



SHERINGTON WEEKLY

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THIS WEEK

On Wednesday afternoon, we welcomed new-to-Reception children to our early years classrooms in the main building. It was wonderful to spend time with both children and family members, showing them around the (for many) unfamiliar environment and introducing them to all members of staff who will be supporting them next academic year. Children in the new Reception classes now know who their teachers are going to be and on Monday 22nd July, all other children will find out too. This hand over assembly is always a very exciting occasion.

Last night, the final full governing body meeting of the academic year took place after school and I want to take this opportunity to thank all our committed and proactive governors for the work they do, often behind the scenes, in order to hold senior leaders and other staff members to account in a critical, yet friendly and supportive manner. Many of you will have met members of our governing body and will appreciate how visible they are throughout the school year and how involved - for the good of all children in our care.

Thank you, first and foremost, to Mr Flynn for organising two fantastic sports day events. More news next week.

Here's to continuing sunshine this weekend. Gary Hinchliffe Acting Head of School

Ms. Silkin started the week in Monday's assembly by reading 'Lubna and Pebble' by Wendy Meddour. Refugee week was then introduced to the children by exploring the idea that home is not just a building in which we live. They shared things that made them feel at home, such as "Making smoothies with my mum" – Year 2 child and "Playing video games with friends" – Year 6 child. Ms. Silkin gave some ideas of what we could do this week to make our community more welcoming: look after the environment, talk to others, go for a walk to appreciate movement and read books by Refugees or migrants to better understand their stories.

On Thursday, Parakeets were visited by a parent volunteer with a very important job – a dentist! The visitor taught the children how to properly brush their teeth and what foods are good and bad for tooth preservation. We were very grateful for the visit and hope to see other members of our community in school in the future.



Last Friday, the boys' team took part in a football tournament, losing on penalties in the semi final. However, they went on to win 12-0 against Halstow in a later match.

On Thursday this week, the boys' football team played two league matches - winning 4-0 against James Wolfe and 2-0 against St. Mary Magdalene.

Team members showed humility, fairness and teamwork throughout. Well done to all!

Winner

In line with World Book Day, the Royal Borough of Greenwich launched a 500 Word Short Story Competition inspired by the theme of 'discovery'. Winners were chosen by award-winning young adult author Efua Traore.

Congratulations to Sam in year 1, who is the KS1 winner of the competition. You can read his story, *The Hummingbird* here.



The Hummingbird

Once upon a time there was a hummingbird that was very lonely. He didn't have any friends. When he was born, he looked different from his brothers, sisters, his dad, his mum and all the other hummingbirds that he knew. His feathers were much duller than the bright coloured feathers of the other hummingbirds. He really wanted to be like them.

The hummingbird was calling every day asking 'would anyone like to be my friend?', but everyone ignored him. He felt very sad.

One day, everything was different. Suddenly the hummingbird saw something so bright - like a big flash. Out of the flash appeared a parrot. The parrot's feathers were blue, orange, yellow, green and all the other colours of the rainbow.

The hummingbird thought he was in a different world! As he looked more closely, he saw lots of other colourful parrots who seemed to be all friends with each other. All the birds gathered around the hummingbird. The hummingbird felt excited because the other birds seemed to like him. It didn't matter to them what colour his feathers were.

"I wish the hummingbirds were as kind as the parrots" thought the hummingbird.

The parrots led the hummingbird to the parrot's nest. They showed him all the parrot eggs and some of them began to hatch. The hummingbird helped them clean out the nest and look after the baby parrots.

After a few days, the hummingbird and the parrots discovered another nest near theirs. They didn't know who the nest belonged to. After a while they saw a large black bird fly into the nest. The parrots thought it was a black parrot, but the hummingbird knew that it was actually a crow. The hummingbird thought that crows could be quite dangerous and warned the parrots to stay away. But the parrots didn't listen and they tried to make friends with the crow. The crow was a lonely bird and was grateful that the parrots wanted to be his friend. Eventually the hummingbird also became friends with the crow.

The parrots, the hummingbird and the crow built a bigger nest where they all lived together. People must have thought it was a strange family of birds!

The hummingbird discovered that it doesn't matter what colour feathers you have. You can be friends with any type of bird and any other birds can be friends with you.

Today, year 6 children went to the Junior Citizen event run by the Royal Borough of Greenwich team. The children learnt lots about aspects of keeping safe as they become more independent in secondary school. There were talks about fire safety, road safety, police safety and much more. It was a very valuable learning experience.

Abe and Alba - A Small Tale

You may have heard about some strange goings-on at Sherington this week. The children from Nursery to year 6 have been reading a new storybook - 'The Adventures of Abe and Alba'.

It might just be a coincidence but ever since this book arrived, strange things have been happening in our classrooms and around the school generally.

Please be on the look out for anything bizarre, or magical, over the next week. I will keep you posted!

Slightly confused,
Miss Peterson

Attendance

The award for last week's attendance goes to 6D with 98.7%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 24th June

Diversity Week begins. Please refer to the letter.

Friday 28th June

Diversity Week non-uniform day. Children to come to school dressed in the way that best represents self – showing pride in who they are.

Saturday 29th July

The choir are performing at Greenwich Armed Forces Day in Woolwich. The children will be performing with the Montbelle School Choir at 12:30-1pm. However, there is lots going on at this event, including a funfair, climbing wall and ice cream van. Entry is free. Here is a link with more information: <https://www.visitgreenwich.org.uk/whats-on/armed-forces-day-2024-p2167151>

Friday 5th July

Summer Fair: The Summer Fair is going to take place after school on Friday 5 July 2024 from 3.30pm - 6pm. There will be food stalls, lots of fun games, crafts, face-painting, balloons and a raffle.

It promises to be a lot of fun for the whole school community as well as raising money to support outdoor learning, including Forest School. Volunteers: please get in touch with the Friends of Sherington to help out at the Fair.

You can help on the day - just an hour before, during or after the Fair will make a huge difference.

No skills or experience required, just a willingness to get involved to make the Fair a success.

Class stalls: Each class has been allocated their own stall this year. If you haven't already signed up to help this year why not help out on your child's class stall with other parents from your child's class? You can find details of your child's class stall and how to get involved on your class what's app groups. Volunteering for an hour before, during or after the Fair will make a huge difference. No skills or experience are required, all you need to do is turn up and help out.

Truepenny's boards: A huge 'thank you' to everyone who signed up for a Summer Fair advertising board. 30 boards are expected to go up very shortly.

Monday 8th July

Arts Week begins

Concerts will be on Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th. KS1 at 9am and KS2 at 10am. Letter and tickets were sent home with children on 14th June.



USEFUL INFORMATION

Governors

We are strongly supportive of the school's ethos, share the enthusiasm and excitement for learning that pupils and staff have and are immensely proud of Sherington's outstanding achievements. We are committed to the Sherington vision of "Aspire Believe Create Achieve" and between us, bring a wide variety of skills and experience to our role.

Governors can be contacted on governors@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk

For more information, click here: [Sherington Governors](#)

Free School meals

The DfE have sent through updated guidance regarding Free School Meal eligibility which includes information for parents who are self employed. Please click here to read:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65fdad5965ca2f00117da947/Free_school_meals.pdf

IN THE LOCAL AREA

Greenwich Supports

Get help with the cost of living.

You can find lots of information here about support from the council, local charities and community groups.

<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/Greenwich-Supports>



Is your child protected against measles?

Childhood infections can be serious, even life-changing. Check their Red Book or contact your GP surgery to find out & book in any missed doses.

livewellgreenwich.org.uk/child-immunisations/

The library, on Old Dover Road, are running a reading challenge this summer which is linked below. The children who choose to take part can earn stickers, a booklet and a medal for reading 6 books. The library will also be holding free activities including crafts and interactive animal visits in the library to support this challenge.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/?>

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