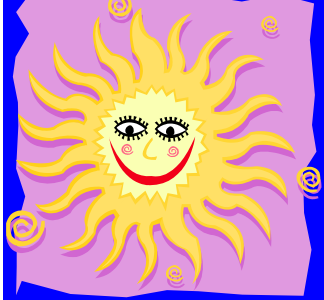


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Half-Term Newsletter

Merit Assembly - Friday 15th February 2019

At our half-termly merit assembly, children are selected by class and subject staff for that extra effort in the school curriculum or for resilience with their studies. Merits are awarded for all aspects of the curriculum as we value everything done in school.

Nursery	Imogen Khadija	Y5T	Abbie Tess
Reception AC	Amelle	Y5S/A	Hermione Harley
Reception A	Lara	Y6B	Sanchita Ciaran
Reception L	Ismaeel	Y6L	Rhys Ellie
Y1J/B	Nicholas Daanish	Mrs Hodgetts	Alfie Y2J/D Deniz Y3F Hannah Y4H Ameerah Y5S/A
Y1W	Eesha Atharv	I.T.	Lenisha Arham Yashvi Ellie
Y1E	Paynton Edward	Courtesy Badge	Isabella L (Y5)
Y2R	Anjali Tanya	Piano	Nathan M Nuha
Y2J/D	Ramanika Alfie	Mrs Hall	
Y3R	Haadi Yashvi	French	Alfie F (Y4H) Jack G (Y3) Ruby (Y5) Ambika (Y6)
Y3F	Isabelle W Zara		
Y4H	Noah Chloe		
YW/H	Khail Sienna		

Well done

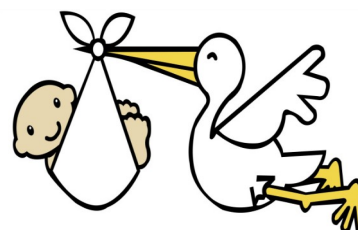
News

This half term has been a short one but lots of things have been happening at The Shrubbery. Mr Allen who has always been one of our proprietors has now taken over complete ownership from the estate of the late Mr P Terry and all parents have been informed of the change. It will mean a secure future for the school and greater freedom to make changes to structures and add resources.

Staffing

Congratulations to Mrs Rowley-Field and her husband who have welcomed their baby girl, Grace Clara into the world and all are doing well. Mrs A Lees has joined us to take over Y6F for the rest of the year and has settled in straight away bringing new expertise and ideas.

Mrs L Ewing has left our dinner supervisor team, although she will be able to help us out occasionally, and we wish her luck for the future. Mrs J Cullum-Kenyon has joined the team on a permanent basis.



Governors

Staff voted for a new teacher governor as Mrs Rowley Field is on maternity leave.

Our new teacher governor is our newest member of staff, our new Year 6 teacher, Mrs A Lees. Congratulations to her and we welcome her to the governing body.

Parents' Evenings Tuesday February 12th and Wednesday February 13th

Parents and Staff appreciated the earlier start for parents' evenings, available for many classes. Once again we applaud Year 6 who work as monitors on the evening and are excellent ambassadors for the school.

The evening is designed to give you a progress report for your child and if you wish to have further conversations with your class teacher please do not hesitate to contact them via the school office.

The evenings are very well supported and it is good to see parents and teachers working together to support the children.

Nursery Open Mornings

Existing Nursery Parents joined Nursery to join their children in activities and to discuss their progress. The children enjoyed showing parents what they get up to and introducing them to staff.

Year 6 SATs Information for Parents

Year 6 staff held an informative session for parents about the SATs testing and ongoing assessments which was well attended. Parents left with hand-out material and we look forward to welcoming back on Monday March 25th to a workshop where parents and children can work together. Parents will see the techniques and activities used in school to enhance literacy and numeracy.

Shrubs Club

Children in Shrubs Club created lanterns and a large dragon whilst looking at the festivities around Chinese New Year.

Maths Challenges

Able mathematicians from the Junior School have continued to be offered extra challenges in the form of national and local challenges, some individual and some working as a team.

In November, Years 5 and 6 from The Shrubbery joined 16,000 schools around the country taking part in the **Primary Mathematics Challenge**. The paper was much harder this year and despite four children achieving high scores only the highest scorer, Rayaan in Year 6 was invited back to sit the Bonus or Finals Paper. He completed the Finals paper on Tuesday February 5th and we will hear how he did in March.

Well done Rayaan, it is a great honour to be invited to sit this paper and we are very proud of you- good luck!



Year 4 KES Maths Challenge.

A team of four children, selected by staff after completing practice puzzles in class spent a day at KES.

Here is a report of the day by Alfie F

On 23rd January 2019 four of the best Y4 mathematicians left school early in the morning to compete in King Edwards Borchard Maths Challenge. The maths challenge lasted for the whole morning during which we did two maths activities - a number crossword and a maths relay.

We then stopped for lunch which was the best!

After that we had a maths lesson in which we were decoding maths sums. Then we had another type of maths lesson, where we met a lady called Zoe who taught us some maths magic. This brought us to the end of our day and it was time for the presentation. Unfortunately we didn't come 1st, 2nd or 3rd but we received a certificate. We all enjoyed the experience.

Next half term we will be selecting teams from Year 5 and Year 6 to take part in Hydesville School's Big Maths Challenge on Tuesday March 12th.

Around school

Nursery - The children have enjoyed exploring the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears in The Three Bears Cottage role play area.

Reception have enjoyed looking at fairy stories and creating their own versions. Some exciting play and language development has resulted from the building of a fairy tale castle in the role play room!

Year 1

The topic 'Moon Zoom' has resulted in Year 1 asking all sorts of questions about the solar system, researching and writing their own fact booklets. They have written creative stories about aliens and discovered an interesting craft in The Shrubbery garden!

Year 2 - This term, in Literacy, Y2 have been thinking about our Carbon Footprint and how we can reduce our plastic usage. We have written letters to a company of our choice to try to prevent them using plastic to package their products.



Year 3

This term Year 3 have been discovering the differences between the urban and rural environment and comparing cities from around the world. A trip to Birmingham Museum helped them to understand the history of their local city and how it grew. The children have also studied urban art and constructed their own sculptures which would enhance the school playground.

Year 4

Year 4 have been enjoying a topic called Playlist and have been proud of the musical talents that the children have shown. We have listened to Wagner's Ride of the Valkyries and had a go at creating our own version. We have also listened to more contemporary music and made a class playlist. They have researched their own pop star or group and written letters to them. We are now making our own recycled orchestra. In Science, we have been learning about sound, which has involved seeing and feeling vibrations, investigating how sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. The children listened for sounds and wrote their own Sound Collector poems. They have studied the artwork of Wassily Kandinsky and created their own pictures. We had a visitor Mr Dargue who came in with his guitar to sing with us. Mrs Hawkes demonstrated her violin and Mrs Hodgetts played her trombone. We are looking forward to our Year 4's Got Talent show on Friday 15th February, and finally a visit to the Symphony Hall on Monday 25th February to hear a range of live music.



Year 5 completed their study of 'Off with her Head' based around the Tudor era with a visit to Tudor World in Stratford upon Avon. They showed off all their knowledge and were able to see practical objects and see buildings of the time.

Year 6

In their topic 'Frozen Kingdoms' Year 6 have been creating Inuit paintings and experimented with printing. They developed their thinking skills using their new found knowledge of the Antarctic to work out an action plan around the scenario of a tourist ship caught in ice and the implications for people and the environment.

Improved communication.

It is a few years now since we introduced our text and messaging service for parents. Please ensure mobile numbers and email addresses are up to date so that we can send out letters and information. This helps us to be a more sustainable school and does cut out the problem of letters disappearing forever into children's bags!

Our website will be updated weekly with news from each year group and these half-termly newsletters give a round-up of events over the half-term. We also have our twitter feed and our sports twitter feeds. A fuller calendar of events has been provided for parents but it can be subject to change where events are planned by exterior organisations.

Parents Association

The PA have worked hard to plan events for parents and children which also raise funds. Recent events this term have included a Red Disco in school on February 15th and a Movie Night for Infant children on Friday January 25th.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the PA members and all our parents for their support.

We would like to thank parents for all their help with funds for PA Events. With monies raised we are purchasing an amazing set of staging units that can be used for events and productions, assemblies and drama. This equipment will benefit all our children from Nursery through to Year 6 and we are thrilled- thank you!

Thank you!

Sports

Year 5-6 Football Tournament - EFL Kids Cup @ AVFC

This was the second year we had entered the EFL Kids Cup Qualification Tournament at Aston Villa FC. This tournament leads to a National Competition, which is held at Wembley Stadium each year. This year wasn't to be for the Shrubbery after Boldmere, Little Aston and Coppice qualified for the Regional Qualification round.



Y3-Y4 Indoor Athletics Mixed Gender Tournament - WSAS - Intra School Games Participation Event

We have a strong history of finishing in the medal places in the Y3-4 Indoor Athletics competition. We have finished runners up for the past 3 years behind Mere Green and this year was no different. Both the boys and girls finished with silver medals giving us a team finish of Silver.

Y3-6 Gymnastics @ GMAC - WSAS - Intra School Games Event

The gymnastics is always a spectacular event held at one incredible venue. The children get to perform where Olympic and Commonwealth athletes perform and train. Once again, the children represented the school with distinction. Our Y3-4 team finished 6th and Y5-6 team finished 7th. Congratulations to all involved.

Netball

Our Year 6 Netball team competed in the WSAS tournament at Nechells Wellbeing Centre, this was the first fixture of the season and the girls performed incredibly well. This has prepared them for the upcoming league fixtures that will be played after the February Half Term.



Swimming

Swimming next term will be for Y6 on Mondays and Y4 on Fridays.
Starting the first week back (w/c 25th February 2019)



Speech & Drama

Next month the children will be sitting their LAMDA exams. Key stage 1 on 5/6 March and key stage 2 on 27/28 March. A letter has been sent out regarding this. The children will need to make sure their pieces are learnt and practiced over half term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your support

Jane Pryer-Smith

*Have an enjoyable half-term.
School re-opens on
Monday 25th February 2019*

Dates for your Diary

Back to school	Monday 25th February
Year 4 Trip to Symphony Hall	Monday 25th February
Junior Swimming Y6	Monday 25th February (until 8th April)
Netball practice starts after school (Y4,5,6)	Monday 25th February
Junior Swimming Y4	Friday 1st March (until 5th April)
Book Week	Mon 4th March - Friday 8th March
LAMDA Exams - Y1/Y2	Tues 5th/6th March
World Book Week	Monday 4th - Friday 8th March
School Photographer	Monday 11th March
Y5 and Y6 teams - Hydesville Big Maths Challenge	Tuesday 12th March
Y3 Caveman visit	Thursday 14th March
Small Schools' Swimming Gala	Saturday 16th March
Y2 Trip to Stafford Castle	Thursday 21st March
Y6 Parents SATS workshop with children	Monday 25th March
LAMDA Exams KS2	Wednesday 27th/Thurs 28th March
Y2 Cricket	Wednesday 3rd April
Y5/Y6 Change for Life Festival	Wednesday 3rd April
Y4-Y6 Cross country	Monday 8th April
Break up	Thursday 11th April
Back to school	Tuesday 30th April

All extra curricular lessons recommence the first week back
w/c Monday 25th February

Have a great half-term.
We return to school on Monday 26th February 2018