

# Shillington Lower Newsletter

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**Our value of the month : Forgiveness**



FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2019

## Forgiveness is to lose feelings of resentment

### Forgiveness is to show mercy towards others who have offended you by word or deed

**At school** we will approach this value through stories. We will use these stories to discuss the importance of forgiveness and demonstrate the need to forgive in order to move on with our lives. We will acknowledge the difficulty in saying 'sorry' in a genuine and meaningful way but the children will be encouraged to apologise for misdeeds and to accept apologies and forgive others for their misdeeds. This ability to forgive makes a huge difference to our lives especially for the children in terms of happy play-times and harmonious group activities.

#### **Thought for the month:**

*'To err is human; to forgive, divine.'* Alexander Pope

**At home** as a family you should make a concerted effort to apologise for wrong-doings by using that difficult word 'sorry' and meaning it. You should forgive each other and put your problems behind you and get on with your lives.

*To quote a Year 1 pupil "You feel happy when you've forgiven someone."*

## Shillington Superstars

### Rainbows

Lilah

### Unicorns

Benjo

Henry C

### Dragons

Summer

Chester

### Centaurs

Rosemary

Amy

Ethan S

### Phoenix

Logan

## Exciting Writing

### Rainbows

Martha

### Unicorns

Alice

Holly

### Dragons

Heath

### Centaurs

Lily

Jaimee

### Phoenix

Lochlann



## Pixie News

Our story of the week has been 'Owl Babies'. The children have all collage a picture of an owl using paint and feathers and during circle time we had great discussions about the different things we do in the daytime/night time leading to a sorting game. We have made bird feeders this week using fir cones and these are proudly hung in the school playground.

The children have been working hard to learn our nativity songs which we are looking forward to singing to you all in a few weeks

## Unicorns News

We have been doing quite tricky Maths this week with subtraction, but the children have really shown determination and the hard work is beginning to pay off. See if they can practice some over the weekend? In English we have continued our work around Superheroes! The children have been learning about the suffixes -ing and -ed before writing some brilliant sentences using them in their sentences. Everyday this week we have been collecting the weather data for our science, checking the temperature and rainfall levels. The children also particularly liked their dance lesson yesterday where they had to come up with some of their own funky dance moves. See if they can remember some of them at home? :)

## Centaurs News

We have had a great time in Centaurs finishing our Rock unit in science by erupting our volcanoes. The children were given a choice of two ingredients to make a comparative test. They used bicarbonate of soda and vinegar or coke and mentos. The children observed how the two elements reacted with each other. All volcanoes and additional fact files and pictures were amazing, well done Centaurs!!

## Rainbows News

This week we have been reading the book 'Bringing the Rain from Kapiti Plain'. We have been learning about Africa and the animals that live there. We have created a fantastic role play area, with masks, binoculars and maps. We have also started to complete our own leaflets full of information about the animals.

We also baked some yummy raisen rock biscuits this week too.

We have been subtracting this week, with one less. Singing lots of songs such as 5 in the bed and 10 green bottles.

## Dragons News

In English we have been using our book, Rosie Revere Engineer to inspire us to write different types of sentences. Our favourite type of sentence is a command because we get to be bossy! In maths we've started to look at multiplication and division.

In history we looked at an old leather bucket which was found by archaeologists in Pudding Lane. In science we then talked about why we use plastic to make modern day buckets, before testing out different materials to see which would make the best bucket.



## Phoenix News

Over the last week we have been working extremely hard writing logbook entries. Each entry describes a different journey that Gulliver went on, discovering a variety of fictional islands—even one that floats! In Maths we have started to look at converting between metres and kilometres and calculating the perimeter of different shapes. In History we have identified inventions that were created in the past and placed them on a timeline in chronological order. We have enjoyed looking at our 'Inventors Homework Projects' so far and look forward to seeing more!

## Term/Diary Dates

### Term Dates 2019—2020

**These are the dates agreed with our cluster of schools for 2019—2020**

#### Autumn Term 2019

**Wednesday 4th September 2019—Friday 20th December 2019**

#### Spring Term 2020

**Tuesday 7th January 2020 - Friday 3rd April 2020**

**(Inset day: Monday 6th January)**

**(Half term: 17th-21st February)**

***May Day 2020—Please note change for VE Day Anniversary, May Day is now Friday 8th May 2020***

#### Summer Term 2020

**Monday 20th April 2020 - Friday 17th July 2020**

**(Half term: 25th-29th May)**

**Please note there is no Inset day on Monday 20th April 2020 as shown on CBC Website academic calendar**

### Parent diary dates

PTFA Santa shop	27th & 29th November
PTFA Christmas Fayre	6th December 4pm
KS1 Carols in the Church (details to follow)	9th December pm
Rainbows Nativity (details to follow)	10th December 9.30am
	11th December 2.30pm
Christmas crafts with parents	12th December 9.15am
Christmas Jumper Day	13th December
Years R-4 to the Panto	16th December
Whole school Xmas Dinner (details to follow)	18th December
End of term	20th December
Back to School	7th January 2020
Year 4 to Young Voices	5th February 2020
Year 4 Residential Trip	22nd—24th April 2020



We have registered with The Sun Newspaper to take part in their Books for Schools Offer and we need your help.

We need to collect 3,500 tokens from The Sun and The Sun on Sunday. The tokens will be printed between Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

If we reach this target our school will receive over £600 worth of quality books. The box includes 106 FREE hand-picked books for primary school children featuring well-loved children's authors & characters.

Thank you for your support.



### GARDENING CLUB

On Thursday our gardening club pulled out this whopping carrot weighing in at over a kilo! We harvested many more weird and wonderful shapes along with 6kg of potatoes.

They were quite muddy but they did have lots of giggles.

Thank you to Di our wonderful volunteer for organising garlic and onions to plant where the carrots and potatoes came out.

School Council are raising money for Save the Children by asking everyone to take part in Christmas Jumper Day this year.

It's 13th December, children can wear Christmas jumpers and pay a small donation of 50p. School Council are also holding their design a Christmas Jumper competition again, entry forms will be sent home.



### PARKING

We have again had complaints from our neighbours regarding parking near school.

Please be considerate to our neighbours and use the car park.

Thank you.