

Shinewater Primary School

"Together We Shine!"

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As we come to the end of Term 2 it is a good time to reflect on all that has happened this year. As individuals, families, our Shinewater community and as a nation, we have experienced life like we have never known it before. We have experienced two national lockdowns, endured remote learning, reorganised ourselves into pods and bubbles and changed the format of the school day. The children have come through it all like stars and we are so proud of them. Our motto "Together We Shine!" has really been of significance to us all. We have so appreciated all of your kindness and support this year. We hope you manage to have some family time this Christmas. Keep well and let's hope next year brings good things to our world.

Shinewater has a brand new website!

We are delighted to announce that we have a brand new school website and it is fantastic!

www.shinewaterprimary.co.uk

Please go on the website and have a browse around. There is a new blog page and a calendar to enable school events to be added. The curriculum is explained in full and there is a wealth of resources to be accessed.

A huge thank you to Mr Dawson our hub computing lead for developing this. We hope you are as proud of the school as we are.



Happy New Year



Merry
Christmas

Goodbye from Mrs. Dyke

It is with mixed emotions that I write to parents, children and colleagues, as I am retiring from teaching this week. It was not an easy decision to make because I truly have enjoyed working with all of you here at Shinewater School.

I am leaving here today with a wealth of knowledge I will always treasure. Working here has been a fantastic learning experience, and I am thankful for the skills I've acquired. I have been privileged to have had in my classroom and out in the woods many fine young people. I look back with gratitude. I entered a profession dedicated to assisting all children achieve their potential. As I leave it, I am taking many of you with me. You will live on in my memories. I'll always remember the things we achieved together.

I've been asked what is next? I'm going to do a lot of things including travelling to places I've always wanted to go to and haven't been. I am going to read books that have been waiting on my 'must read' list for years. I will garden, walk, learn new skills, enjoy being around friends and most importantly spend time with my new grandson Teddy.

A huge thank you to my colleagues for their support and friendship. I will always remember our shared laughter, our joys, as well as our struggles. I have learned a great deal from you and will miss your company. I believe that this school will continue to grow and prosper and I trust that each one of you will be happy and fulfilled here. Keep up the good work; you've been a wonderful team to work with.

And lastly, I leave you with this thought:

Retirement is not the end of the road. It is the beginning of the open highway.



Nursery and Reception

Merry
Christmas



We have had a great term in Little Sunshine's Nursery. We are looking forward to a very exciting festive period; this week, the children have been busy learning about the Christmas story. The children sequenced the story using pictures and then acted out the story. All the children have been busy making and creating during December. With sparkles and glue covering many floors each day, they proudly made cards, crafts and gifts to take home to their families this week.



The reception children have been working really hard on our nativity. We are all so proud of them, particularly their singing. The photograph is a sneak preview of how the film will look. We are currently filming and will be editing. We will Marvellous Me all reception parents with the link for them and their families to watch. May we remind you not to post anything on Social Media. This really is a Hollywood Blockbuster!! May we take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1

Year 1 have been working really hard this term, especially on their writing. They wrote some wonderful sentences about their trip to the moon and wrote a diary based on 'The Man in The Moon' story. Then we learnt about the original man on the moon, Neil Armstrong and his famous trip in our History sessions. We have also spent a lot of time talking about aliens and even created our own aliens using watercolours! In Maths, we have been learning about partitioning and completed our shape unit of work. The children really enjoyed using the shapes to create shape pictures. In Computing, the children have become experts at algorithms and using them to control Beebots. What a busy term!

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and we will see you in the new year.



Year 2

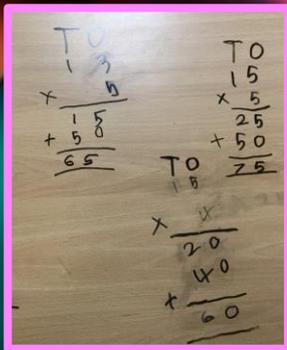
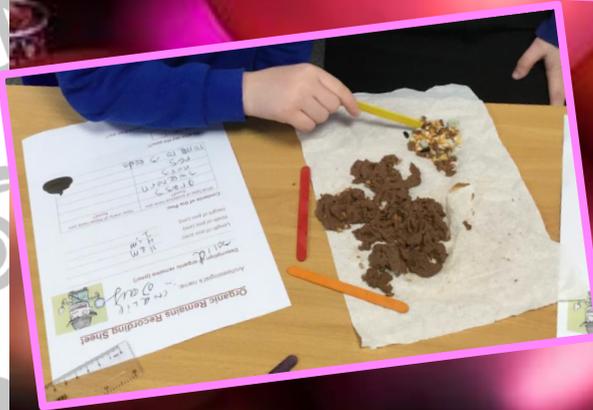
Year 2 has been very busy this term learning all about The Great Fire of London. We started off the term with a bakers rolls. We all dressed up as bakers and made our own bread rolls. We got to take these home to eat and they were delicious. We found out all about how the fire started and why it spread so quickly - we couldn't believe the houses were so close together and that they used animal poo to make the walls. In Art we drew Tudor houses and we used water colour paints and black paper to create a fire scene depicting the Great Fire. In our English lessons, we wrote acrostic poems about The Great Fire and we also wrote a diary entry and a newspaper report as if we were actually there. We learnt about Samuel Pepys and why he was an important person during that time. We even found his buried treasure in our woodland area! We ended the term learning the song London's Burning and designing and making a fire engine. We changed some of the words in London's Burning and added our own verses. We then performed our new versions and sent them to our grown-ups.



Year 3 and Year 4

Year 3

What a term it has been! There has been so much learning in Year 3. The children have learnt all about the Stone Age – from cave paintings to poo! (Completely artificial). They identified how they knew people were nomadic hunter-gatherers at the beginning and then became farmers. The mystery of Stonehenge still eludes us, but we had plenty of ideas of what it may have been. They have come on leaps and bounds learning the ukulele on a Friday and have become very nimble with their fingers on the strings. You may have thought that studying rocks and soil in science would be boring – but no. The children could discuss types of rock - from its structure to how it becomes smaller stones. We have used the Stone Age theme in our writing and created diaries, descriptions and narratives. Finally, we have just started using an expanded method for multiplying. Have a good Christmas from the Year 3 team.



This term in year 4 has been a lot of fun! We have had a term full of practical activities. We have been learning about multiplication and division, and using lots of resources to ensure we have a firm understanding of what we are learning. We have also been enjoying the woodland area in outdoor learning, and our creativity has even been extended through our homework, where we have been baking delicious day of the dead sugar skull biscuits! The year 4 team would like to thank all of our families for their support, and wish you all a very Happy Christmas

Year 4



Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5

We have had an extremely busy and productive term in year 5. For example, in writing lessons, we have explored the themes of excitement, adventure and suspense. Settings have been spooky attics, abandoned shops and deserted schools! Not to worry though - all good adventures stories have happy endings and ours are no exception. In fact, in all our stories, our heroes wind up in restaurants having a slap up dinner! In maths, the children have made terrific progress and we are very proud of them. They have learnt all about factors, multiples and prime numbers. In addition to this, they have learnt to multiply and divide whole numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. In science, we have been investigating properties of materials and have carried out experiments investigating e.g. the absorbency of materials. Wood was a tricky one but after examining wood shavings that had been in water, we agreed that it is absorbent.

In geography, we have continued to learn about Scandinavia. It's been fascinating and it's no exaggeration to say that we all rather fancy visiting it some day to see some fjords, the areas beyond the arctic circle and the mountain ranges of Norway!

Terms 1 and 2 have been great fun and we can't wait for term 3!



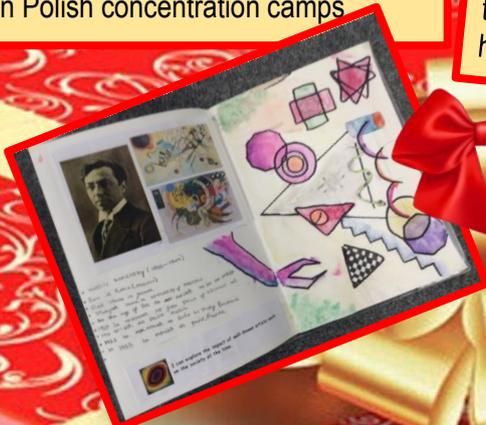
Year 6

This term, Year 6 have been studying World War 2. In History, we looked at why the Second World War began so soon after the First and how life in Britain and Germany changed as a result. We have written stories based upon a book called 'Rose Blanche', which was about a young girl living in Germany during WW2 and then diary entries as a character called Lenny Levi, who was a young boy evacuated to the countryside from London during The Blitz. In Art, we added to Shinewater's annual poppy textile display and have been exploring the abstract art of Wassily Kandinsky (who lived through both WW1 and WW2 in Germany, Russia and France), whilst in Music, we have learnt about classical wartime Russian composers, 'pop' music of the era from The Andrews Sisters and music written and played in Polish concentration camps.



It has been a busy term, with assessments, intervention groups in and out, our second visit from John Khan to continue our work on transition (and some graffiti art) and some complicated new fractions work in maths. And we're not finished yet! We are still in the process of writing our first-ever essays in response to the question: 'Should British children have been evacuated during WW2?' The children have risen to the demands of Year 6 life brilliantly; we are very proud of their mature approach, both to discussions as part of our Learning Adventure topic lessons and to their own learning. They are all keen to do well and this is evident in the progress they have already made from September to now!

Have a wonderful, well-earned Christmas break, Year 6. We look forward to starting our new Learning Adventure (all about global warming) with you in January!





The Winter Reading Mini Challenge

Calling all readers! When it's cold and dark outside why not snuggle up with a library book and take part in the Winter Reading Challenge run by **The Reading Agency?**



To take part, simply read three or more books of your choice. When you have finished a book, add it to your Challenge website [profile](#) and leave a short book review.

Reaching your online reading goal will unlock a virtual badge and a special *Everyone Is A Hero* certificate to print off and keep!

There will also be a whole host of fun activities, videos and reading recommendations, plus an exciting competition.

Visit the Winter Mini Challenge website at www.wintermini.org.uk and start rating and reviewing books and enjoying the online activities.

The Winter Mini Challenge starts on Tuesday 1 December 2020 and finishes on Friday 15 January 2021.



Additional needs support

Therapy One Point (TOP) - TOP is a single contact point for speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy (including adaptations), specialist equipment and general enquiries. We can provide advice and support for children on our caseload and for those not known to us.

To contact TOP, please phone 0300 123 2650 8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Thank you for all your support with helping us to manage Covid-19 this term. The same systems will be in place for January. We appreciate the wearing of face masks but recognise some people choose not to and some people are exempt. Keep well and safe this Christmas.

Graffiti at Shinewater

The children have loved working on this project as part of our Artsmark award and a citizen project in Year 6. The children have worked with two graffiti artists to produce this unique piece of artwork.

The words say "Bee unique" and the bees represent teamwork and being the best we can "bee".

Our school motto "Together We Shine" represents our Shinewater family and our role as global citizens. The school is really shining!

Katie: The experience was brilliant. It was so cool! I really enjoyed it. It looks beautiful!



Fynn: It was so fun using the spray paints and watching the man blend the paints. The end result looks amazing with all the bees flying



A Message from Our Chair of Governors ...

Dear Parents/Carers

The Governing Board met for the last time in 2020 this week, where we discussed:

- School Strategic Plan 2020/21 – progress of the objectives
- Premises Health and Safety
- Exclusions
- Targets for Years R, Year 1 Phonics, Year 2, Year 4 Times Tables and Year 6
- Attendance

We also discussed the monitoring visits undertaken during Term 2 by Governors:

- Safeguarding
- Health and Safety
- Curriculum
- Pupil Premium
- SEND
- Attendance
- Leadership
- Website Checks – to ensure statutory information is available

We also approved the following policies:

- Accessibility Plan
- Children with Health Needs who Cannot Attend school
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions

Until Term 3, on behalf of the Governing Board, we wish you a safe and peaceful holiday. Please stay safe and well.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools.

Best wishes

Jane

Jane McCarthy-Penman

Chair



A Message from Our Chair of Governors ...

So, as promised, another update on who are we.....?

I promised that each term we would introduce you to our Governors and our Clerk, so you can get to know us better.

This term, I would like to introduce you to Gemma Williams and Josie Grayson. Here is a little bit about them both:



Name	Josie Grayson
Your Role on LGB	Special Educational Needs and Disability
How long have you been a governor?	I have been a Governor for almost 1 year
Why did you become a governor?	I became a Governor to support local schools, their pupils, staff, and families. I chose Langney as I was a pupil of the school over 40 years ago and I really enjoyed my time there. On the left is a picture of Josie on her first day at Langney...
Hobbies/Interests	I enjoy reading, history, and vintage fashion.
If you could choose anyone to have a coffee with, past or present, who would it be?	I would like to have a cup of coffee with my Great Grandad who was a Police Officer in Eastbourne in the 1920s.



Name	Gemma Williams
Your Role on LGB	Pupil Premium
How long have you been a governor?	1 year
Why did you become a governor?	I spent my childhood, until I was 18 years old, living in Shinewater with all my family around me - cousins, aunties, and nan. I went to Shinewater School at the same time as my brother and was fortunate to have a cousin in the same year as me at school. I felt like I wanted to give back to the school and area that I had so many happy and treasured years. Additionally, I am passionate about social justice.
Hobbies/Interests	I love spending time with my family and friends, including my two cats. My partner and I spend quite a bit of our time renovating our cottage. I am also passionate about wildlife and animals.
If you could choose anyone to have a coffee with, past or present, who would it be?	I would just want to spend time with my previous cats Trigger (Only Fools and Horses reference) and Ned. They were good fun together.



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Our services remain open during the UK Coronavirus lockdown. You are not alone.

We know if you're scared of your partner, contacting us may be harder than normal. If safer, we can call you back on a trusted friend or family member's number at a specific time and use a code word.

Refuge



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EASTBOURNE FOODBANK

MAIN LOCATION

Eastbourne Foodbank
Unit 3
55 Brampton Road
Eastbourne
BN22 9AF

PHONE

01323 409925

WEBSITE

<http://eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk>

EMAIL

admin@eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk

NSPCC
0808 800 5000
(24hrs)

National Domestic Abuse Helpline
0808 2000 247
(24hrs free)

Mind
0300 123 3393
(Mon-Fri 9-6)

Victim Support
0808 168 9111
(24hrs)

Cruse Bereavement
0800 808 1677
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

ChildLine
0800 1111
(24hrs)

Action on Elder Abuse
0808 808 8141
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

Respect - Men's Advice Line
0808 801 0327
(Mon-Fri 9-5or8pm)

Samaritans
116 123
(24hrs free)

National Centre for Domestic Violence
0207 186 8270

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR
2021

