of activities and there were second hand games and books to buy.

Refreshments and the Cake Stall meant the School Hall was a place to linger!
We hope everyone enjoyed the day, there was a great atmosphere and it was good to see our school family getting together.

Sports News

Multi Skills Y3-Y4 Mixed Gender Tournament - WSAS - Intra School Games Participation Event

This is an event in which not just the physical skills are important but also demonstrating good sporting values such as Passion, Self-Belief, Respect, Honesty, Determination and Teamwork. Our team performed incredibly well in a wide variety of events, overall we finished 6th. A special mention to Haadi who received a badge for determination.

Indoor Athletics - WSAS - Intra School Games Event

Over the previous four years we have finished 1st on two occasions and 2nd on two occasions. Once again the team competed incredibly, the boys finished 2nd and the girls finished 4th giving us a combined result of 2nd place overall.



House Points

Our hard working Junior pupils counted up their house points in the last week of term with the following results:

Highest Score Cole 528 house points
Second Place: Blythe 522 house points
Third place: Avon 420 house points

Next Term Swimming

**Junior Swimming will be for Y5 on Mondays and Y3 on Fridays
week commencing 14th January.**

Infant Swimming

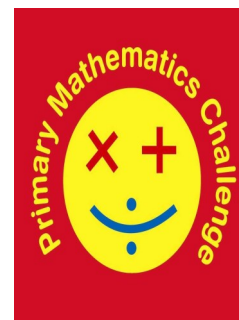
**Y2 swimmers - Monday lunchtimes from Monday 14th January
Year 1 swimmers - Thursday or Friday lunchtimes.**

Primary Mathematics Challenge 2018

Primary Mathematics Challenge

In school each year our Year 5 and Year 6 children take part in the nationwide Primary Mathematics Challenge from the Mathematics Association. We award certificates in school to the highest scorers and in December we will hear back if any of our children have scored highly enough to take part in the national bonus (or finals) round.

The challenge is difficult and is about problem solving and applying mathematics. In school the following children received certificates for their scores:



GOLD Rayaan
 Avneet
 Joshua T

SILVER Nicole
 Ambika
 Ahmed

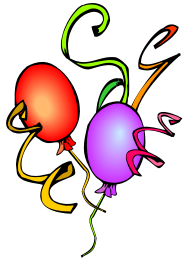
BRONZE Sophie
 Ray

Well done to you all! Certificates were awarded in assembly and everyone received a certificate of participation.

Young Mathematicians Award

Explore Learning in Wyld Green hosted the first round of the annual Young Mathematicians' Award in November. Four of our best young mathematicians from Year 6 went along to work on a puzzle that required mathematical skills and team working. They did very well but unfortunately The Shrubbery did not progress through to the second round this year. Well done to Sophie, Ray, Rayaan and Ahmed.

Staff from Explore Learning then joined us in assembly to present certificates and medals to our team and congratulated them on representing their school.



Infant Christmas Party - Monday 17th December

Ray the Magician entertained our Infants before they enjoyed party food and games back in their classrooms.

Junior Disco - Wednesday 19th December

The end of term disco on Wednesday 19th December was well attended and the DJ Tony ensured everyone was up dancing. Food was provided by Holroyd Howe Caterers. A big thank you to all staff who helped on the evening.

The Choir sing in the community

The Shrubby Choir, (children from Year 2-6), visited residents in Hargreaves Close in Walmley to sing seasonal songs. The residents really enjoyed the visit from our young people which set a festive tone. The children were thrilled to be invited to share birthday cake from one local resident who was 95 that week!

Thank you to choir members Annabelle, Ellie M, Jaya, Indira, Holly W, Nuha, Ayan, Shruti, Keira, Gabriella, Cassie, Tayesha, Isabel, Ibrahim, Rosie, Annika, Anjali, Shakti, Bethel, Sumayah, Bow and Tanya.

Thank you Mrs Hawkes for your hard work with the choir.



Infant Trip to the Theatre

After a busy week of performing, the Infants had an enjoyable morning at the Lichfield Garrick Theatre to see Dick Whittington - O' no they didn't O' yes they did!

There were plenty of 'dad' jokes, much booing and hissing and ice-creams during the interval.

Well done Infants. You behaved beautifully and it was a pleasure to take you to the theatre.

Speech and Drama

This has been a fairly quiet first term with students settling into their new groups.



Last week Y2 and Y4 took part in a Christmas poetry competition. The children had to source a Christmas/Winter poem to perform in front of the judges. Competition was fierce but the winners were:-

Year 2

1st place Bethel and Isla
2nd place Shakti 3rd place Irha

Year 4

1st place Nicola
2nd place Ayan 3rd place Keira and Tayesha



Congratulations to them and all the children for their hard work.

Next term the children will be preparing for their LAMDA (London Academy of Dramatic Art) exams. These are held in school in March. Exams are not compulsory, however they help to build up confidence and give the children something to work towards and achieve. Details will be sent out in the New Year

Finally certificates were awarded in assembly to the following children for their hard work, enthusiasm and progress this term.

Year 1

Omar
Darcey
Atharv
Paynton

Year 2

Aryan
Isla
Bow
Bryoni
Ramanika

Year 3

Oliver
Caleb
Haadi

Year 4

Nicola
Chloe
Holly
Ayan D

Year 5

Ruby
Zaynah
Hermione P
Josh

Year 6

Ahmed
Samra
Holly
Tade
Ellie

WELL DONE!

Speech and Drama lessons recommence first week back in January

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Mrs Smith

School Uniform

Ofsted identified The Shrubbery School as 'a happy school' with a proud tradition'.

Part of our proud tradition is our school uniform. Over the last months we have seen a sharp decline in the appearance of our pupils. Please ensure Infant children wear hats or caps. The correct uniform is listed on our website and we would be grateful if non-uniform blouses/shirts, socks and tights were replaced with correct items over the winter break.

All items must be named.

Thank you from all staff, for your kind Christmas gifts!
Merry Christmas to you all.
School re-opens on Tue 8th January 2019



Dates for the Diary

Back to School	Tuesday 8th January 2019
KES Y4 Maths Team Tournament	Wed 23rd January
Y3 Trip to Birmingham Museum	Tuesday 5th February
Primary Maths Challenge (Bonus round - final paper)	Wednesday 6th February
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 12th/Wed 13th Feb
Break up for half-term	Friday 15th February
Back to school	Monday 25th February
Infant LAMDA examinations	Tues 5th/Wed 6th March
Break up for Easter	Thursday 11th April
Back to school	Tuesday 30th April