

Shinewater Primary School

"Together We Shine!"

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dear Parents and Carers

This term has simply flown past and has been another action packed adventure at Shinewater. The children have been promoting our school values in all they do and are simply a delight to be around. Christmas is a very lovely time to be in school. The Christmas performances have warmed all of our hearts. Watching children from all ages with that Christmas sparkle in their eyes has made Christmas for all of us. Parents and carers were able to enjoy this for the first time as a live performance for a couple of years. It felt magical again. Thank you for all of the support you have given with learning lines, songs and providing costumes. We cannot do these things without you and really appreciate the warm relationships we have with you.

Thank you to Team Shine for your hard work this term. The children have experienced a full range of enrichment activities to support their learning. I really am proud to lead such an enthusiastic bunch of Teamwork Tigers. Thank you also to our kitchen staff for providing us with a delicious Christmas lunch.

Keep warm and safe in this cold weather. We look forward to January and hopefully a better year for us all. Things are tough for our community and our country at the moment. Please look out for each other and let us know if we can help in anyway.

Wishing you and your family a very peaceful Christmas

Mrs. Kaufman and Team Shine



YOUTH BOROUGH
Primary School



Attendance Matters

Shinewater Term 2

Teamwork
Tiger



Government target 97%.

Class	Percentage Attendance
Squirrels	93%
Hedgehogs	93%
1SS	94%
1HM	92%
2CH	93%
2JM	94%
3LC	94%
3KD	96%
4SD	95%
4MB	94%
5BM	94%
5HE	89%
6KJ	94%
6LS	95%

Below 90%
Serious Concern.
Persistent absence.

90 - 95.9%
Concern. Low
Attendance.

At least 96%
Expected
attendance.



Star
class
3KD

Little Sunshines Nursery



The nursery children and staff would all like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Once again, our term has been filled with excitement and celebrations; from Diwali to Bonfire Night, Halloween to Remembrance Day and now, of course, Christmas! Enjoy everyone!

Merry
Christmas



Hedgehogs and Squirrels

Our topic this term has been celebrations. We have learnt about birthdays, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. We compared all of the celebrations to Christmas learning what was similar and different. We found out that all of the celebrations had lights and decorations. The children have dressed in traditional clothes and explored some artefacts. In computing we have learned how to program Cody the mouse to travel and retrieve his cheese. To finish off this term we have performed our nativity to the school and our grown-ups. The Nativity was called 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' and we had such fun learning the songs and performing. The Reception staff would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

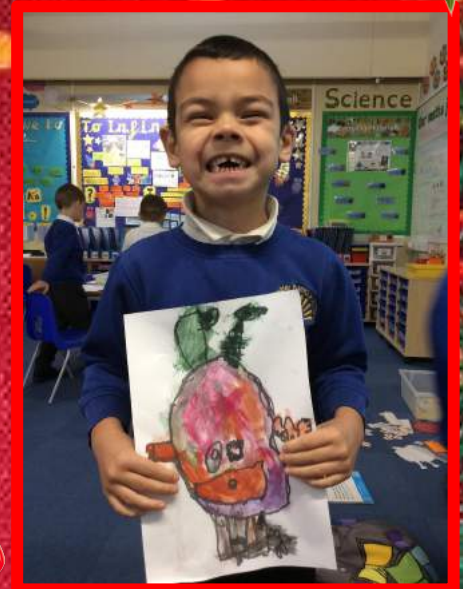


Merry
Christmas



Year 1

This term Year One have been very busy in the world of Outer Space! Our Learning Adventure this term was, 'To Infinity and Beyond' which was kicked off by a trip to space in a rocket! We have enjoyed listening to a wide range of space themed stories and found out about Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon! Lots of children have particularly enjoyed using our construction area and we have been so impressed with the children's creativity and construction skills. Some of the children worked together to create vehicles to help the aliens move moon rocks across their planets. During our COOL Time (Choosing Our Own Learning Time) we have, celebrated differences in PSHE and investigated many types of materials in Science. We have also explored colour mixing in Art.



The children have all worked extremely hard and have made excellent progress. We have seen particular improvements in the children's writing. Some of the writing we are seeing now is what we would usually expect to see at Easter!! We have learnt lots of new sounds in phonics and have been wowed by how much more confident the children are becoming with their reading.



Thank you for all your support over the last term. We wish you a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year! We look forward to seeing the children back after the holidays to get stuck into our new learning adventure, 'From Tartan to Tropical!'
From The Year One Team

Year 2



Wow, what a term we have had in Year 2.

For our stunning start to our London's Burning topic, we all dressed up as bakers and got to make our own bread roll. This then led into our work about The Great Fire of London. Over the term we discovered when and how the fire started. We also discovered why the fire spread so quickly. One morning we arrived at school to an old wooden box that Miss Logan had found in the woods. It was full of some very strange objects - smelly parmesan cheese being one! The children were not impressed by the smell! Finally, we worked out it belonged to Samuel Pepys.



We were very lucky for our marvellous children to have East Sussex Fire and Rescue visit us with a fire engine. We all got to squirt the hose, we watched as they demonstrated how some of the equipment could crush a bottle and some of us got to hold the equipment – it was extremely heavy.



Finally, we have been finding out all about the United Kingdom and the four countries within it. We looked at the different traditions each country has and typical foods they eat.



Last, but not least, was our wonderful nativity 'The Bethlehem Bake Off'. The children did a brilliant job and put on a fantastic show. They looked wonderful, learnt songs, actions and many, many lines brilliantly. They really did themselves and us proud. This would not have been possible without your continued support so a massive thank you to you all from us.



Year 3

Year 3 have really enjoyed term 2 as we have been able to fit in lots of exciting things! Last week, we had our RE Big thinking days which allowed us to explore Christianity and the Holy Trinity. We had lots of opportunities to discuss interesting ideas that link RE to our own lives. We could also let our creative minds run wild when acting, painting, and creating our own salt dough decoration. The children have spent lots of time practicing acting and singing for the Christmas performance. We have been so proud of their hard work and resilience! We hope you enjoy the performance as much as we did.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year
Mrs. Costello and Miss Davenport



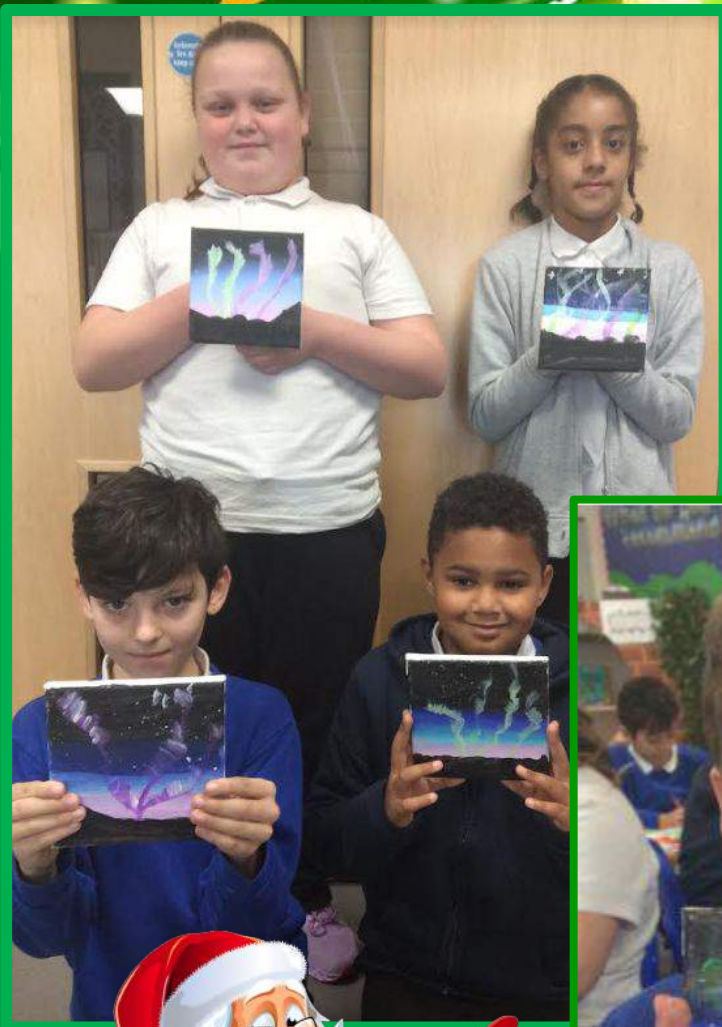
Year 4

It has been another exciting and busy term for Year 4. The term got off to a great start with a visit from the Sustrans charity who taught us about air pollution. We learnt that the colour of lichen growing on trees and buildings can tell us about air quality (the greener the better!) We used microscopes to look at lichen and other things (including our hair!) which was fascinating. For our RE Big Thinking days, we considered what it is like for Christians to follow God. We read the story of Noah in the Bible and created our own rainbow artwork to represent the covenant (promise) made between God and humans. We also learnt about the Holy Trinity; God the father, son and Holy Spirit. We made salt dough decorations with three ingredients to represent the three parts of God that Christians believe in. As we have been approaching Christmas, our performance has also been a big feature this term. We have been rehearsing our songs and short drama piece alongside Year 3 and we could not be more excited to show you! Our teachers are really proud of the effort we have put in.



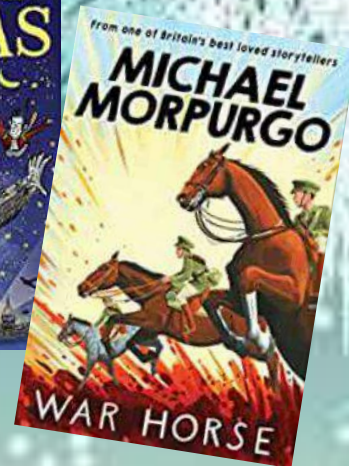
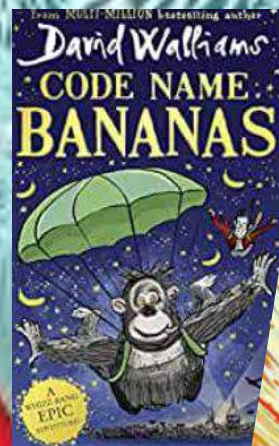
A Message from Year 5

Wow! What a busy term Year 5 have had! Our topic was on Scandinavia and the children have fully immersed themselves in their learning. We have learnt about Norway, Denmark and Sweden - their human and physical features, their cultures and celebrations as well as trying a range of traditional Scandinavian food and painting our own Northern Lights landscape! The children have worked incredibly hard to improve their painting skills focusing on mixing colours, blending and different techniques. They should be very proud of themselves - I know we are! We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year for lots more learning and fun!

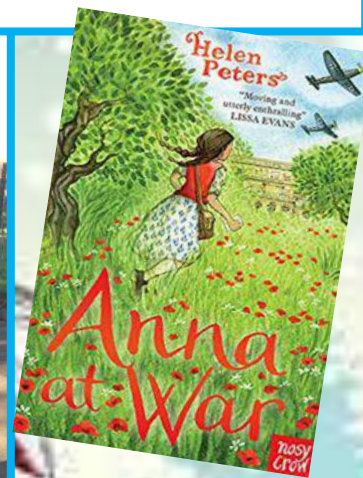


Year 6 Promote Reading

Term 2 has been another busy one for Year 6, as we have enthusiastically embraced our World War 2 learning adventure and equally enthusiastically embraced all-things reading! In class, we have written a wartime diary and a short piece of narrative with dialogue based on the books 'The Lion and The Unicorn' and 'Letters from the Lighthouse' but we have also independently been reading a huge variety of war-related books, including Anne Frank's Diary, Michael Morpurgo's 'War Horse' and 'Friend or Foe', David Walliams' 'Code Name Bananas', 'Anna at War' by Helen Peters, 'The Valley of Lost Secrets' from last year's East Sussex Book Awards, Truth or Busted, Code-Cracking for Beginners and the WW1 novel by John Boyne called 'Stay Where You Are And Then Leave'!

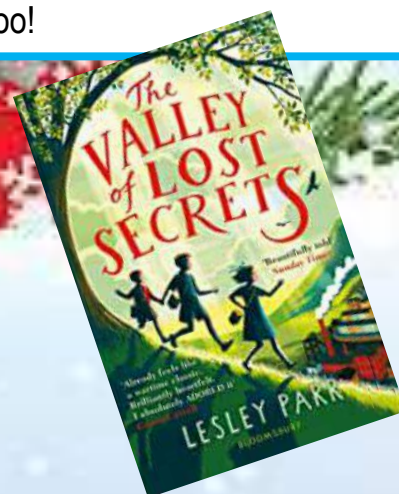


As we've been reading SO enthusiastically, Year 6 felt that they'd like to share some of their recommendations with you all; if you are keen on wartime history, we have a selection of book ideas for you!



Both Erin and Zahraa thoroughly recommend 'Anna At War'. Erin said 'it really helps create an image in your mind of what the war would have been like,' and Zahraa added that 'learning about the Kindertransport was particularly sad but very thought-provoking'. It actually inspired a fabulous piece of homework from Zahraa too!

David (who is a member of Shinewater's Book Club) recommends 'The Valley of Lost Secrets' because the entire story isn't focused on war: 'There is more to it than that but it's set during wartime so you get an insight into what normal life in that era was like.' Bo had also read this one and said, 'You just don't have an opportunity to get bored when you're reading it - things happen all the time!'



...More from Year 6!

Tyler, who is a big fan of the 'Truth or Busted' books, recommended the series' wartime book saying 'Some of the truths about wartime life really took me by surprise. Also, if you like this one, there are lots more of the Truth or Busted books that you can pick up afterwards!'



All this reading has of course led to lots of reading rewards this term too! Here are just a few of the children who have earned reward books with the books that they chose.

We certainly love reading at Shinewater and enjoying so many books, alongside all our other learning in History, a wonderful wartime workshop from Mr Jones, RE 'Big Thinking Days' and preparing for our performances has meant that this term has been jam-packed - we're all now well-ready for the Christmas break!



Happy Christmas from us all in Year 6!

Helping at Home with E-Safety

Useful new features on YouTube and YouTube Kids

YouTube is hugely popular with all age groups but historically parents haven't had a lot of control over what their children can/cannot watch. But things have changed and YouTube now gives parents a greater degree of control. It isn't perfect but it is a step in the right direction. Take a look at the page below where you will see a few short videos of newer features that can help you on YouTube and YouTube Kids.

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/youtube-parental-restrictions/>

Parental Controls

Setting up devices:

It can be difficult knowing all the different settings that are available on different devices to help protect children, this includes allowing or disallowing chat, friends, spending money, content filters and much more. On these pages you will find the details, as well as non-technical instructions, which will help you understand what is available to you and how to set up your child's devices.

Gaming consoles and devices:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/>

Smartphones:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

Broadband and mobile networks:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/>

Entertainment and search engines:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/>

Safety/privacy settings on social media:

With many children and young people using social media it is important to understand what features are available to you to help protect your children. This is also important because for the most part, all privacy settings are default off when a new account is created, but also because some social media providers change their features quite frequently, e.g. TikTok.

Take a look at this link to see what is available to you and how to set up your child's social media. We would also advise doing this with your child so that you can discuss the features together.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/>

A message from the Foodbank

Dear Staff & Pupils,

May we take this opportunity to say a special thank you for your generous Harvest Festival donation of 95Kg of groceries. We really appreciated your support especially at one of our busiest times of the year. During January to November in 2021 we provided 130,040 meals. This year to date we have calculated 253,350 meals comparatively a staggering 95% increase and our figures are predicted to rise further. We are so grateful that during this cost of living crisis, which is impacting on people's financial choices, you have been so kind and thoughtful. We believe caring and sharing together we can make a real difference.

Season's Greetings

With Kind Regards

Nicola

Admin Team

Come and Have a Meal with Make Lunch!



22nd and 29th December 2022

Pull up a seat, you are welcome!

We all know that feeding hungry children costs a lot.
And it seems that they want to eat so much more in the holidays!
And with all the pressure and expense at Christmas -
we know that it can all get a bit much.

You are warmly invited to join us for a hot, nutritious meal for the whole family, a craft activity for the children and a chance to sit with a cuppa for the adults.

Where:

St Barnabas Church
Kingfisher Drive
Near Langney Shopping Centre

When:

Thursday 22nd and 29th Dec
**Register from 1145,
food served at 1230**

For more information: 07835 597688 or makelunch@rolcc.uk.

**Julie and the team look forward to seeing you
soon**

MakeLunch @ St B's is a local initiative with Transforming Lives for Good (tlg.org.uk). The project is overseen and supported by River of Life Community Church Eastbourne.

School Health Information



East Sussex
School Health Service

The
East Sussex
**School Health
one Point
(SHOP)**
is here!

Parents, carers and professionals can contact the service on the details below and a member of your local school health team will be in touch to support you with any health and wellbeing questions or concerns you have.

Your one point for all
your school health needs.

Phone: 0300 123 4062

Email: kentcht.esschoolhealthservice@nhs.net

Online: www.kentcht.nhs.uk/esshreferral



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Health Advice Scarlet Fever & Strep A

What are Scarlet Fever and Strep A?

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called Group A streptococci (Strep A). The bacteria usually cause a mild infection that can be easily treated with antibiotics.

In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

Signs that suggest your child might have Strep throat are:

- Fever within the last 24 hours
- White spots at the back of their throat (pus on their tonsils)
- Very large or red tonsils
- Sore (tender) lumps under their chin
- If they have become poorly quickly over the past couple of days
- No cough or runny nose

If you are concerned that your child might have these contact 111, your GP Surgery, or Walk-in Centre for advice.

As a parent, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement. Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other [signs of dehydration](#)
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38°C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39°C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's [skin, tongue or lips are blue](#)
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

Good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs. By teaching your child how to wash their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up or spreading infections.

An Invitation-Eastbourne Library

East Sussex Libraries

eastsussex.gov.uk/libraryevents



East Sussex
County Council



Waterstones Children's Laureate

Joseph Coelho Library Marathon

Joseph's epic mission is to join 70
libraries across the UK

He will be joining us for Storytime!

Eastbourne Library

21/12/22 | 10.30 - 11 am

**This
is your
library**

children under 8 must be
accompanied by an adult



School Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on the Local Governing Board (LGB). If you are interested in being interviewed to be a school governor please email the school office to let us know. The information will be passed on to Mrs. Kaufman and our Chair of Governors Mrs. Jane McCarthy-Penman.

Thank you

You are not alone...

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 9-5 or 8pm)

Samaritans
116 123
(24hrs free)

National Centre for Domestic
Violence
0207 186 8270

NEVER ALONE



Bedrock Learning

Congratulations to our Bedrock 'Word Champions' for October: **Ash** in 6LS, who once again scored the most points in the school and **Diana** in 6LS, who made the most progress!

We are **jubilant** at your **soaring** success.

Congratulations to our Bedrock 'Word Champions' for November: **Cattleya** in 6LS, who scored the most points in the school and **Riley D** in 5HE, who made the most progress!

You have clearly been extremely **attentive** to your Bedrock learning!

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