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and joy in all achievements



Shelley First School Newsletter January 2018

Welcome back and Happy New Year! The children have come back into school beautifully, they are well rested and ready to learn, thank you. Wishing you all the very best for 2018, we are looking forward to the rest of the academic year.

New Year, new faces...

We had a wonderful last week with Mrs Cunningham and Miss Hirst who were so touched by words of appreciation and thoughtful gifts from the whole school community. Thank you so much from them and us.

We are delighted to welcome our new teachers who will cover class Lama and Lowry until we are able to recruit for permanent members of staff.

In Class Lowry, Mrs K McGenity (our SENCO) is teaching on a Monday and Mrs S Hussain is teaching from Tuesday to Friday. In Class Lama Mrs Colwill is teaching on a Monday and Tuesday with Miss E Suleman teaching on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Miss Suleman will start on 22nd January 2018. All four teachers are dedicated and hardworking and want to provide the very best for the children at Shelley First School. We would like to thank Mr S Shaw who has done a brilliant job of covering class Lama whilst we were recruiting a long-term supply teacher.

We would also like to thank all of the parents of children in both Class Lama and Class Lowry. Your support and patience in this time of transition is very much appreciated.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Nancy Garcia who has joined our wonderful kitchen team.

WE ❤️ TOPIC WEEK!

The first week back after the Christmas holidays was our very first topic week and what a fun week it was! During the week children in key stage 1 and key stage 2 were fully immersed in their topics, with every lesson (apart from Maths which remained the same) linking to a different aspect of their topic. Children and teachers alike had a blast and we're already looking forward to our next themed week which will be based on Science.

Read on to find out a little more about what each class got up to in the week:

Class Hepworth have been learning all about money and have opened their own hat shop. We asked children about the shop and Luca told us "You have to work with money, you can't buy a hat for 1p, it costs 2p."

Class Columbus have been learning all about Antarctica. They have been looking at maps of the place and have also been learning about the animals including a science investigation about how blubber keeps animals warm. Jacob told us "In Antarctica the animals all have blubber so that they can live in the cold weather."

Class Lowry have been learning all about Marvellous Machines. They have learnt about what life was like before machines and children who lived at the time of the industrial revolution. The children have also been designing and making their own machines. Jessica B told us "We learnt what life was like before machines. I liked making my own machine best."

Class Lama's topic is 'Namaste'. They have been learning all about India including the food, culture, geography and also some important Indian people. Louie said " I loved learning about Ghandi's life. He saw the world in a different way. He wanted peace because he didn't like violence."

Class Thor's Topic was Iron Man. They have built a huge (and most amazing) Iron Man. They have also been doing map work and science investigations using magnets. Benjamin said " I loved doing the map work because we were working together as a team and I think we did it really well. I also enjoyed using the ipads."

Class Cleopatra have been learning about Ancient Egyptians. They have mummified lots of objects including apples and bananas and found out all about Tutankhamun and who found his tomb. Jasmine told us "My favourite part was turning my friend Sofia into a mummy using toilet paper."

Class Hawking have been learning about Space. They have learnt about the planets and have made aero dynamic and non-aero dynamic rockets. Jacob W told us "I really liked investigating which material made the best parachute, it was all about the air resistance."



Peter Pan came to school. OH NO HE DIDN'T...

OH YES HE DID! And we all loved it. Thank you so much to all of the parents who contributed towards the cost of the Panto. FOSS also put money towards this and as a result, we were able to buy every child a drink and a snack to enjoy whilst watching. This made the experience even more enjoyable.



CAREERS- CAN YOU HELP?

We would love to put on a careers event to inspire our older pupils. If you, or someone you know would be interested in talking to pupils about your career please contact Miss Bacon or the school office. Teachers, vets and zoo keepers, you tubers, engineers, pilots, solicitors, medical professionals including dentists, makeup artists, scientists, singers, sports people, police officers, military, chefs and hairdressers are all popular choices with the children to name but a few!



Valentines Disco: Wednesday 14th February at 5pm till 6pm

Entrance is £3 and included in the price is a drink and a home-made cookie. There will be sweets on sale which cost an extra 50p per bag. Please enter via the main door and collect your child from their usual exit.



Brrrr..

It's a bit nippy out there, please remember to get toggged up with coats, scarves and gloves and don't forget wellies or snow boots on the snowy and icy days. Please make sure that all belongings are labelled with children's names. It is such a shame when lovely things go missing and it's so much easier to keep track of things when they are labelled. Thank you ☺



World Book Day will be on Thursday 1st March 2018.



During the school day staff will be sharing extracts from their favourite children's books and the focus of the day will be reading and writing. During the day the children will all receive a £1 voucher to use in bookshops for money off their next book. **Please dress up as a book character!**

Mast Academy Trust News

We are delighted that Mrs A Large, Deputy Head teacher at Scissett Middle School will be working with us for some of Spring Term as part of her CPD. Amongst other things, she will be working with some of the Year 5 children in maths which is her subject specialism.

New Assistant Head teacher

Our recruitment process for a new assistant head teacher has been going brilliantly and interviews will be held on Monday 22nd January. Watch this space...

Dates coming up...

- 24.1.18: Class Lowry's Assembly at 2:50pm
- 25.1.18: Class Lowry come to school dressed as a Victorian
- 26.1.18 : Termly reports sent home
- 14.2.18 : Valentines Disco
- 14.2.18: Year 1 Multiskills (original date 6th Feb but this has been changed)
- 15.2.18: Class Hawking trip to space centre
- 16.2.18: Break up for half term
- 26.2.18: School Reopens

Dates continued...

- 1.3.18: Class Hepworth visit to YSP
- 14.3.18: Class photographs
- 14.3.18: Yr1 – Yr 5 reports sent home
- 21.3.18: Parent's evening 1 (3:40pm – 6:40pm)
- 22.3.18: Pedestrian training Y3
- 28.3.18: Parent's Evening 2 (3:40pm – 6:40pm)
- 29.3.18: Pedestrian training Y3
- 29.3.18: Finish for Easter
- 16.4.18: Return to school