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Barriers to learning... Celebration  
and joy in all achievements



## Shelley First School Newsletter January 2019

Welcome back and Happy New Year! The children have come back into school beautifully, they are well rested and ready to learn, thank you. Wishing you all the very best for 2019, we are looking forward to the rest of the academic year.

### CAREERS WEEK w/b 11<sup>th</sup> February

We are planning a careers event to inspire our pupils to take place w/b 11th February. Lots of people have previously said that they'd be interested in coming in to speak to the children about their career/ vocation. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in talking to pupils about your career please contact Mrs Smith or the school office. Teachers, vets, zoo keepers, YouTubers, engineers, pilots, solicitors, medical professionals (including dentists), makeup artists, scientists, singers, sports people, police officers, military, chefs and hairdressers are all popular choices with the children to name but a few!



### RED NOSE DAY: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

This year we will be raising money for comic relief. Children can come to school dressed in something silly and pay £1 which will go to the charity.

### CDs for sale

**Before Christmas a professional company came in to record the children singing in classes and in choir. The result is adorable and we still have a few CDs left over which are being sold for £10. You can order and pay for these on ParentPay if you're interested.**



### Valentines Disco: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 5pm till 6pm

Entrance is £3 and included in the price is a drink and a home-made cookie. There will be sweets on sale which cost an extra 50p per bag. Please enter via the main door and collect your child from their usual exit.



### World Book Day: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019



During the school day staff will be sharing extracts from their favourite children's books and the focus of the day will be reading and writing. Children will also get chance to share their favourite book with a child from another class, so please can children bring a book with them. During the day the children will all receive a £1 voucher to use in bookshops for money off their next book. **Please dress up as a book character!**

## WE ❤️ SCIENCE WEEK!

This week has been our Science week! During the week children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 were fully immersed in their science topics, with every lesson (apart from Maths and Phonics which remained the same) linking to a different aspect of their Science topic. Children and teachers alike had a blast and we're already looking forward to our next themed week which will be based on Topic.

Read on to find out a little more about what each year group got up to in the week.

Reception children: have been learning all about the natural world. They have been bird spotting and looking after our allotments. Charlotte said 'We have seen some blue tits. We dug up some leeks and then we made leek soup'.

Year 1 children have been investigating properties of materials. Gaia said 'We had to make a house for the woodland animals that would keep them dry, tin foil keeps them dry the best'.

Year 2 children have been learning about uses of materials. Joshua said 'We have done lots of experiments. My favourite was when we had to make an egg protector. We tested it by dropping it'.

Year 3 children have been learning about the human body and the importance of a healthy diet. Lily said 'My favourite bit was walking 4km to the shop and back to buy healthy ingredients for a meal that we have designed.' Felix said 'I've learnt that phalanges is a scientific word for toes'.

Year 4 children have been learning about solids, liquids and gases. Maya said 'We made up our own experiments and we found that you can change solids to liquids to gas. We also made science expert episodes on the iPad and had particle parties'.

Year 5 children have been learning about space and forces. Anusha said 'I really liked learning about air resistance in our rocket experiment, it was fun to write up the experiment like a scientist'. Cillian said 'I enjoyed investigating water resistance, we all had to make a vessel that would hold 100g in water'.



## SNOW WHITE CAME INTO SCHOOL...

**OH YES SHE DID!** And we all loved it. Thank you so much to all of the parents who contributed towards the cost of the Panto. We were able to buy every child a drink and a snack to enjoy whilst watching. This made the experience even more enjoyable.





**Brrrr...**

It's a bit nippy out there, please remember to get togged up with coats, scarves and gloves and don't forget wellies or snow boots on the snowy and icy days. Please make sure that all belongings are labelled with children's names. It is such a shame when lovely things go missing and it's so much easier to keep track of things when they are labelled. Thank you ☺

#### **Message from FOSS**

FOSS would like to thank all our parents for donations and their help during the Christmas Fayre, especially those parents who gave up their own time to volunteer throughout the day and during the event. We must also thank those parents who donated this year's raffle prizes and those who helped in collecting raffle prizes from local businesses.

It was our first time doing the 'Santa Experience' this year, it was a huge success and we hope the children loved it too! Special thanks to all the parents who took part in this event.

As soon as we have decided with school what the money will go towards we will let you know.

Our next event will be our Valentines disco on the 13<sup>th</sup> February, ParentPay details will be updated shortly for you to book your child a place. As usual volunteers for this event would be appreciated - please contact us at [foss@shelleyfirstschool.co.uk](mailto:foss@shelleyfirstschool.co.uk)

<b>18/1/19</b>	<b>Termly reports sent home</b>
<b>6/2/19</b>	<b>Class Curie assembly @ 3:00pm</b>
<b>13/02/19</b>	<b>Class Hepburn assembly @ 3:00pm</b>
<b>13/02/19</b>	<b>Valentine DISCO, 5-6.00pm</b>
<b>W/b 11/2/19</b>	<b>Careers week</b>
<b>15/2/19</b>	<b>Break up Half term</b>
<b>25/2/19</b>	<b>School opens and topic week</b>
<b>13/3/19</b>	<b>Group photographs</b>
<b>26/3/19</b>	<b>Class Potter class assembly</b>
<b>27/3/19</b>	<b>Reports sent home (Y1-5)</b>
<b>3/4/19</b>	<b>Parent's Evening I (3.40-7.00pm)</b>
<b>10/4/19</b>	<b>Class Parks class assembly @2:45pm</b>
<b>10/4/19</b>	<b>Parent's Evening II (3.40-6.30pm)</b>
<b>12/4/19</b>	<b>Break the rules day and break for Easter</b>