



Science Week at Shears Green Infants

Reception took part in a range of scientific experiments in their classrooms, they investigated various floating and sinking materials.

Class 1 and 3 made boats using clay and will be testing these in class

Class 2 and 4 investigated colours using yummy sweets!

Year 1 had a super morning carrying out various activities for Science week.

We were looking at different chemical reactions and what would happen if we mixed different ingredients with each other. We found that the vinegar and bicarbonate of soda made a gas inside the bottle that filled up the balloon. The mints make the coke fizz very quickly.

We needed heat to melt the ice cube but we were not allowed to use our hands. Finally by mixing water with compost in a bag and then leaving the bag in the sunlight it made little rain drops inside because it started to produce condensation



Year 2 enjoyed becoming bakers for the morning and made delicious bread following a recipe with the parents. Did you try it at home?



School Improvement Update

KCC came to visit us on the 26th February to carry out a Health & Safety audit as part of their regular checks on schools. I am really pleased to say we scored the top score of 100%!!

Well done to Mrs Harding - our Business Manager - Mr Pepler and Mr Selves - our caretakers - who consistently oversee the health and safety of our school. A huge thank you for all the hard work put in to this.

The latest Parent Questionnaire sent out saw a return of 67 replies. For the first time in 5 years we are proud to say the responses were all strongly agree/agree (please see the website for further info) with positive comments also written. For the comments for improvement I will address these with my team:

- We will renew the gallery page on our website.
- For children with siblings whose classes are closed on snow days you will be given the option of bringing them to school or keeping them at home due to the inconvenience and difficulty with childcare.
- We have changed the planned reading afternoon from 10th May to 8th May to accommodate a request from working parents. Any feedback from parents, teachers and children will be taken into account before confirming the next date.

Community news



A massive congratulations to Alex on achieving his 10 metres swimming badge and certificate. He conquered his worries around swimming, signed up for swimming lessons in December and has achieved this award in such a short space of time. What an achievement! Well done!



Caitlin & Class 1—This is a picture of Caitlin after she cut her hair to donate to charity. The charity, the Little Princess Trust, provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and adults under 24 who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses. A gorgeous act of kindness. Thank you and well done Caitlin.



Sports for Champion International Athlete - Ezekiel Ewulo visited our school on Tuesday 21st March. He ran an inspirational assembly for our children and the children took part in their sponsorship activities. Congratulations to all of those that took part. We raised £1111.00—thank you so much for being so generous.

We love hearing about your achievements outside of school. If you would like us to celebrate them on our newsletter, please let us know. We can't wait to hear from you.

Day to Day

- Our weather is still being a little unpredictable even though we are in spring! Therefore can we ask that you continue to send your child to school with a coat, gloves and a hat. Please ensure they are all named. Thank you.



- Our school photographer retired at the beginning of this year and we have been researching new photograph companies. We are delighted to inform you that Kittle Photographic Ltd will be taking our class photos on Tuesday 5th June 2018 and our individual photographs in October.



- Please ensure that you inform us of any changes in address or telephone numbers as soon as possible. It is crucial that we have the correct contact details in case of emergencies.

- Mrs Claire Cash, our Family Liaison Officer, helps the school ensure that your children come to school everyday. She supports with attendance and is also available to signpost parents to different organisations for help with financial, emotional and parental needs. Mrs Cash has appointments available Monday to Friday between 9am and 11am. Please contact the school office if you would like an appointment to see her.



Diary Dates



| Date | Event |
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| 23rd March 3.30pm— 4.30pm | Easter Fayre—lots of fun for everyone. Please come and support our school and PTFA. |
| 29th March | Last Day of Term |
| 16th April | Term 5 begins—children return to school |
| May | Year 2 are required to take part in Government testing called SATs to support teacher assessment. These will take place throughout May so it is important your child attends school. As always, with the exception of medical appointments/illness, time off will not be authorised. |
| 7th May | Bank Holiday Monday |
| 8th May | Reading afternoon 2.45pm (Please note change of date to support working parents as requested on Parent Questionnaire feedback) |
| 14th May | SATs week for Junior children—we wish them all the best. They will be fab! |
| 15th May | Full Governing Body meeting |
| 17th May | DFE—Statutory Census |
| 25th May | End of Term 5 |

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



Week beginning : 09.03.18
 Attendance: Class 2 - 100%
 Walk on Wednesday: Class 9
 Disney Points: Nemo
 Buster Book Club: Class 11

Week beginning: 16.03.18
 Attendance: Class —99.44%
 Walk on Wednesday: Class 8
 Disney Points: Sulley
 Buster Book Club: Class 8

Attendance
Whole School attendance: 94.85%
 Whole school target: 97%

Year R: 93.78%
 Year 1: 95.11%
 Year 2: 95.62%

Sadly with unauthorised holidays still being taken alongside the illnesses the children have suffered, our attendance is at an all time low of 94.85%. I am positive with the message of no holidays in term time you will support the importance of your child's education and attendance at school. 5 days lost means 25 hours of quality curriculum input lost and 10 days lost means 50 hours of quality curriculum input lost.

Thank you to all those people who continue to support our attendance policy and strive with us to achieve 97%+ attendance.