



Headteacher's Newsletter Thursday 19th December 2019

Well done our EYFS and KS1 Performers! It has been a real delight to see our younger children perform so wonderfully over the past few days. Both groups of children have sung beautifully, danced brilliantly and acted with great talent – we are very proud of them! Thank you to all of the staff who have worked so hard to bring the performances together, and to all of the parents who have practised words and songs with them at home. We have really enjoyed seeing so many of you come to the performances – we have been collecting for Jimmy's Night Shelter in Cambridge. If you were unable to do so and would like to then please donate here: <http://www.jimmyscambridge.org.uk/donate>



Congratulations to our Cross Country Runners! On Friday, 29th November, children from Shirley took part in the annual Cambridge Schools cross country race. Held at Netherhall each year, with over 900 children from 29 schools taking part, this is one of the biggest sporting events of the annual calendar. We sent a team consisting of 10 boys and girls from each year group. In the muddy conditions, the children did themselves and the school proud with everyone completing the testing 1.5 km course in the best time they could. We had 8 children from our school team finishing among the top 50 in the race for their age group - a really good result given the high number of children attending; and out of the 29 schools participating, **Shirley Primary School was awarded 6th place overall.** A great team effort from all the children!



Year 3: Kevin Mackiel, Freddie Cave, Malin Abbas, Letizia Giorgetta, Isabella Caladine, Jaihui He, Oscar Haynes, Miguel Abecina, Amit Apelbaum; **Year 4:** Natalia Tomkiewicz, Jiayi He, Elena Southall, Milana Golozubovaite, Igor Mayor, Maryam Ahmed, Taygon Yanez, Orrin Claydon, Jack Green; **Year 5:** Chris Jenkins, Mikey Lawrence, Poppy Dickson, Ella-Louise Briggs, Vienna Deadman, Kacey White, Alex Fijalkowski, Lloyd Dean, Tegan Kenny, Rodney Taylor; **Year 6:** Rokšana Andrysiak, Laila Rainford, Ambros O'Connor, Prince Nwokejiobi, Adam Akhmirach Rifi, Reu'el Philimon Uduehi, Emma Thomas, Tayla Joslin, Felix Reiter, Alex Southall.

Mr Fisher

Shirley Football Competition! Shirley held its first inter-house competition of the year in November, focussing on football. We had two excellent afternoons of football out on the field with each of the teams trying really hard to win points for their house and, although competitive, the games were played in a good spirit. The group winners were:

Year 5 and 6 boys: Darwin (on goal difference!) Year 5 and 6 girls: Emmanuel

Year 3 and 4 boys: Darwin Year 3 and 4 girls: Trinity

The overall winner taking into account all points scored across all the games, was Trinity! Well done to all of the children that took part in this year's competition and played out of their skin for their house teams!



Rose Douglas – Christmas Card Winner! Rose's design was chosen from all schools by Daniel Zeichner MP as the winner of the annual Cambridge Christmas Card Competition. Mr Zeichner visited us on Wednesday and there will be photos in local newspapers and on websites soon!

School Council Update: This term, Shirley School Council have been considering new names for our School Houses, including inspirational people, world landmarks and mythical creatures. We have also led class-based discussions on how to update our House System, so that we can earn more points throughout the year. Most recently, we have considered ways to improve our whole-school attendance scores.

Miss Beaman



Wintry Weather: if we have any snow next term, Shirley will always be open. If children come in a change of footwear and warm coats then we will go outside and enjoy the snow! Please check our website for updates.



We would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas break. We will see you back on **Tuesday 7th**

January 2020! счастливого рождества schastlivogo rozhdestva! ('Merry Christmas' in Russian!)

Mr Cattermole