

# Shinewater Primary School

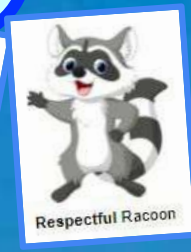
**"Together We Shine!"**

*The future is ahead - prepare for it. The present is here - live it.*

## End of term 5 Newsletter

Well, what a fantastic term 5 we have had. It has been an absolute pleasure to see such wonderful learning around the school and start to get to know all your wonderful children. Hopefully this Newsletter will give you a flavour of some of the fantastic things that have happened at school this term.

Mrs Evason

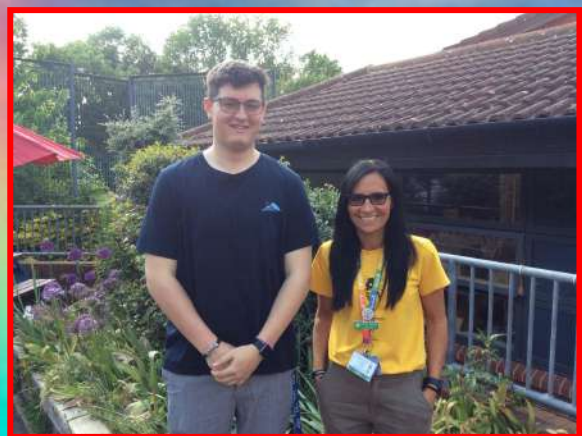


## Some new faces and roles at Shinewater.

We sadly had to say goodbye to a couple of members of staff this term but we have also been busy recruiting and have some new people/ posts to introduce you to:



Lucy Godfrey is our new Admin Assistant in the office



Claire Mason and Ollie Gibbons are taking over as our outdoor learning leads. They will also support with cover across the school.

# Nursery

It has been another exciting term for the Nursery children. We have been learning about a range of topics including health & hygiene and water safety. We had a fantastic trip to Sovereign Harbour, which was such a treat, and then we invited the RNLI lifeguards in to visit the children. All of this inspired our little ones to go on their own "boat adventures" and try building/painting their own boats. We also celebrated the King's Coronation.



# Reception

Our topic in reception this term has been 'Let's grow'. We have all enjoyed planting beans and sunflowers and have watched them grow. We have watered them and made sure they have had plenty of sunshine. We really enjoyed our school trip to Drusilla's where we learnt about animals and their habitats and what they were like as babies and adults. The lifeguards came to visit us and we learnt how to keep ourselves on the beach. It was fun trying on some of their clothes. During this term we had the 'King's Coronation'. We learnt about the history of our King's and Queen's and learnt about the ceremony and what items are used every time for example the orb and sceptre. To finish the week, we joined the Nursery and our parents to have a special Coronation picnic.

Have a great half-term. We look forward to seeing you all in term 6.



# Year 1

This term, Year 1 has been busy learning all about plants and growing. We kicked off our learning adventure by planting 'magic' beans and have been delighted to see them growing taller and taller in our Year 1 outdoor area. We think if they keep going, some of them may even reach the sky! We have enjoyed exploring the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and have written instructions on how to plant beans. We wrote our very own vegetable diary based on the story of Oliver's Vegetables. Through our continuous provision we have been learning about how to keep healthy and healthy eating. We have loved playing in our role play Florist shop! We also conducted a soil experiment in outdoor learning and observed the changes and separation in different types of soil.

We have been working super hard in phonics and were so excited for the parents to come and see our year group assembly, 'We are Phonics Heroes!'. We are really looking forward to showing off all that we have learned during the Phonics Screening Check next term.



## Year 2

We have had a very busy term in Year 2. We started off by being gardeners for the day. Mrs Mans and Miss Hatcher had dropped all their seeds so we had to sort them out for them. We discovered there are lots of different sizes, shapes and colours of seeds. We then planted some flowers and investigated the best way to grow a plant from a seed.

In History we have found out about what seaside holidays were like in the past. We couldn't believe that men and women had to go on different parts of the beach and that they had bathing machines that you went in to be pulled into the sea. In PSHE we have found out all about being healthy. We learnt about the different food groups and how to make a balanced meal. We got to plan, design and make a delicious fruit kebab. In Music, to go along with our History work we learnt and performed the song 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside' and then we wrote our own lyrics all about Eastbourne and added a musical melody using glockenspiels.

Finally, the children have been absolute stars completing their SATs. They have worked so hard and they should be really proud of themselves. Miss Hatcher and Mrs Mans have been so impressed with their attitudes and hard work. We are all ready for a well deserved break.



## Year 3

Year 3 have had an extremely busy, but fun term 5! We begun with our fantastic trip to the Railway Land project in Lewes looking at the River Ouse for our Geography topic. Thank you to all the adults that supported us with the trip.

We have been working hard in all subjects and have seen huge improvements in the children's' work. The children have worked hard creating their own fact file about Madagascar, and re-telling the story of the Egyptian Cinderella. We were very impressed with the quality of their writing, they should be extremely proud. We have immersed ourselves in all things plants in Science and enjoyed being outside!

We have finished our term with some fantastic sculpting of their Canopic jars and sewing their Egyptian textile pattern. We are looking forward to swimming next term and continuing our Ancient Egypt topic!



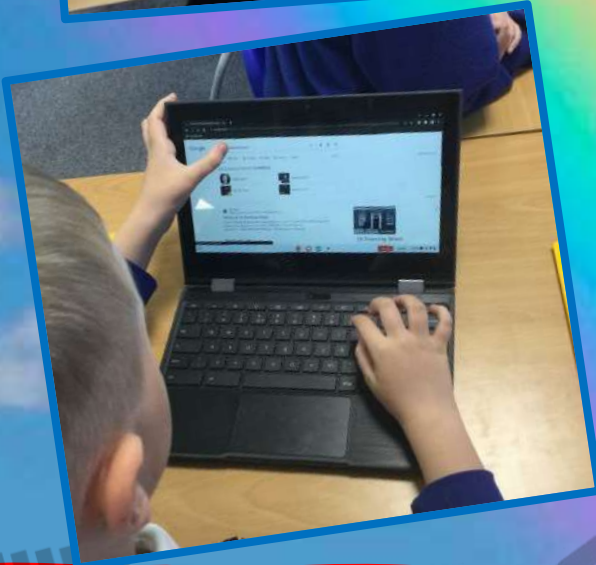
## Year 4

This term, Year 4 have been learning about the Georgians. In history, we researched the four King Georges and even learnt a song about them! Afterwards, we found out about Brighton Pavilion - a well known piece of Georgian architecture. Did you know that the pavilion (once the marine pavilion) was designed for King George IV to use as a holiday palace?!

In Design and Shine, we designed and built miniature palaces for George IV. We learned about shell structures and had a go at constructing a range of 3D shapes in a shell structure style.

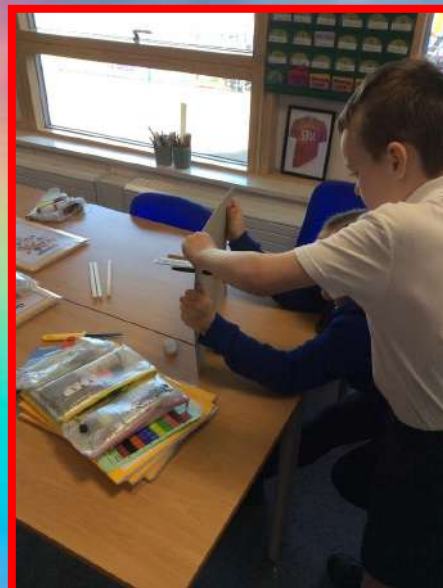
We have been learning about animals (including humans) in science. In particular, we found out what 'food chains' are and the roles each living thing plays in a food chain. For example, plants are known as 'producers' because they produce their own food.

Year 4 have their Multiplication Tables Check next term so we have been practising our times tables. Our teachers are very proud of our hard work and determination.



## Year 5

What a term, Term 5 has been for Year 5. Swimming has been our particular highlight of the term, with the children having great fun and making some excellent progress in their lessons. It has been a delight watching their confidence grow in the pool and it's fair to say we have some talented little swimmers in our midst. Also this term, we have been looking at ways to stay Healthy in PSHE. This has included some hard hitting lessons about the effects of smoking and alcohol, and we even learned how to perform the recovery position in an emergency situation. This was excellent fun, as we got to practise with our friends! To end our term we took on the challenge of creating a steady hand game for adults to improve their fine motor skills. This was a big mission as we had to learn how to use hand saws, measure accurately and make electrical circuits to get it all working properly. We are very proud of our final designs though!





## Year 6

Term 5 has flown past for Year 6, as we moved from SATs preparation (lots of Maths!) to the 'real thing' and then immediately onto auditions, acting rehearsals and singing for our end of year production!

The children's attitude to their learning has been fantastic this term - we truly have a team of positive pandas, aspiring alligators and resilient rhinos in Year 6 who, even when some of the SATs proved trickier than expected, were reflective and mature in tackling the challenges they faced. Later, we debated the question 'Should KS2 SATs be scrapped?' as part of our Current Affairs and - and this may surprise you - the overwhelming conclusion in Year 6 was that they should not! We did however have some very probing questions that we'd like to ask the government about this year's papers...

We ran a SATs breakfast each morning during SATs Week (during which Olly invented the bread and banana burger!) and we also then did some Greek food tasting as a start to our Ancient Greek learning adventure. Pitta bread was very popular and houmous - although a new taste to lots of us - was also enjoyed; however, we weren't all so keen on the olives and tzatziki!



We finished this term with a trip to the 'Safety in Action' event run by East Sussex Fire & Rescue, at which we had the opportunity to learn about road, rail and water safety, dangers associated with electricity, how to manage our own personal safety and were shown how to perform CPR.



In Science, we have been busy learning about 'living things', which has included investigations of the plant life in our local environment and the conditions which microorganisms need to thrive.

Well done on a very successful term, Year 6 - one more (even busier) term at Shinewater to go!

## Key Diary Dates:

12th June- Year 5 and 6 sports day

13th June- EYFS sports day

14th June- Year 3 and 4 sports day

21st June- Year 1 and 2 sports day

27th June- Parent online safety workshops



28th June- 1:15pm Year 6 production to parents

29th June- 5:30pm Year 6 production to parents

17th July- Year 6 leavers disco

20th July- Year 6 leavers assembly

## Attendance Matters

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5 days or less absence per year  
97% or above  
**VERY GOOD  
THIS IS YOUR  
TARGET**

Between 7 and 19 days absence per year  
90% - 96%  
**BELOW  
EXPECTATIONS**

More than 19 days absence per year  
Under 90%  
**POOR  
ATTENDANCE**

A big well done to **nursery** who currently have the best attendance at Shinewater School. At Shinewater we are aspiring to have 97%+ attendance, we know some absences cannot be helped but every day counts.



Aspiring Alligator

Year Group	Attendance
Nursery 2 year olds	98.9%
Nursery 3-4 year old	98.6%
Reception	92.3%
Year 1	92.6%
Year 2	93.2%
Year 3	94.5%
Year 4	93.5%
Year 5	92.3%
Year 6	93.2%

## Charity

Shinewater are helping to promote three charities this term...



One of our incredible families are currently raising money for the 'Children with Cancer Fund'. On the 12th August, Alfie, his mum and aunty will be shaving their heads in a bid to raise money to help families supported by this charity. We think you are inspirational, Alfie (and family)! If you would like to make a donation to support this cause, please follow the link below.

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/team-alfie-head-shave?member=26339679&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet&utm\\_content=undefined&utm\\_medium=copy link all&utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_term=undefined](https://www.gofundme.com/f/team-alfie-head-shave?member=26339679&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_content=undefined&utm_medium=copy link all&utm_source=customer&utm_term=undefined)

This term Mrs Rigby and Mr Birch are completing endurance challenges to raise money for some very worthy causes.

Last month, Mrs Rigby completed the London Marathon and this weekend sees Mrs Rigby taking part in Ride 100 - a 100 mile cycle. Mrs Rigby is raising money for Great Ormond Street hospital.

Mr Birch is also completing his challenge this weekend. He is taking part in the London to Brighton Ultra challenge - a 100km run. Mr Birch is running for CALM.

We wish them the best of luck in their challenges! If you would like to make a donation, please click the images below.

**CAMPAIGN  
AGAINST  
LIVING  
MISERABLY**



**Saturday 12th August**  
**Windsor Tavern , Langney Road, Eastbourne**  
**From 12.30pm**  
**Fundraiser Event for Alfie & Family**  
**Alfies Mum and Auntie will be shaving their hair off to support Alfies hair loss.**  
**Food, Refreshments & Lots of Entertainment!**

Alfie was diagnosed at the age of 1 with a brain tumour affecting his development and eye sight, making him sight impaired. He had two rounds of chemo over 2-3 years and was deemed livable condition in 2021 to withdraw from chemo. On his last check up before yearly checks Alfies tumour had grown 13% and started his 3rd round in February 2023. Even though this 6 year old boy goes through all this he still does it with a smile on his face. Come along to the fundraiser or donate below for children with cancer fund polegate.



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## Wrap around care



This term has seen the launch of our theme weeks in wrap around care. So far, the children have participated in Pirate week and nature week. Our next theme week is under the sea. If you would like to book your child into wraparound care please contact the school office.

