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TOP WHIZZERS

Some absolutely top notch whizzing has been going on in school.

Top Class whizzers for February

Upper School: 6R

Lower School: 2B

Top individual for February

Upper School: Princess 6R

Lower School: Ege 2B



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

Welcome to our February newsletter. I do hope that you all managed to have an enjoyable half term break. It is lovely to see the sun a little bit more now and the Spring flowers starting to emerge.

By the time you receive this newsletter you should have received your booking form for the next parent consultation session in March. Please do return your slips as soon as possible.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Thank you to everyone who has donated pre-loved uniform to the wheelie bin in the front entrance hall. If you have any school shoes or trainers that are still in good condition but outgrown, we would be grateful to receive these too.

Should you ever need something, please do have a look on the rail or if there's not the item or the size you're looking for just ask – we have a large stock available including PE kit.



ATTENDANCE

Top attending classes for February:

Upper school: 4P

Lower school: 2B

Whole school attendance currently sits at 94.39% which is slightly below where we'd like it to be. Regular school attendance is so important for the children's educational progress as well as their social and emotional development.

Please try to ensure your child is here as often as possible and on time.

Years 3 – 6 start at 8.45 and finish at 3.15

Years R – 2 start at 8.50 and finish at 3.20.

Here is a link to some specific guidance on when you child should / shouldn't attend school:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



PE NEWS

In PE last term we were on The Cognitive cog and the children have been using this in gymnastics lessons. All of the children had a great attitude when it came to new challenges and trickier tasks for them. I know a lot of fun was had on the climbing frame and equipment and lots of new skills and courage gained in these lessons.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Y5 PE learning cafe, lots of parents trying new skills and the children and I were very impressed with the bravery.

This half term we are using the creative cog to 'change the rules and tactics' in sending and receiving games.

The reception children will be doing Bike Ability lessons to learn to use a balance bike, scooter, tricycle and gain confidence to manoeuvre around different things and others.

Please can the children remember correct PE kit, extra layers if needed, hair tied back, drinks bottles and inhalers for each lesson.

SPORTING SUCCESS

We are delighted with the success of our tag rugby team and some Y4/5/6 swimmers – both groups are North Norfolk School Champions and were a pleasure to take out as usual.



THEATRE TRIP

We took 50 children up to the Theatre Royal in Norwich to watch a performance of The Wizard of Oz. The play was fantastic and we had several comments from theatre staff and members of the public to say how well behaved and polite our children were. A super time had by all!

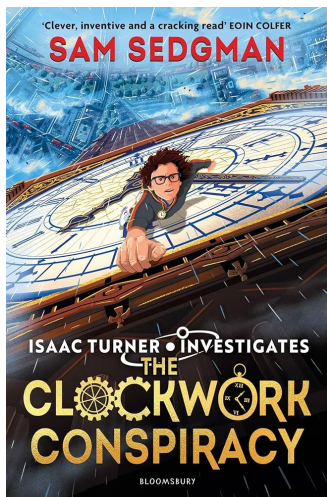
YEAR 4 GET CRAFTY

Year 4 have really enjoyed learning about Roman mosaics and have now tried their hand at making their own. They really enjoyed using the grout and making repeated patterns with their designs to show their understanding or borders and design. Really superb effort year 4. We cannot wait to grout them and finish them off.



SAM SEDGMAN AUTHOR VISIT

We had a fantastic visit to Beeston Hall school to see the author Sam Sedgman. He was so entertaining and the children so enjoyed hearing about his adventures and thought process behind writing his books. He has co written a few previous books based on train adventures but this visit was to promote his new solo book called The Clockwork Conspiracy.



This book is based on the mysteries of time and he decided to write it whilst on a trip up Big Ben's tower with his father. Sam Sedgman read the first chapter and had the children were hooked. There is a copy in the library for the children to borrow as well. An amazing opportunity to hear a passionate author who inspired the children.

SCHOOL WELLBEING

Each class now has a worry monster, in which they can put any worries, which will be followed up by one of our Nurture team.

We had a successful wellbeing day, being bright and bold, which will enable us to buy wellbeing books and resources.



FOREST SCHOOL

At Forest School we have new baby guinea pigs called Bramble & BlackBerry. The children have enjoyed meeting them and feeding them. We have been making lots of crafts, for example, shakers and dream catchers. This week the children have been learning about all the different creatures that live in Forest School, and having fun bug hunting.



MUSIC NEWS

It's been another busy term in the music room. The children in Years 5 and 6 have been learning to compose and perform polyrhythms, Year 4 have been creating their own Roman Marching Songs, Year 3 have written their own song, 'What Shall We Do With The Grumpy Teacher?', based around the melody of 'The Drunken Sailor', Years 1 and 2 have been learning to play simple songs and ostinato on tuned percussion and the children in Reception have been learning to create rhythmic patterns on the theme of 'Food and Drink'.

Also, this Friday, a small group of children from Years 6 and 3 are heading to Suffolk to perform at the Music For Youth Festival, in Halesworth. They are very excited about taking part and we wish them well with their performances. Look out for photos and a short report on the school blog next week.

Mr Cooper

YEAR 5 DT - GREEK COOKING

Just before half term, Year 5 had a fantastic day looking at Greek cooking and healthy eating. The children had the chance before the day to plan and design a meal looking at different Greek food influences. We then spent a day making Pitta breads, greek salad and Tzatziki. The children had the opportunity to eat the meal and think about the different flavours many of them were trying for the first time.



NUMBER DAY

On 2nd February the whole school participated in our annual celebration of numbers for the NSPCC Number Day.



All of the children were involved in a homework activity, based around the book 'Lifesize' written by Sophie Henn. There were many amazing life-size investigations brought into school from a life-size drawing of a mum, to a life-size model of a chameleon and a life size collage of a dog to give a few examples.

In school, the children completed activities based around the 'Lifesize' book or the book 'If the world were 100 People' by Jackie McCann. These activities resulted in some fantastic discussions in our maths lessons.

We also took part in the Number Day 'NSPCC Rocks' with TTRS. Each class had an opportunity to work on the multiplication facts with TTRS in the ICT suite or on tablets in class.

Our winning classes were: 1st place 5W, 2nd place 4P and 3rd place went to 5T.

Top pupils of the tournament were: 1st place Harry 5T, 2nd place William 4P and 3rd place Ema 5T

The day was rounded off with an exhibition of all of the children's work in the hall, including the amazing life-size giraffe collage made by Year 1.

In total, we raised £219 for the NSPCC and everyone had a great day.

Thank you for all of your support with this event.



The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun is a Norfolk County Council scheme delivered alongside Active Norfolk. It helps your child move lots, eat well and have fun.

The scheme provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 5-16 in Norfolk. If your child is 4 years old but they are in school, they can take part.

There are a mix of paid for and free spaces. The free spaces are for children who are eligible for means-tested free school meals.

Local activities include: Easter Activity Session at the Reef, Sports sessions at Cromer sports Centre, Theatre Workshops in North Walsham. There are also many other activities in the Big Holiday Fun Website.

<https://www.everymove.uk/inspiration/big-norfolk-holiday-fun-activities>

You can now make bookings for the Easter Big Norfolk Holiday fun programme. The scheme will run from Tuesday 2 April - Friday 12 April.

CURRICULUM NEWS

The **CARES** curriculum prioritises the personal development of the whole child, learning about developing a sense of belonging in **C**ommunity, aiming high in **A**spiration, tackling challenges in **R**esilience, and looking after our feelings in **E**motional well-being alongside **S**kills and knowledge from the national curriculum.

For further information on the curriculum, please take a moment to watch our launch video, which can be found here:

<https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/curriculum/cares-curriculum/>

We are thrilled about our curriculum blog, which showcases all of our amazing curriculum work - achieving nearly 16,000 hits so far. Please browse and comment on any of the posts. **There are lots of new posts on here so that you can see what the children have been up to:**

<https://www.sheringhamcarescurriculum.blogspot.com/>

Thank you for all of your support with this! **It would be lovely to have more comments from parents on some of the posts!**

On our website, is the '[Our Curriculum Story](#)' page. Here you can read a brief history of how the CARES curriculum was developed and access all of the most important links that you might need to fully understand our curriculum offer.

There is also a section which tells you all about how your children are assessed across the curriculum and a section that shows how learning is adapted for those that find some aspects of learning tricky:

<https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/how-do-we-assess-our-children-across-the-cares-curriculum/>

<https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/ambition-for-all/>



We are very proud of the high praise that the curriculum received from Ofsted when they visited us back in November:

'The school has embedded an ambitious curriculum for all pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). The curriculum has four additional elements woven through it: community, aspiration, resilience and emotional well-being (CARE). These are promoted throughout all curriculum areas.'



SAFEGUARDING

At Sheringham Community Primary School & Nursery we take the safety of our children very seriously.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you ever have a concern about a child or adult please speak to any member of staff who will support you, alternatively you can speak with our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Amies.

On our website, there are some helpful links to organisations and services that might be able to provide support for you, should you require, with such things as bereavement, benefits, debt, legal issues and more.

For more information on this, visit the safeguarding section of our website:

<https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding/>

Our safeguarding policy is available here:

<https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding/>

We are able to offer support with many family issues, so please do contact Mr Amies, at the school, if you would like to discuss anything that we might be able to help with.

We also have trained Domestic Violence Champions for Change in school. If anyone would like advice or information on this very sensitive area please contact Mrs Carter or Mr Amies.

In a fairly new section on the [Safeguarding page of the school website](#), there are some links to support 'Challenging Behaviours', which may be found useful:

Challenging Behaviours:



Tel: 0300 666 0126

Email: support@theCBF.org.uk



Tel: 0203 761 7026

Email: help@clinical-partners.co.uk



Tel: 0808 800 2222

Email: askus@familylives.org

Also, recently added, is a link to a very useful online parenting course called The Solihull Approach:

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



Understanding Anger: Yours & Theirs!



UNDERSTANDING ANGER

11th March 7-9pm £24

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE giving a two hour talk to parents (and teachers), explaining what anger is, why we have it and how to manage it.

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

