



# Shirley Community Primary School

## Shirley Pre-School

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### Headteacher's Newsletter – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

We hope everyone is keeping well. There is plenty of news to share over the next 2 pages – please read on...

#### Winning runners!

During the week before the half term break, children took part in a 'Virtual Cross Country' Event organized by the Cambridge Schools Sports Partnership. They completed their Daily Mile running sessions and recorded their best times. We were competing against other schools locally, and 4 Shirley children won medals! Well done to:



**Amit Apelbaum** – Gold: Y4 boys; **Rosa Williams** - Gold: Y4 girls; **Aris Norman** – Gold: Y3 boys; **Joseph Page** – Silver: Y3 boys. We are delighted for them and we celebrated their achievement in assemblies this week. Congratulations to everyone who took part, and thank you to Mr Fisher for organizing this event.

**Effort and Excellence Winners!** The following pupils were nominated for awards last term, but unfortunately due to lockdown were not able to receive trophies or certificates. They have now been presented with them this week. Congratulations to the winners:



**Hana Rashwan** – Reading; **Lok Mach** – Maths Calculation; **Joseph Thorne** – ICT and Computing; **Luna Guiet** – PSHE; **Harriet Day** – History; **Lucy Gordon** – Geography; **Nellie Daniels** – Sport; **Reggie Smith** – Fitness; **Ewan Sloan** – Swimming; **Arifa Begum** – RE; **Layla Duncan** – Art; **Siba Nakhleh** – Drama; **Jazlyn Acheampong** – Music; **George Chapman** – Outdoor Learning; **Harley Thoday** – Citizenship; **Martha Williams** and **Dominik Barbosa** – Headteacher's Award.

We will be presenting awards to new winners for this term very soon!

**COVID-19 update:** In line with latest LA guidance, we would like **parents when collecting or dropping off children to wear a face mask, and to remember to keep socially distanced when on the school site.** We will not be 'policing' this – parents will be allowed on site if they do not have one - but politely request everyone does their bit to halt the spread of coronavirus. We were delighted to re-open our Pre-School last week and would like to thank all parents for their continued patience and cooperation.



**Anti-Bullying Week:** We are organizing this important event as we do every year. Children will be spending time in class thinking about all of the issues, as well as making posters and signing up to each class's Anti-Bullying Charter. This year's national theme is 'United Against Bullying' – further information here: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>



**Children in Need:** Thank you for your very generous donations last week. We enjoyed seeing children in their colourful clothes, and taking part in fun activities. Our total was **£334.67**

**Reminder – Careful Driving and Engines Off:** please drive extra carefully at drop off and pick up times. There are a lot of children and adults around our school so we need to use extra care along Nuffield Road and Laxton Way. If you are waiting in your car, please switch off your engine, so there are no fumes around for adults and children who are waiting.



**Parent consultations**



It was good to hear our recent parent consultation meetings were received so positively. Holding virtual meetings was a first for Shirley; staff found the sessions a valuable opportunity to share your child's learning and achievements since the start of the year. If you have any questions regarding your child at school, please speak to your child's class teacher or email using their class email address.

### Home Learning

All classes now have their home learning section on the school website. Home learning tasks will be set each week for your child to complete. Please remember to email all home learning to your child's class email account so their class teacher can provide feedback. This information can be found by selecting the 'Classes' tab and 'Year group' on our website: [http://www.shirley.cambs.sch.uk/website/classes\\_1/81450](http://www.shirley.cambs.sch.uk/website/classes_1/81450) Mrs Mitchell

### Reading Books and Wizard of Oz

It was fantastic to see all the children take a reading book home last Thursday. We hope you enjoyed reading this book with your child at home and thank you for your support returning this book to school on Monday. Each week your child will bring a new book home every Thursday; if your child is reading a longer book, they can keep it at home until they have finished reading it, but can only return this book to school on a Monday. Children in Years 3,4 and 5 also really enjoyed watching the Wizard of Oz by visiting theatre group M&M Productions last week – it inspired our writing too! Mrs Choi



### Times Tables Rock Stars

Well done to all the children who took part in Maths Week England on TTRockstars last week! A total of 134 pupils in KS2 were involved, and the whole school earned 88,754 points. Special congratulations to the following children who achieved incredibly well: **Sanjidha Alam – 1<sup>st</sup>**; **Miguel Abecina – 2<sup>nd</sup>**; **Benjamin Thompson – 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The combined speed of the whole school is now 5.43 seconds – and we are currently in 9<sup>th</sup> place in Cambridge – ahead of our goal of 10<sup>th</sup> by Christmas! Keep practising! Mr Jones



### Team Points Update

Children have been receiving Team Points this term, for excellent learning or supreme effort. Everyone has been gaining them for our 4 new teams: **Dragon, Unicorn, Phoenix, Griffin**, and we are keeping a running total. In Monday's first 'Zoom Assembly', we shared the latest scores on the doors:

<b>Dragons</b>	<b>1166</b>
<b>Unicorns</b>	<b>1347</b>
<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>1392</b>
<b>Griffin</b>	<b>1594</b>



Blue ribbons have been tied to our Teams Cup for Griffin, and it was presented to Poppy Dickson and Felix Abecina as Y6 representatives. We will see who has the most points by the end of term...

**New School Motto/Logo competition** – thank you for all of the entries that have come in from out of school, as well as all of the wonderful designs in school. We have extended the **deadline to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**, so you still have time to take part. We will reveal the winners before the end of term.

**Friends of Shirley Update** – please check your emails for an important newsletter from our Friends of Shirley group, who raise vital funds to help our school. Their next event is a planned Christmas goody bag sale!

### And Finally.....Whole School Language = French.

Bonsoir Mesdames et Messieurs.....our whole school language for this half term is French! Children are doing the register and learning a bit of French throughout the school, on top of what they already learn in years 1 to 4. Please have some fun letting them teach you a few words, and maybe you can teach them a bit too. Merci!



Monsieur Cattermole

