



Shears Green Infant School

Newsletter 4 Friday 11th November 2016

Our Amazing School!

Year R Drums

Mrs Higgins organised a fantastic opportunity for our children to experience an African drums lesson in Year R. The children's concentration and attitude to learning is to be praised. They had a lovely lesson and thank you to Kevin Richards for teaching them.



Year 1 Crash Landing

This week year one investigated a loud noise coming from outside. To their surprise they found an alien spaceship had crashed! The children enjoyed looking for clues and thinking about why the spaceship had crash landed and how we could help the alien.



School Improvement Update

We have received our Raise on Line information and I can confirm the following results from 2015–2016 now we have national comparison.

Phonics—73.5% National 80.6%

Although below national our results show a 16% rise on last years results. Well done to Mrs Goldhill for driving the Read Write Inc initiative forward to improve our results.

GLD (End of Year R achievement) 75.8% National 69.3%

Well done to our reception staff and children for these results.

Key Stage 1 results: Year 2

Reading 73.4% National 74%

Writing 72% National 65.5%

Maths 75% National 72.6%

Science 76% National 82%

Our focus is reading and science for this year to ensure we achieve National and beyond. With the new raise on line it also focusses on progress: which highlights our areas for development being Reading, Science and ensuring we continue to do everything we can to diminish the difference between disadvantaged and non disadvantaged children.

Thank you to our Year 2 children (now year 3) and teachers for these great results.

Community news

We were very lucky to have Mr Gemmel, a veteran, speak to our children today at our Remembrance Assembly. A very informative morning. Thank you to Mrs Taylor for organising this.



Gravesham Foodbank has asked us to pass on their thanks for the generous donation of 197.5 kg of food donated during our Harvest Festival. Thank you!



Day to Day

Thank you to the parents who attended our Parent Workshops and to the following staff who ran them:

Mrs Jacomb, Mrs Gilbert, Miss Cheshire, Mrs Goldhill and Mrs Cash. We hope you found them useful.

Comments from the feedback included:

- * I liked how they explained all the aspects on how to improve our children's learning experience.
- * I found it very useful, especially tips for reading and handwriting
- * Different ways to teach them things to help them concentrate and learn things
- * Handwriting, phonics, everything was useful
- * All areas well explained, reading, writing aspects fully done with examples, good help to teach child at home
- * Everything was useful, gave better understanding of what the kids are learning and how to support them at home



If you would like copies of the handouts, these will be available on the website or please call the office team who will organise paper copies for you.

PTA News

Do you know anyone who would be interested in being our 'Recycling Champion' within the PTA. You will be working alongside our ECO team and the children are very excited to hear if anyone would like to join them.

Please contact me via the school office for more details.

Vikki—Chairperson

Diary Dates



18th November—Children in Need
25th November— Non uniform day
6th December—Hobgoblin Theatre company to present 'A Christmas Carol'
9th December—Christmas fayre 3.30pm—5pm
7th December—Year R visit to St Marys Church
13th December—Year R production to Parents 9.15 am
14th December—Year 1 production to Parents 9.15 am
15th December—Year 2 production to Parents 9.15 am
16th December—Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day
20th December—Party Day and Last day of Term
21st December—Staff development day

3rd January—Staff development day
4th January 2017—Children return to school

Many congratulations to our class winners for the last two weeks:

Week beginning : 17.10.16

Attendance: Class 5—99.44%

Walk on Wednesday: Class 12—23 children walking

Disney Points: Sebastian

Buster Book Club: Class 10

Week beginning: 31.10.16

Attendance: Class 10—98.33%

Walk on Wednesday: Class 7—23 children walking

Disney Points: Sebastian

Buster Book Club: Class 10



Please take a look at our attendance board situated in the main playground opposite the environmental/forest area. This will keep you up to date with how each Year group is contributing to achieving our attendance goal of 97%