



Whole School Language for this half term = Hindi! **Sabhee Ko Namaskaar!**

सभी को नमस्कार **Hello Everyone!**

Headteacher's Newsletter Friday 17th January 2020

Welcome back everyone – and welcome to the 2020s!

Our new School Mission Statement: Governors and School Leaders met last term to agree on a new Mission Statement for Shirley Community Primary School. It reads as follows: *To nurture a love of learning in our thriving community and to enable children to reach their potential and succeed in an ever-changing World*

This is what we want to achieve as a fully inclusive, forward thinking place of learning with high aspirations for everyone. My thanks to governors and school leaders for working with me to create this.

Young Interpreters: Mrs Taylor and Mrs Cleland have been training up some special children in school to work as our 'Young Interpreters'. They will be supporting children with other languages throughout school. They received their badges in assembly this week: **Malin Abbas, Maryam Ahmed, Tanzila Al-Shabaz, Jolene Alvarez, Zohar Apelbaum, David Badaluta, Rohit Dondeti, Alex Fijalkowski, Afrida Foyso, Patrizia Giorgetta, Joana Gomes, Luna Guiet, Jiayi He, Sophia Herriot, Yuki Ichikawa, Ilya Kozlov, Elena Merolla, Albert Monclus, Nicole Moore, Erin Murton, Siba Nakhleh, Hana Rashwan, Shruti Saha, Natalia Tomkiewicz, Manon Turner, Prisha Walia.**



Praise for Shirley Children in the Community: We have received a number of complimentary messages recently, praising our children for their excellent attitude and behaviour. These have come from 'History off the Page' who came in to work with our Year 1 children, from swimming coaches at Parkside Pool who really enjoy teaching Shirley children, and from staff at Cambridge Arts Theatre from when we went to see 'Cinderella' before and after Christmas. We are very proud to share this news, and delighted to have children's excellent behaviour noticed and acknowledged.

International Schools Award and Daily Mile accreditation: Our commitment to internationalism, languages and global cultures has resulted in us receiving the Foundation International Schools' Award from the British Council. We have also been recognised as being an excellent practitioner within Cambridgeshire for the 'Daily Mile' which we promote and take part in. We are very proud to receive these awards – our thanks to Mrs Taylor and Mr Fisher for their work on this.



Daily Mile Winners Autumn Term: We awarded classes who had accumulated the most miles run for last term with trophies in assembly this week. The winning classes are (with destinations they are aiming to run to by the end of the year) **3rd place: 4AU** (Hong Kong); **joint 2nd place: 6SJ** (Dubai) and **5CS** (Cairo); **1st place: 5WM** (Minsk).

Curriculum Letters and new Clubs for this term: You will be receiving curriculum letters and home learning information from class teachers today. We have also sent home information about our new school clubs for the spring term – there is something for everyone including: chess, writing, mindfulness colouring, hockey quick sticks, gymnastics, gardening and book and biscuits in the library! Further information available from the school office, your child's class teacher or from Miss Nixon.



Key dates for this term (with further information to follow)

Class Assemblies (Fridays 2:45pm): 31.01 – 2AO; 07.02 – 1SH; 28.02 – 2EB; 20.03 – 1BT

Thursday 6th February – **School Choir** performing in **Young Voices Concert** at 02 Arena

Week of 10th February – **Safety Week** (including **Safer Internet Day** 11th Feb)

Thursday 5th March – **World Book Day**

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March – **Parent Consultations**

Friday 13th March – **Sport Relief**



And finally.....please sponsor me for the Cambridge Half Marathon!

I will be taking part in this event on Sunday 8th March. I am raising money for WinterComfort for homelessness in Cambridge, and also for the Friends of Shirley Association. Children will be helping me with training during Daily Mile at school too! Further details here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cattermole1> (Winter Comfort) and here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jcattermole2> (Shirley Primary)



Thank you for your support!

Mr Cattermole