

Shillington Lower School Newsletter



Our value of the month : Resilience

FRIDAY 25TH JANUARY 2019

At Shillington Lower we are committed to safeguarding all children. The person responsible for child protection (called the Designated safeguarding lead/person DSL/DSP) is; Mrs Kerry Young.

The key aspects of the role are:

- * Making sure all staff are aware how to raise safeguarding concerns
- * Ensuring all staff understand the symptoms of child abuse and neglect
- * Referring any concerns to social care
- * Monitoring children who are the subject of child protection plans
- * Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records

We follow the guidance called Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2018) which sets out the role of the Designated Safeguarding Lead in Annex B. We work closely with all relevant professionals sharing information where necessary to safeguard children, including the Police who use a system called Relay to inform schools of any domestic incidents they are called to where children maybe affected. Should any Parent/Carer have any concerns about a child then please contact Mrs Young via the office. In her absence, Helen Copeland deputises in this role.

Or contact the Central Bedfordshire Council social care Children's team during office hours;
Monday to Thursday(8:45am to 5:20pm), Friday (8:45am to 4:20pm) - 0300 300 8585

If you urgently need help outside office hours you can contact Bedfordshire Social Care on
0870 2385465/0300 300 8123

Bedford Borough Council - 01234 718700 (office hours) or ring 0300 300 8123 (out of hours).

Bedfordshire Police Child Abuse Investigation Unit - 01234 846960 or 999

NSPCC - 0808 800 5000

Mrs Katie Brettell is our safeguarding governor. She monitors the work of the safeguarding lead on behalf of the Governing Board.

Children's Mental Health Awareness week 4th February—10th February

Once again we will be supporting Chums charity with their Shine Bright, Wear Bright campaign to raise awareness of children's mental health and to help Chums with their vital local support work. Children are invited to wear bright clothes and hair for the day on Thursday 7th February and contribute £1 or more for Chums.

Did you know?

An average of 3 children in every classroom have a diagnosable mental health problem.

Just 1 in 4 children across the country who need treatment for mental health difficulties receive it.

To support Chums encourage your child to 'Spread a Little Kindness and Wear Bright!'

Shillington Superstars

Rainbows

Kian

Alice

Unicorns

Limani

Dragons

Amy

Drew

Centaurs

Daniel, Quinn, Lily &

Ayrton

Alex

Phoenix

Elio

Oscar

Exciting

Writing

Rainbows

Amelie

Joshua

Unicorns

Elliott

Kai

Dragons

Tegan

Lily

Centaurs

Cain

Lochlan

Ayrton

Phoenix

Harry M

Maisie

Josh

Rainbows News

We have had a great couple of weeks focusing on some Under the sea themed stories. We read "Tiddler" and "Rainbow Fish" together. We have made masks using our cutting and sticking skills, been playing in our 'Under the sea school' and also been designing and writing about our own fish. In P.E, we have been using the apparatus safely, using our balancing skills and moving in different ways. We also made some yummy cheese scones this week, thank you to our little chefs for helping!

Dragons News

In maths this week we have been learning about different charts and how we can use them to display data. We pretended the school field was the African Savannah and went on a 'safari'! We tallied all of the animals we spotted hiding. Later in the week we will use this data to draw our own pictograms. Last week in topic we looked at the climate in Africa and wrote our own weather reports.

Centaur News

Parents! We need your help!

As many of us Centaurs are keen to progress through the reading bands, we have decided to become really focused on reading but we can't do it all by ourselves, we need to all pull together both at school and at home to give it a boost. We all have busy lives but just five minutes reading every day can make a marked difference in children's reading ability, fluency, comprehension and writing. We don't mind what you read; it could be your reading book, a magazine, a recipe book or instruction leaflet Anything! Just let us know whatever it is you have read by jotting it down in the home school book so that we can keep track.

We have also been putting a lot of effort into learning our times tables in Maths. Rote recall of multiplication facts is a big part of our Math curriculum and certainly helps with many of our problem solving tasks. With this in mind chanting times tables at home, (although somewhat repetitive), is extremely beneficial.

Phoenix News

Phoenix class have been working really hard in maths, multiplying 2 digits by 1 digit and 2 digits by 2 digits using the column method, which has been challenging.

We are only a week away from Young Voices and we are all excited and working really hard on our singing and dance moves, we really appreciate the support they have been receiving at home.

Pixie News

Pixie class have been looking at a different story a week this term. 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' has really captured their imaginations. We have made textured bear masks and acted out the story during PE—going over, under and through different apparatus. The children were also using picture cards and were able to join in with the repeated refrains. This week we are looking at 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. The children have painted their own tigers and made patterns for the tiger stripes. We also had a 'surprise visitor' who joined us for tea.....



Unicorns News



In Unicorn class we have been learning all about the traditional tale of Little Red Riding Hood. We have been acting out the story, using adjectives to describe the wolf and this week we have retold the story. In Math's we have been looking at one more and one less and comparing different amounts.

With Mrs Wotherspoon the children have learning about natural sculpture. They have created some beautiful toad stools using clay and then painted them.



Some of Unicorn and Dragon Class went to multi skills tournament on Tuesday. They showed great cooperation skills and worked hard in every challenge.



Diary Dates

4th Feb—Yr 4 to O2 Young Voices

6th Feb—SEND drop in at Stondon Lower -details to be confirmed

7th Feb—Wear bright clothes/hair & donate £1 to CHUMS

Term Dates

2018 - 19

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3rd January 2019 - Friday 5th April 2019
(Half Term 11th - 15th February 2019)

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 - Friday 19th July 2019
(Half Term 27th - 31st May)
(School Closed Monday 6th May 2019)

