



# Shinewater News



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## Newsletter 20 November 2019



Last week, was the exciting launch of a new way of teaching Religious Education at Shinewater School. Each term, children will be immersed in three days of 'Big Thinking' activities which will allow them to learn from and about religion. This term, Year 4 explored Hinduism and were tasked with answering some challenging questions such as, how can Brahman be everywhere and in everything and how does the story of Rama and Sita impact the lives of Hindus? The children had a fantastic time trying to answer these questions through art, drama, dance and creating an all about me mobile. They finished their three days off by making decorations for a celebration and working as a team to prepare food. The feedback and response from children was amazing and they were enthusiastic about learning. Allowing children to explore different religions over three days supports them to make connections, question ideas and develop ideas of self. We want to support children to grow as individuals and we recognise the positive impact of providing children with a nurturing and safe environment to question, discuss thoughts and develop ideas.

## Parent /Carer Consultation Evenings



Parents evenings are running next week - Please see you child's class teacher when you collect your child from school to book your slot.

## School Dinners



If your child has a school dinner it must either be booked on parent pay or requested by the pupil at morning registration. This will enable the kitchens to cook the correct amount of dinners each day.

## Recommended Reads

### New to website: Recommended Reads



Please check out our list of recommended children's books on the School website; click on '**Recommended Reads**' under the '**Parent**' tab on the home page.

A few suggestions of high quality books are listed for each year group. Whether you are Christmas shopping, browsing in the charity shops or planning a library trip, why not check out the ideas on the website first?



## Year 6 News

Year 6 have been very busy with assessments over the past fortnight and have approached them all with maturity and enthusiasm – well done Year 6!

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, Year 6 'teamed up' with Year 5 to do some focused RE work, looking at Christianity and commitment and how the two are interlinked for Christian people. We have found out more about Christianity as a religion, learned some of Jesus' parables, written poems and designed and made our own stained glass windows. We have also worked as an UKS2 team to plan a charity event to run throughout December at Shinewater, demonstrating our own commitment to a good cause. (More info to come on that shortly!)

## Year 5 News



This term, we dedicated three days to Big Thinking! We investigated commitment and charity through a Christian lens and decided to launch a whole school initiative for a charity called Warming Up the Homeless. We have created a whole school reverse advent calendar, marketed it and placed it strategically around the school so that the whole school can get involved. At the end of term, we will then donate everything that we have collected to the charity.

Needless to say, learning in other areas continues; we have learnt about prime numbers, factors and multiples in maths and are completing exciting diary entries in English, writing in role as Lyra Belaqua, a character from the well known book, *The Northern Lights*.



## Year 3 News



Year 3 not only had fun last week but learnt so much about Hinduism. We discovered all about the gods and what they represent. Most importantly, we learnt that many religions have similarities and that we respect everyone for being different. We looked at symbolism in art and created paintings based on good and evil. Some of us drew Rangoli patterns as part of the Diwali session. They looked amazing.

## Year 2 News

Year 2 had a fantastic start to this term's Learning Adventure, London's Burning! Children were invited to come into school dressed as a significant person from history. The children loved dressing up and sharing the facts they had found out. After tea staining some paper during outdoor learning, they even had a chance to write a short diary as if they were really that person! All the teachers were so impressed with the effort that had gone into the costumes and what interesting facts the children had been able to find out and learn.





## Year 1 News



Year One have been busy with their Science topic Seasonal Change. We record the weather daily, collect and record the rainfall in our rain gauge and use a graph to track the length of days. We have also been observing the changes happening all around us and getting creative with fallen leaves. In the Woodland area they have used clay and leaves to make models and they have been inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy to use leaves on the playground to make their own pictures. We have also planted some spring bulbs so we are looking forward to watching them grow in the new year.



## Reception News



In Reception we are learning about 'People who help us.' We had a visit from Mrs Bates who shared a story about Colin the Coastguard. We joined in with actions and noises to help bring the story alive. We thought about who would help us when we were on the beach and how we could contact them. Our favourite characters were Slippy the seagull and Rocky the dog.

## Outdoor Learning News

In our Outdoor Learning lessons we have been very busy. Although it has been extremely wet, muddy and cold recently we have learned about why leaves change colour, what else happens in the woods during autumn, discovered minibeast habitats and made bird feeders for our resident robins and bluetits.

This week thanks to Cllr Alan Shuttleworth and Eastbourne Borough Council, we were given a grant to enable us to cover the woodland grounds which will help as the chips help the soil to retain moisture that is necessary for our plants and trees. Also they help to keep the soil warmer as well as absorb water and slow down the evaporation process. Perhaps most importantly in our woodland they will help to reduce and prevent soil erosion. Every child from Nursery and Woodland Tots to Yr 4 will be assisting me in spreading the chips through the woods this week!!





## Learning Lodge News



The Learning Lodge have been enjoying learning about WW2 this term. We have created poems, written instructions of what to do during a Blitz blackout, built our own Anderson Shelters and have made remembrance bunting.

## Nursery News



We love being outside in nursery! Every Tuesday and Thursday we either head over to the forest area with Mrs Dyke or enjoy the other outside areas. We go on lots of adventures around the school grounds, field and woodland areas in our groups. Our favourite has been our Wild Walk, it has given us the perfect opportunity to observe nature, wildlife and the changes that occur throughout the seasons. We have enjoyed making pictures out of leaves we've found and learnt lots of new language about things that have fallen from the trees. We go on our Wild Walk, whatever the weather, so it is important that the children have access to appropriate clothing. Please ensure your child has a jumper and cold/wet weather gear so we can all enjoy our outdoor time. Every child has access to a pair of wellies and an all in one splash suit for use in Nursery.

## Attendance Term 1

Class	Year to date Attendance %	School Target Attendance
REW	95	97
RVW	96	97
IBM	96	97
ISS	95	97
2JH	95	97
2JM	95	97
3AW	94	97
3SD	95	97
4HE	95	97
4KD	95	97
5BM	95	97
5FC	95	97
6KJ	92	97
6LS	94	97



Please can we remind parents to call the absence line on 01323 762129 if your child is not going to attend school, the line is available 24 hours a day to leave a message.

## Important Dates

Thursday 21 November 2019 - 9.30-11.00am New Reception Open Morning

Monday 25 November 2019—3.30-6.00pm Parent Consultations (3AW)

Tuesday 26 November 2019 – Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 26 November 2019 – 3.30-6.00pm Parent Consultations (not 3AW)

Thursday 28 November 2019 - 3.30-6.00pm Parent Consultations

Friday 6 December 2019 – 3.30pm PTA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 10 December 2019 - EYFS Performance in afternoon

Wednesday 11 December 2019 - EYFS Performance in morning

Thursday 12 December 2019 - Afternoon - KS1 Performance

Friday 13 December 2019 - Morning – KS1 Performance

Friday 13 December 2019 – Christmas Jumper Day (Christmassy clothing) – Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 17 December 2019 - Morning – Yr 3/4 Performance, Afternoon – Yr 5/6 Performance

Thursday 19 December 2019 - Morning – Yr 5/6 Performance, Afternoon – Yr 3/4 Performance

Friday 20 December 2019 – End of Term!

