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NEWSLETTER

News updates from Sheringham Community Primary School & Nursery

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TOP WHIZZERS

Some absolutely top notch whizzing has been going on in school.

Top Class whizzers for November

Upper School: 6P

Lower School: 2O

Top individual for November

Upper School: Stefanie 6P

Lower School: Zoey 2O



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

What a fantastic term we've had! The children have been working so hard and we're really proud of what they've achieved.

The last couple of weeks have obviously taken on a definite Christmas theme and it has been a true joy to see such wonderful performances – choir, nativities, carol concerts and plays. Thank you to all of you for supporting these so well and thank you to all of the staff for all of their hard work and time in preparing.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Treasure the time you are spending together as this more important and memory making than the material side of the season.

We'll see you all back on Tuesday 7th January.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance currently sits at 95.28%.

Prompt attendance, avoiding any lates, is really important to ensure you child gets the most out of school that they can and gives them the best opportunity to succeed in the future. We know some absences are unavoidable however any time out of the classroom means lost learning and catching up can be tricky. Please help us to ensure our attendance levels remain in a good place in the new term. For guidance on whether your child should attend school or not please go to: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Top Attenders for the year so far:

Gold: 3P

Silver: 4R

Bronze: 2O

LOST PROPERTY

Please please please can we urge you to name all school uniform (or check that the name is still there!) for the new term. We always have a vast amount of unnamed sweatshirts, jumpers, cardigans and PE hoodies. If they're named we can return them to their rightful owners!

TTRS AND MATHS WHIZZ

In November we joined England Rocks, along with nearly 4500 other schools in England, a competition against other schools in Times Table Rockstars. Classes from Years 2 to 6 all had quality time in the computer room over the three days to compete in this tournament, with 120,865 correct answers, we were placed in the top third out of the 4500 schools and of the schools competing in the East of England we came 29th out of 447!!

A special well done to the following classes who scored the most correct answers 4R, 6H and 6P during the tournament and to Elijah 4R, Harry 6H and Ema 6H our top students of the tournament.

Our next big National competition is on Numbers Day, NSPCC Rocks in February!!

Our TTRS Club meet each lunchtime on a Monday at 12.10 where we either compete against each other or gain confidence in our times table knowledge. No booking required ... we have children who come every week and others who pop in when required. Rock Status certificates are given out during Friday's celebration assemblies.



Maths Whizz club is on a Wednesday lunch time and available to any child who requires those extra minutes to complete their homework task or to those who just want to pop along and see how many progressions they can achieve in a week. Support is on hand when your child gets stuck or doesn't understand the process. This is a relaxed group and the children like to demonstrate what they know and like with Maths Whizz. Like TTRS Club on a Monday, no booking required to join.

NORFOLK BOOK CENTRE TRIP

In early November, a group of children from across the school had an outing to visit the Children's Book Centre to replenish the section of the library containing maths related fiction and non-fiction books. This section of the library needed updating and rather than purchasing the books ourselves, Mrs Blake and Mrs Tupper decided to provide a group of children with the opportunity to select the books themselves.

Whilst at the book shop, the children had the chance to look through a wide selection of maths related books and stories, share, read and select at least two books each for the school to purchase for the school library. It was a great afternoon out, which we all enjoyed and we have a lovely new set of books for the library.

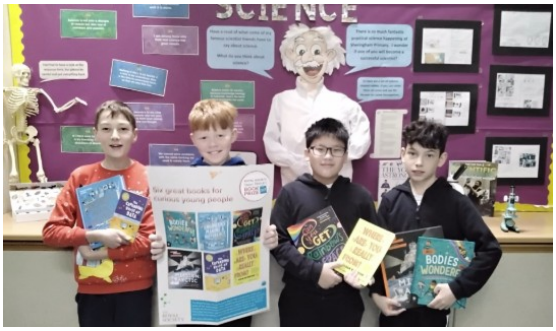
STEM CLUB UPDATE:

A Term of Engineering and Exciting Projects!



This term, the STEM Club has been buzzing with excitement as we've explored a variety of hands-on engineering activities. Our most recent project saw the children create their very own tensegrity frames using lollipop sticks. These amazing structures appear to defy gravity, with the sticks seemingly floating in mid-air while maintaining strength. It's been a fascinating challenge, and the students have been learning about the principles of tension and compression in a fun and practical way.

In addition to our engineering experiments, we are thrilled to announce that the STEM Club will be joining the judging panel for this year's Royal Society Young People's Book Prize. Our members will have the exciting opportunity to help choose the winner by reading and reviewing a selection of science books aimed at young readers. This is a fantastic way for our students to engage with science outside of the classroom and contribute to a prestigious award.



It's been a brilliant term for the STEM Club, and we can't wait to share more updates soon!

CHRISTMAS

We were really treated with 2 carol concerts from our Key Stage 2 children down at St. Peter's Church. The children sang beautifully and it was lovely to see so many supporters there, thank you very much.



SANTA FUN RUN

What a super event we had on Saturday 14th!

The people who came ran really well and even completed more than one lap! Thank you to those who baked & who came & laughed along with the idea! Watch this space for another event happening! Thanks Miss parish for your hard work with this.



THE DEN NEWS

The Den, our Enhanced Provision, have recently had their Christmas Learning Cafe. All of our families attended and took part in lots of lovely activities such as decorating biscuits, painting ornaments, Christmas playdough and drinking hot chocolate. It was so lovely to see the children engaged in their learning and enjoying the time with their families. Thank you to all of the Den Team for making the pupil's experiences inclusive and lovely!











CHOIR

On Tuesday 3rd December our Choir gave a wonderful performance at the East Anglian Children's Hospice fundraising carol concert, singing and signing, Come and Join The Celebration and a rousing version of Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer. We also accompanied the Sheringham and Cromer Brass band, who performed It Was On A Starry Night. It was a lovely evening and everyone went away feeling very festive.

Mr Cooper would like to give a huge thank you to Miss Parish, who did a sterling job teaching the children how to sign, all our ex pupils who came along and joined the choir for one-night-only, and to all the family and friends who came along to support us; as well as a very worthwhile charity.

Mr. Cooper's after school choir are also looking forward to singing a repertoire of Christmas songs to the residents at Halsey House, in Cromer, and Age Concern in Sheringham, this Wednesday. Look out for a full report in the New Year.

Best Wishes for the Festive Season.

Mr Cooper



SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

We've been learning The Gruffalo this term and it has been amazing to see how fast the children have picked this story up! We have shown this to lots of people each week and even been asked to visit age concern with the choir this week! I am so proud of each one of you for your hard work at the club and at home.

GARDENING CLUB

This has gotten off to a great start and we are so keen for better weather and lighter evenings to be able to execute our plans in the new year.

PE

What a great half term we have had learning about how the heart works in our bodies and thinking about our heart rate and recovery. The children have been asking some fantastic questions about what is happening while we are exercising and it has been great to see their confidence build each week!

CIRCUIT TRANING



This has sometimes gone off topic which has been great to see the children laughing and having fun in the mornings before a busy day at school. Lots of hard work in the new year to come.

YEAR 1 NEWS



Our new DT project has really been a great success, the children designed their own moving toy . The criteria was that it had to have moving parts, and be decorated. They have learned lots of new attachment techniques, and are very proud of their achievements.

DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THE CARES CURRICULUM

At Sheringham Primary, our CARES curriculum focuses on the personal development of the whole child, nurturing a sense of belonging in Community, encouraging children to aim high through Aspiration, supporting them to tackle challenges with Resilience, and promoting Emotional well-being. These values are woven alongside the essential Skills and Knowledge of the national curriculum.

For a closer look at our curriculum, we invite you to watch our launch video, available on our website: CARES Curriculum Launch Video https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/curriculum/cares-curriculum/

We're also delighted with the success of our curriculum blog, which has achieved over 25,000 hits! It showcases the incredible work happening in school, with lots of new posts for you to explore. We'd love to hear your thoughts—please browse and leave comments! Visit the CARES Curriculum Blog

On our website, you'll also find the 'Our Curriculum Story' page. This section shares the journey of how the CARES curriculum was developed and includes key resources to help you fully understand our curriculum approach.

Additionally, we provide information about how children are assessed and how learning is adapted to support those who find certain aspects of learning more challenging: ● How We Assess Our Children ● Ambition for All

We are incredibly proud of the recognition our curriculum received from Ofsted during their visit last November:

'The school has embedded an ambitious curriculum for all pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). The curriculum has four additional elements woven through it: community, aspiration, resilience and emotional well-being (CARE). These are promoted throughout all curriculum areas.'

Thank you for your continued support!

Your engagement means so much, and we look forward to seeing more comments on the blog posts.

YEAR 5 ENGLISH



In Year 5 this half term, we have been working on the book 'Kaspar Prince of Cats'. Kaspar is a cat who starts his story in The Savoy Hotel, London, he survives the Titanic and travels the world with his friend Johnny Trott. To launch the story the children had a virtual tour of London and an afternoon tea experience. They greatly enjoyed this as they entered the world of The Savoy. Throughout the work they have written diary entries, advertisements for the Titanic and letters inspired by the characters and their adventures.