

# Shillington Lower Newsletter

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**Our value of the month: Love**

FRIDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2019

## Chums mental health and wellbeing—Shine Bright, wear bright

This has been a very busy week at Shillington. Thank you to everybody who gave a contribution to support Chums. We raised £123.93 which will help Chums to deliver their vital work supporting the emotional and mental health of young people. Everybody looked amazing in their brightly coloured clothes and hair. Take a look at the Chums website which contains lots of information about helping and supporting young people with emotional and mental health worries.

<http://chums.uk.com/parents/>

We had some Governors visited both schools during the morning. They were very impressed with the pupils and their skills and understanding of subjects such as identifying what makes them special and unique, ways of showing kindness, growth mindset statements and what attributes they aspire to improve and how they will do it. Both schools have made boxes of kindness to swap with the parallel class in Stondon. The boxes contain messages of kindness, pictures, jokes, anecdotes and words of kindness. I was particularly struck by the powerful message that the Rainbows were learning about giving a smile to someone and seeing what happens. What a great idea for children to understand!

## Young Voices

On Monday our brave and fearless Year 4s travelled to the O2 to sing in the children's choir along with over 7,000 other young people. They had a fabulous time and did very, very well. The staff said they were a joy to take care of. It was a very late night for them all.

Staff offer these types of opportunities for the children because we know just how valuable they are for the children. They do this because they want to, not because they have to. It is so lovely and very welcome when parents recognise that and thank the adults for giving up their time.

Our Early Years Team are looking to improve their outside area. We would like to gather some more resources and would very much appreciate any help to source these.

We are looking for, large empty cable reels, crates, tyres, gravel/stones/pebbles and logs. If there is anything else you think could be useful, please do let us know. We would very much appreciate any help.

Thank you.

## PE kits reminder

Please remember to provide your child with indoor and outdoor PE kit including black shorts. It is very important for safety reasons that children have the correct kit.

### Shillington Superstars

**Rainbows**

*Loreli*

**Unicorns**

*Chester*

**Dragons**

*Ryan*

**Centaurus**

*Evie*

**Phoenix**

*The whole class!*

## Pixie News

Pixie class finished off their story topic with the book 'Dear Zoo'. The children brought in photos of pets, toys and pet accessories from home to share with their friends during circle time. We also had a visit from a puppy. The children became very fond of her and asked the owner some very good questions. This week we have looked at 'Chinese New Year'. We have painted Chinese numbers and letters, wrote our names in rice using chopsticks and been very creative making dragon masks. The children ended the week with a Chinese feast of noodles and prawn crackers!



## Unicorns News

In our English lessons we have had fun researching nocturnal animals on the laptops to help us create a fact file.

The children have been very creative in DT making robots with static and moving joints, they have even been using the saw.

It was good to see so many bright colours yesterday. The children learnt that a little bit of kindness can make someone smile.



## Gardening

Could years 1,2 and 3 please remember to bring wellies in after half term ready for gardening.

Thank you

## Rainbows News

What a fantastic half term we have had! We celebrated Chinese New Year this week. We made a Chinese dragon which we paraded around school, decorations and practiced writing our names in Chinese too. We really enjoyed CHUMS day and filled our class bucket with lots of kind and thoughtful notes for our friends. We have seen huge progress in reading and writing this half term which we are so proud of! Have a lovely break and we will see you in a weeks time.



## Dragons News

In Dragons this week we have been celebrating Chinese New Year. We watched Newsround and learnt lots of interesting facts, and then used our English skills to write our own newspaper articles about Chinese New Year. We also learnt how to write Dragon in Chinese symbols and then painted these, they looked great! In maths we've been working on our arithmetic skills by completing ten quick fire questions a day using this website:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

Why not have a go at home!



## Phoenix News

This week, some of year 4 represented the school at Young Voices 2019, the world's largest children's choir of over 8000 children, performed at the O2 Arena in London.

We travelled down in the morning and then spent the afternoon rehearsing ready for our big performance. The show began at 7pm and included special guests such as Tony Hadley, who the Young Voices Choir supported. The children, a little stunned at the size and volume of the event at times, had an amazing day and all thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Our performance included songs from The Greatest Showman, Moana and The Jungle Book.

A highlight was getting a shout out from the host, who could see our 'Shillington' banner. The children were also very excited to spot the parents' banner at the other end of the arena.

Thank you to all those who travelled down to support the children. We hope you enjoyed it as much as they did.

## Centaurus News

Well we have reached the end of yet another busy half term! Over the last two weeks we have been writing persuasive texts and have produced some lovely holiday leaflets; enticing us to visit many spectacular places around the globe. We have also been focusing more closely at the UK in Geography learning about the different regions and counties as well as using compass points to describe direction.

In Science we have all enjoyed experimenting with magnets and carrying out fair testing to find out which magnets have the most magnetic pull. After half term we will be looking at different forces and thinking about how things move on different surfaces.

There has not been any homework set for the holiday period. All we ask is that you continue reading at home and if you really feel like doing some inspirational writing try keeping a diary of what you do during the week. Enjoy the break and come back to school rested and raring to go!

## Diary Dates

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### **Term Dates**

#### **2018 - 19**

##### **Autumn Term 2018**

Wednesday 5th September 2018 - Wednesday 19th December 2019

(Half Term 22nd - 26th October 2018)

(Closure Day 29th October 2019)

##### **Spring Term 2019**

Thursday 3rd January 2019 - Friday 5th April 2019

(Half Term 11th - 15th February 2019)

##### **Summer Term 2019**

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 - Friday 19th July 2019

(Half Term 27th - 31st May)

(School Closed Monday 6th May 2019)

