



Shinewater News



Newsletter 10

This term we are delighted to extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Vicki Wilson who has joined our senior leadership team from Parklands Federation, also part of Swale Academies Trust. Mrs Wilson will be working as part of the pastoral support team, attendance and emotional well being.

Sumdog Maths at Home

We are pleased to announce that we have recently purchased Sumdog! This website is designed to help students improve their math skills in a fun, engaging way. In the next couple of weeks, children in years 1-6 will come home with a letter about Sumdog, which will include their login details. They will have already started their Sumdog journey in school, so should be familiar with the site when they log in at home. They will be able to complete games and activities catered specifically to them.

You are able to set up a free parent login with Sumdog, and link your child's school account. This will allow you to see how they are doing, track their progress and even play mathematics games yourself!

Sumdog is proven to work! One study saw that children who used Sumdog for an average of 1 hour a week made 1.5 years progress in just 6 months! We hope that the site can help our children to make progress as amazing as this!

Please visit www.sumdog.com for more information.



Emergency Contact Numbers-Collection Arrangements



Please could you make sure the office has up to date contact details. There have been a few occasions when we have not been able to contact parents when we have needed to. Also could you make sure we know who has permission to collect you child at home time. We **WILL NOT** release your child even with a familiar adult if we do not have permission. Many thanks for your help with these matters.

Playtime Developments -School council

Our Shinewater school council have been busy collating ideas from their peers about how to make our playtimes even better. Thanks to the pupil's voice, more seating has been arranged and zones created to provide a more varied, enjoyable and safer play time.

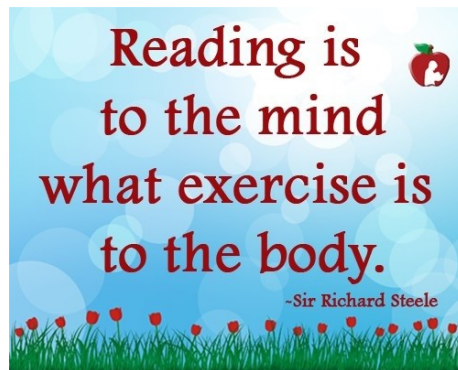
Quiet zone	An area for quiet activities such as puzzles, drawing and reading (or circle games during wet weather).
Activity zone	An area for smaller equipment such as role-play, dressing up, space hoppers, skipping ropes and hula hoops.
Sports zone	An area for games such as basketball, stuck in the mud and more energetic games

The castle and trim trail are in addition to these zones, which are only available to the children during the school day (not before school or during collection times). We appreciate your support with this and wish to thank your children for such valuable playground ideas.



Library visit

On Monday, Year 3 visited Langney Library. They explored different genres of books and talked about how the books were ordered in the library. Lots of children joined the library and were able to borrow a book. They had a great time sharing and listening to stories.



Science centre

Year 5 had a fantastic time at the Science Centre in Herstmonceux. The children used robot arms to move object in the space workshop. Thoroughly enjoyed learning about Tim Peake and how astronauts live in space and had fun playing in the discovery park. Mrs Branagan and Miss Leppard were very proud by the way the children behaved and what good ambassadors they were for Shinewater.



Useful science websites:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/science.shtml

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=26>

<https://www.thespruce.com/best-free-educational-websites-for-kids-3129084>

Road Show Magic-Key stage 1

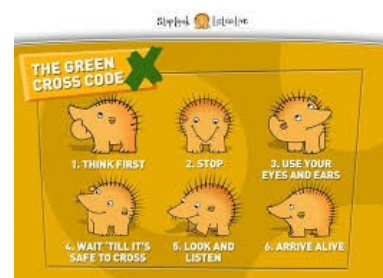
Children in Reception and Key Stage One had an exciting visit from a road safety magician this week. He performed a very special show to the children, teaching them some very important safety messages about staying safe when crossing the road. Children joined in with lots of magic tricks where, instead of abracadabra, the magic words were, 'Stop, Look, Listen and Think'. They also learned about the importance of wearing bright and reflective clothing when out at night time by 'being bright and being seen'.

Useful websites to play on:

talesoftheroad.direct.gov.uk/stop-look-listen.php

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/road-safety-7-11-year-olds>

<http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/>



Parent Carer Consultation Evening

Parents' Consultation Evening



Many thanks to the parents and carers who have been able to attend the consultations this week. We hope you have found them useful and information. Due to the snowy weather we were not able to put the tables out last week and some of you may not have had the opportunity to sign up. If you have not yet managed to see the class teacher please feel free to book an appointment with them. It would be great if we could achieve 100%.

Our Shinewater website also gives information regarding curriculum coverage.

Teach Your Monster to Read!

Have you tried out this fun, award-winning programme to support your child's phonic skills yet?

If not, please go to: www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

or check out the trailer for Teach Your Monster to Read on youtube

The programme is 100% free to use on computers!

We've had lots of positive feedback already. Teach Your Monster to Read is particularly useful if your child is in Nursery, Reception or Year 1 or if they are in any other year group and still acquiring phonic knowledge.



Attendance

Class	Current % Attendance
REW	89.2%
RVW	90%
1DS	85.8%
1JH	92.9%
2JW	90.5%
2JM	89.3%
3KD	95%
3BW	88.7%
4FC	93.1%
4SD	94.5%
5EL	92%
5SB	84.2%
6HJ	95%
6KJ	95%

Some attendance reminders.....

- * The school gates open and school starts at 8:45am
- * Being late for school not only disrupts the children's learning but can also make them feel awkward about entering a lesson that has already started
- * Our school target is **96%** - we can reach this if we all work together!



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 - Children arriving after 9.00am must report to the school office to collect a "late note".
 - If your child is regularly late, even by three minutes every day, this can add up to over seven and a half hours of **lost** learning time in one month, 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school
 - At the end of the school day, children **must** be collected on time

School Book Fair

Please support our annual Book Fair which will be held in the Small Hall from

Friday 23rd March – Wednesday 29th March (after School on Friday 23rd and before and after School on Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th).



With 60% commission earned on all the books that are sold, this is a great opportunity for the School to buy new books for our classes.

Don't forget to bring your World Book Day token to get £1 off any book you buy!

Parking

A reminder that parents SHOULD NOT be parking in the staff car park. There has also been reports of parents parking on the double yellow lines in Milfoil Drive. This is unlawful and could mean a child could get knocked down or even killed as families can not see to cross. Many thanks for helping us to keep our children safe.

Upcoming Events/Dates

Date	Event
Monday 12th /Tuesday 13th March	Reception children- vision and hearing screening
Wednesday 14th March	Year 1 trip to Michelham Priory
Thursday 15th March	Year 5 class assembly at 9am
Wednesday 28th March	Easter bonnet parade Reception @9.15am
Wednesday 28th March	Last day Children break up for Easter.
Thursday 29th March	INSET DAY

