

Shillington Lower Bulletin

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Our value of the month is: Appreciation

FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY 2018

New look Newsletter

Today we launch our new look Shillington Lower School newsletter. From this week we will publish our newsletter every fortnight on a Friday. I hope you like the look and feel of it! We will aim to include photos and news of events in school. As well as all the usual things that newsletters include, we will keep you informed about what is happening in classes by giving you information about what your children have been learning. This will help you to help them at home and support parents who wish to get involved with their children's learning. Please let me know if there are things we can regularly include that will help to keep you informed!

Miss Woodham

Visit from the Birdman

Today the children have met a range of birds of preys in assembly. The children have been fascinated to learn facts and information, have watched the birds fly across the hall and even seen one crash land (in Rec/ KS1 assembly) after hitting the window! Some children were exceptionally brave when the bald eagle caught the window, even the grown ups in the hall said it was a little scary! Fortunately the bird was exceptionally well behaved and trained and nobody, children or bird were hurt. I can hear the excitement and the enthusiasm from the hall now as they ask questions and learn facts. An amazing opportunity for them to experience first hand the power of nature!



The power of thank you

This week we have been thinking about appreciation and the power of the words 'thank you'. The children have been challenged to double the amount of times they say thank you because they realise how to use the value of appreciation. I asked them to thank their grown ups both in school and at home for the things you do for them. I also challenged them to try and learn how to say 'thank you' in a range of different ways including sign language. See if your child can show you how to say thankyou in sign language. Make it a challenge at home... who can use their value of appreciation the most this weekend?

New road Opening

The new housing near the school is now complete and families are busy moving in. Last year the children in year 3 were asked to come up with a name for the new road. They did some research about different people and families from Shillington and finally chose the name Jepps Close after Private Jepps who was killed in the Second World War. Five children represented the school at the grand opening of the road and an article is in the Biggleswade Chronicle this week. We are very proud of the children's involvement and the school received a set of wet play games from Grand Union Housing group to thank us for our work.

Shillington Superstars

Rainbows: MAX

Unicorns: TOMMIE

Dragons: AMELIE

Centaur: SUMMER

Phoenix: ANAE

Pixie News

Pixie's are continuing our theme of 'Under the Sea'. This week the story of the week is 'Commotion in the Ocean'. We have been busy making jelly fish, tin foil fish and sand crabs. We are very excited this week to be starting our 'Song of the Week'. This weeks song is Incy Wincy Spider.

Rainbow News

In Rainbows this week we have been focusing on 'tricky' words in our phonics lessons. We have all enjoyed the start of our new topic 'Under the Sea' designing and making a puppet theatre and underwater window scene. In our maths we have been learning to add numbers together and write them in number sentences. Lots of us have visited Miss Woodham with our excellent work.

Unicorns News

Unicorns have been busy this week learning about how to use different strategies in Mathematics to help us with addition and securing our knowledge of number bonds. We have practiced using tens frames, number lines and part, part whole models. Next week we will be revisiting these strategies to help us with subtraction.

Dragons News

In Dragon Class this week we have been busy writing our own African stories. We thought about our book Fly, Eagle, Fly but changed the animals, some of us wrote about Cheetahs, some about Zebras. In Maths we have been looking at lots of different graphs; we went on safari and counted all the animals before putting our results into a graph. Next week we will look at fractions. In Science we have learnt about the African Fish Eagle, we designed habitats for them.

Centaurs News

This week in Centaurs we have been looking at Roald Dahls Fantastic Mr Fox, spotting punctuated speech and writing our own punctuated dialogue. In maths we have been practising subtracting two digit number using a number line. In our topic we have been investigating atlases to help us label cities on a map of the UK.

Phoenix News

Phoenix class have been learning to identify and describe the features of a legend within Beowulf. We have also researched other legends and mythical creatures using iPads. In Maths we have been solving calculations using a number line and find change from £5 and £10. During Science we are looking at the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.

Parents Evening

We are going to trial a new and much more efficient way of booking parents evening appointments, using parent mail. We are just getting the system up and running and will then send you all the information that you need to log on and book your appointments. We will let you know when the system is ready to be used! This will make things much smoother and simpler and put you in control of booking your appointments.

ECO Council

Shillington are now part of the nationwide campaign to help recycle more batteries, we are taking part in the Big Battery Hunt! Your child will bring home a battery collection box, it can be personalised and is theirs to keep. Once filled please bring it back to school and we will send them off to be recycled. Don't forget to ask family, friends and neighbours to help too! Together we hope to make a real difference to our planet.

Happy Hunting!



Diary Dates;

30th January	Parent open session; English focus—9.15—10am
8th February	Chums coffee morning & non uniform day £1—details to follow
1st February	Year 4 to O2 Young Voices
6th February	Structured conversations – 2-6pm
8th February	Structured conversations – 4-8pm
20th February	SAT's year 2 information evening— 6.00pm
26th – 28th March	Year 4 residential visit to Caythorpe Court

Term Dates;

Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3rd Jan – Thursday 29th March 2018

(Half term 12th – 16th Feb)

Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 17th Apr – Friday 20th Jul

(Half term 28th May – 1st June)

May Day – 7th May 2018 – sch closed

Please note our school is open on the 4th June (some surrounding schools are closed)