

# Shinewater Primary School

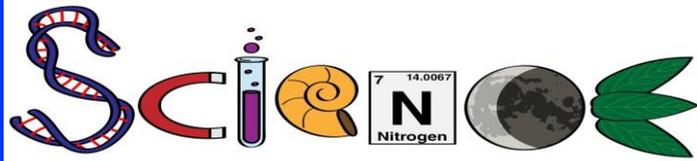


"Together We Shine!"



## Science Week at Shinewater

This week is Science Week at Shinewater and the children have been busy experiencing Science based on the theme of 'Innovating for the Future'. This includes all of our Key Stage 2 classes having a lesson in our brand new Science Lab with Jane McCluskey, our Science consultant. The children worked with her to make their own slime and then looked at different ways to compare their slimes to identify patterns in how they behave.



The entire school has also participated in an investigation into how we experience flavours. As part of some research into food for astronauts, all of the children have tried different colours of custard and reported back on what flavours they thought they were and which were their most and least favourites. This information is all being collated and the actual flavours will all be revealed on Friday.



Throughout the week, the children have thought about innovating for the future in different ways in their classes with some children building Rube Goldberg machines and others finding out about potential careers open to them through Science. Some classes have learnt about hydroponics as a means for future plant and food production and still more have been thinking about the future of environmentally friendly town planning.



# Science week at Shinewater

## Nursery



This term, Nursery has been learning all about the people who help us. We have learnt about people who work hard to keep us happy and safe. We started the year by looking at the role of the Police. We will be asking questions about where they work, what they do and how they do it. We will explore the profession through dress up and role play, creating messy play fingerprints and exploring our outside environment with magnifying glasses like an investigating detective!

The children in Year 1 have been enjoying Shinewater Science Week and exploring the theme 'Innovating for the Future'. We have made a Rube Goldberg machine of our own and discovered that we can be very innovative! Quite frankly the adults in Year 1 have been flabbergasted by how innovative the children are! We have talked about the future and linked our Science Week activities to our current Science topic of plants and our English descriptive writing too. We have talked about how pollution could affect our environment and more greenery is needed to help this. They enjoyed watching an interesting article on Gardeners' World about pollution in Milan and how architects designed a 'vertical forest' on a tower block in the city to help reduce pollution. We have written descriptions about what a school of the future might look like and we have designed and drawn our ideas for a city of the future.

## Year 1



A very warm welcome to Miss Linsey Rose new Office Assistant. Please bear with her while she learns the ropes

## More at Shinewater

In Year 2 we had lots of fun in our history lesson. We went into the hall and in groups tried to find out more reasons why people visited the seaside 100 years ago and compared them to the reasons why we go today. We looked at artefacts from the past such as: posters, postcards and leaflets. We also used objects such as: wooden spades, fishing and deck chair tickets. We also looked at books about seaside holidays and watched the Magic Grandad video which takes you back in time. Through looking at old photographs, we now know how old our pier and the bandstand are. We enjoyed finding out the reasons why people went on seaside holidays in the past and understood there are many similarities as to why we go today. We are looking forward to our Punch and Judy show next week!

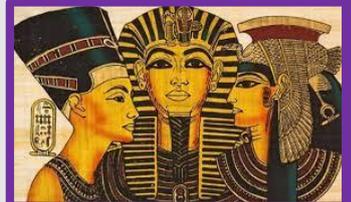
Year 2



Year 3



Unfortunately, Year 3 cannot visit Egypt - such a shame! So we have brought Ancient Egypt into Shinewater. Situated in the base area of the year 3 classrooms, an excavation took place over the Easter holidays and an Ancient tomb has been unearthed. Who it belongs to - we don't know yet as we have not learnt hieroglyphs - but we will. The children will have the experience of crawling through the narrow tunnel to the ante-chamber. When Howard Carter was asked what he had seen when he entered the tomb, he replied, "Wonderful things!" We hope this experience will achieve the same for our children.



Year 4

Wow – what a busy term we have had in year 4! In week 2, we celebrated Christianity in our R.E days. We thought about different places that people could worship, made our own stained glass windows and created a model of our own special places.

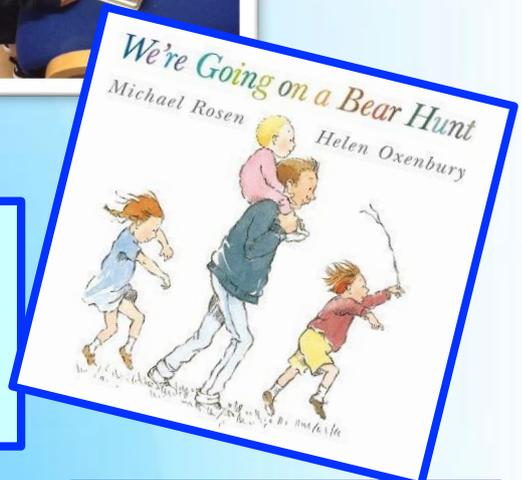
Some of us have made a start with using MyMaths on a weekly basis. Please can we remind everyone that children should be accessing this each week, alongside spellings and reading homework.



## New Nursery Books. We love to read!

At Shinewater, we believe in providing a wide variety of high-quality books for our children from the moment they start School. We are very excited with the arrival of our hand-picked, bumper order of beautiful new board books for the Nursery. We have chosen a selection of classic and contemporary stories as well as books about the world around us to foster a love of books to last a life time. As you can see, the children have already loved reading, sharing and listening to the books!

### Reception



In Reception we have been looking at the story of We're Going on a Bear Hunt. We looked at all of the different obstacles that the family met on their journey and have recreated them through art. For the beach, we researched paintings by Monet and practised using the right shade of water colour.

## Running to support others.



On Sunday 9th May, Jackson and his brother completed a virtual charity run. Jackson ran 3.2 miles (5k) to raise money for Evelina children's hospital and Lennox Children's cancer charity. So far, Jackson, along with a group of runners, have raised over £1500! Well done, Jackson!

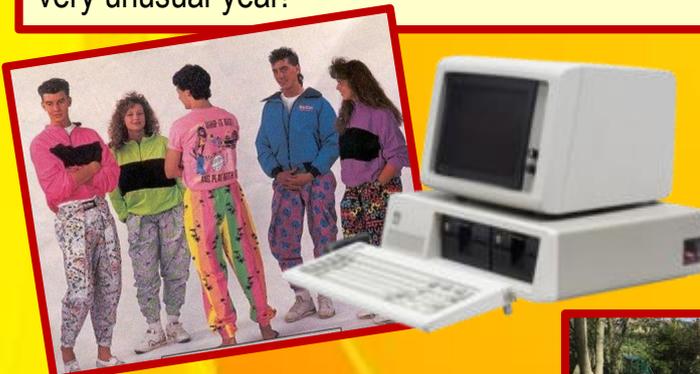
## More Amazing Stuff...

We are now approaching our busiest time of the year in Year 6! At the end of last week, we began work on our production - which this year is called 'Olivia' and is loosely based on the story of Oliver Twist - and in coming weeks, we have lots of exciting things planned. Please keep your MarvellousMe! switched on, as we will be sending details about key events like the production, leavers' activity arrangements, leavers' disco and the leavers' assembly in this way. We are really looking forward to celebrating these important final weeks after what has been a very unusual year!

# Olivia!

by Malcolm Sircom

Year 6



## Mr. Cotton says...

History isn't just about learning about well known events and people, e.g. Archduke Franz Ferdinand. History is also about the lives of everyday people. Why not ask the adults in your household about what life was like when they were your age? Has the way we lived changed and, if so, how?

## NSPCC Numbers Day



On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May, the whole school took part in NSPCC Number Day. We all had so much fun! Children were invited to dress up and participate in number themed activities throughout the day. Some year groups got outside, some did baking, some practised their times tables, all had fun! Even the adults joined in! I'd like to thank all of our families for their support with this day - we raised an amazing £177.46 for an amazing cause! We look forward to having an even bigger, and better, day next year!

Year 5 have had a really busy time in Term 5! Today, we had a demonstration lesson with an expert science teacher, who taught us how to make and evaluate slime. We didn't know that adding different amounts of sodium bicarbonate could make slime sloppy or as hard as a rubber ball! As well as this, we thoroughly enjoyed Number Day, when we spent the whole day exploring numbers! In writing, we are starting a sequence of lessons on how to write a newspaper report and in science we are learning about animal life cycles. It's really interesting comparing different types of organisms!

Year 5

## A Message from East Sussex Music Service

### The Magic of Music

Learning to play a musical instrument provides children with an experience that enriches their lives in so many ways and we are on a mission to bring the magic of music to every home in Sussex. Children will learn musical skills that help develop a lifelong love of music and research has shown that there are many other benefits associated with learning to play a musical instrument including:

- *raising confidence and self-esteem*
- *improving teamwork, concentration and many other skills for learning*
- *connecting with new people and broadening horizons*
- *improving their well-being by becoming happier and healthier*

Lessons take place in small groups during the school day with specialist teachers from Brighton & Hove Music & Arts. To find out more about the opportunities available please visit our website where you can watch our teachers introducing and demonstrating their instruments <https://www.bhma.org.uk/which-instrument>.

To help you find out which instrument your child might like to learn we are hosting a series of zoom parent/carer meetings. The meetings will last approximately 30 minutes and you will be able to meet the teachers, find out more about what's involved in learning an instrument, the costs involved and how you may be able to receive help towards lesson fees. To register your interest and to gain access to the parent/carer meetings please use this link <https://www.bhma.org.uk/parent-carer-meetings>

If your child already knows which instrument they would like to learn you can apply for lessons directly via our website <https://ukbrighton.speedadmin.dk/registration#!>

If you have any questions regarding our music activities please contact us on [bhma@brightondome.org](mailto:bhma@brightondome.org)

We look forward to meeting you and introducing your child to the magic of music,

Yours sincerely,

East Sussex Music

## Gaming and Gambling- Advice for Parents and Carers from Miss Duffin

Gaming is a great way for children to relax, be creative and enjoy the company of others whilst online. Recently, I attended a course run by YGAM - This is a charity which aims to inform, educate and safeguard young people. Their website includes a parents hub. It provides information about the games children are playing at the moment explaining age appropriateness, description of the game itself and any 'add ons' that children may not be aware of. The site has some great ideas for activities away from the computer as well as links to where to find advice and support on both gaming and gambling. The websites are free to access and include support not just for gaming and gambling, but also for mental health.



## How good is your knowledge of Online safety?

Many children these days are using the Internet for a variety of reasons. However, it's not as safe a place as some people think it is. This quiz is for parents, carers and any other family members. Please answer the 15 questions to see how confident you are with online safety (questions 12 and 13 are not included in the points). This anonymous quiz has been created by the Digital leaders and the Online Safety Group. There will be a prize for the class that has the most responses, so please get mums, dads, grandparents, aunties, uncles to take part in it too! Currently 3SD have the most responses! Closing date is Friday 21st May.

<https://forms.gle/U9yutptwWvs5DNq8>

ONLINE SAFETY

QUIZ