



Sheen Mount Primary School

Newsletter - 12th March 2021

Welcome back! What a momentous week it has been and such a joy to all spend time together again after such a long time apart. Needless to say, the children have all been amazing and have settled straight back into the rhythm of school and learning and are all working so brilliantly together - I hope that this positivity continues!

Charity Mufti Day

Next Friday 19th March, we will be having a mufti day on behalf of two charities - Comic Relief and 21&Co. Comic Relief will be holding their Red Nose Day and children can choose to wear red or any clothes that they wish. It is also Down's Syndrome Awareness Day on the 21st March so we are supporting a local charity, 21&Co who support families in our area - to support them you could choose to wear odd socks!. We will send out the links for each charity directly, please choose to support one or both charities. We also still need any brightly coloured odd socks that you no longer need for our display!

Year 6 secondary transfer

Children in Year 6 started to receive their secondary school offers this month. We are aware of a number of families who have yet to get an offer. If you have been offered a state school place that you know you will not be taking up, please can you decline this so that offers can be made to children on waiting lists without a place. Thank you.

Chess Tournament

On Saturday 6th March there was a chess tournament which involved many players from different counties and boroughs. The tournament was played on a website called lichess.org. The participants from Sheen Mount playing in the Richmond Juniors team were Aleks, Ava, Max, George, Dean and Luke. The boys' U11s came in 1st place, the girls' U11s came 3rd and the boys' U9s came 2nd.

Local Resident Feedback

It was lovely this week to receive a positive letter from a neighbour who had heard our children singing outside. They were very impressed with the music and composition and the message of joy and hope that it conveyed! What a great start to our return to school.



Headteacher Recruitment

Following my announcement last week, the Governors have been very busy and an advert was released today for the Headteacher role at Sheen Mount. The advert can be found on the [school](#) and [Eteach](#) web-sites so please share widely within your networks if you think you might know a great candidate, we want to spread the net as far as possible.

Richmond Borough Mind

This local organisation are running a series of workshops for parents to help support with managing your child's mental health. Feedback has been excellent from parents who have previously engaged with them. To find out more and to book spaces please follow the link [here](#).

Year 6 Yearbooks

Each summer term, Year 6 pupils can buy a book full of photos and memories from their years at Sheen Mount. Communications about compiling "The Leavers' Book" will be sent by class reps, [via email](#). If you wish for your child to be included in the book it is essential you send an up to date email address to your class reps

6K: sm6kreps@gmail.com

6AD: 6adreprs@gmail.com

6S: 6srepsheenumount@gmail.com

If you were caught in that horrendous downpour this morning, I hope that you have dried out and recovered! Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

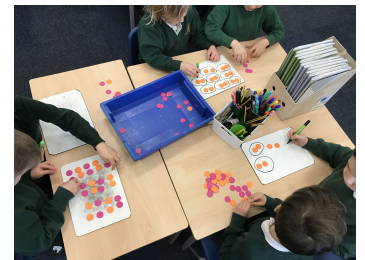
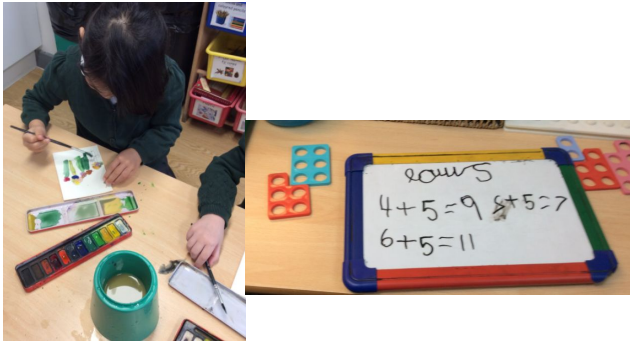
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What's been going on this week?

Year 1

Year 1 have had a wonderful start back this week. They have enjoyed being back with their friends and taking part in lots of well-being and mindfulness activities such as making a jigsaw piece as part of a class puzzle as well as other lovely pieces of artwork.

In maths we have started a new topic, learning about grouping and arrays. We have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and making groups with objects and pictures. The children are becoming counting experts!



Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic week back at school! We have completed lots of group work across all subjects and thoroughly enjoyed being back in each other's company. In science we carried out investigations with light and mirrors, and enjoyed decoding secret messages, and creating mazes for our friends to complete. In music we looked at the contemporary composer Anna Meredith, and tried out some of our own body percussion. We had a lot of fun writing and reading news reports based on Bruce Bogtrotter and the unfortunate incident with the chocolate cake!



Reception

We have had a great week back together and the children have loved seeing all of their friends and their classrooms again. They have settled back into routines and are doing a great job of remembering what happens in school. They have enjoyed making Mother's Day cards and learning about Space. It has been brilliant seeing everyone.



Year 2

Year 2 have had a great first week back at school! We have been thinking about how we can fill each others buckets with kindness and also created some artwork as part of our theme of 'Better Together'. We have enjoyed continuing our topic of Mary Poppins and created our own 'spoonful of sugar' medicine! In science we continued with our topic of plants and made our own predictions for which conditions plants will grow best in. We also planted our own bean which we are looking forward to seeing grow.

What's been going on this week?



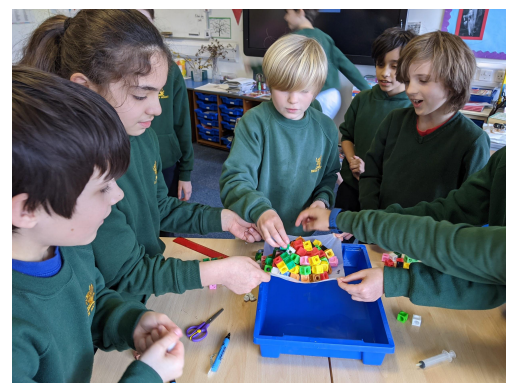
Year 5

It has been lovely this week to welcome Year 5 back to school. They have been happily engaging with one another again and they have been busy! The children have dramatised scenes from Macbeth, designed their puppet character from Macbeth and started to practise their sewing skills. In music, they brought the African rhythms that they learnt at home to life, by playing them on the djembe drums. Who would have believed that spring is on its way when they started learning their songs for spring on Wednesday under the cover of the outside classroom! In science, they investigated the absorbency and strength of paper towels and interpreted their results against the price of each brand. The children plotted their results on a scatter graph. What a wonderful week!



Year 4

We have had a wonderful week back together in class and on the playground where it has been rewarding to see so many smiling faces. Whilst pretending to be secret agents all week with a Mission Possible theme, the children have done some fabulous designing of gadgets worthy of Q's workshop, created some super villains and have written amazing spy stories. In addition to all the work, we have discussed the image of being on our Resilience Boat through these uncertain times. We have thought of ways we can look after our own mental health and the ways we can support each other.



Year 6

It has been fantastic to see so many children being happily reunited with their friends on their return to school. Their attitude to learning in the classroom has been very impressive and they deserve a lot of credit for adapting so quickly to life back at school. We have had quite a musical week and it was lovely to receive a kind message from one of the school's neighbours complimenting the Year 6 children on their beautiful singing which could be heard from the outdoor classroom on Tuesday. We have also been learning about salsa rhythm and music and the use of ostinato in our music lessons.