



# Sheen Mount Primary School

## Newsletter - 5th March 2021

Hopefully you have all now had the chance to read and digest the letter from Justine Hebert with regards to my departure at the end of the academic year.

Sheen Mount is an incredible school and it has been an absolute privilege to work with you all as we have built and developed the school over the last 16 years. I really feel that it is time for me to pursue new challenges - the time would never be quite right to leave Sheen Mount so I just have to bite the bullet and grasp my next opportunity.

This has been a very tough decision for me as I am so invested and committed to the success of Sheen Mount. We have built up such an incredible team, curriculum, resources and infrastructure at the school and I have confidence in the governing body to find the best possible successor for my role.

The school I have chosen and that has chosen me is not too far away, so I will still be part of the Richmond and Kingston community of schools. King's Oak has fabulous potential and I am very excited that they have given me the opportunity to lead them towards their goals and vision.

We still have over a term left together and as the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, hopefully we can find a suitable way to celebrate the future together.

I am moving to a school with a bottle green uniform so I will have a daily reminder about the joy of Sheen Mount and you will all forever be in my heart.



### Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank you to the families who have already booked for your Spring Term parent consultation. If you have not yet done so, please use your Arbor account to select an available slot. The meetings will take place on Google Meet and will be held after school on the 23rd, 25th and 29th March.

### Return Next Week

We are all very much looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday for the return to school. Please can you make sure that you have read the updated information sent out earlier this week with revised timings and procedures. If everyone is prepared and in the right place at the right time it will help things to run smoothly and support us to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Please remember that all adults who are part of a family bubble with a child attending school can now access twice weekly testing through test sites or through home testing kits. All the information about this can be found by clicking [here](#).

### World Book Day

Thank you to everyone at home and school for getting involved in our World Book Day celebrations. I saw some brilliant costumes online and in school - although my Mr Tumnus was a little too subtle for some of our children, many thought I was Sean the Sheep!



Some positive news to end our Newsletter today, congratulations to Miss Mortimer and her partner on the birth of her son, Ignatius (Iggy) Samuel Duke-Mortimer. He looks very chilled and everyone is doing well.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

*Handwritten signatures: H. Hughes and M. Allen*

# What's been going on this week?



## Reception

In Reception we have started our Space Topic this week. On Monday we looked at Rockets and how they get you into Space, we have been sent in some fantastic pictures of Rockets made by the children. We also looked at constellations and had a go at making our own with different materials. World book day was brilliant and everyone had fun dressing up as their favourite characters from different books. We can't wait to have you all back in school on Monday.



## Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have continued reading and writing poetry, focusing on alliteration. The children wrote some amazing alliterative sentences for example, *Grover gobbled grapes gathered near the grey geese.* We ended the week celebrating World Book Day. The children and teachers had a great time dressing up in school, and at home, as their favourite book characters. They drew some beautiful book covers to match their favourite books. Thank you all for all your brilliant and hard work online. We are really looking forward to seeing all of Year 1 back in the classroom next week.



## Year 3

This term, Year 3 have started their topic of 'light' in science. This week the children impressed us with their understanding of shadows. We all had a blast on World Book Day and enjoyed discussing some of our favourite characters from books. The children had fun choosing poems to rehearse and perform, using expression and intonation in their voices, and actions to tell a story. In English the children wrote very convincing recounts in role as a rather disgruntled parrot, from Roald Dahl's Matilda. Well done for all of your hard work online this term Year 3! We cannot wait to welcome you back on Monday.



## Year 2

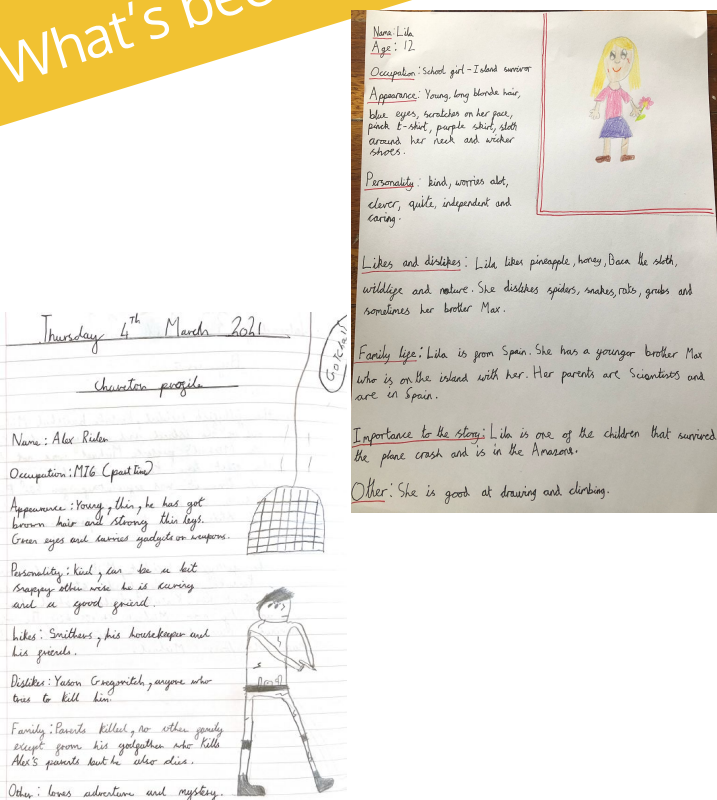
This week Year 2 have been continuing to look at the book Mary Poppins. We have been using adjectives and prepositions to describe the setting, Cherry Tree Lane, where the characters live.. We also loved dressing up for our World Book Day Google Meets. Once again thank you so much for all of your hard work online, we have been so impressed looking through your work and we are very excited to be back in the classroom with you all next week.



# What's been going on this week?

## Year 5

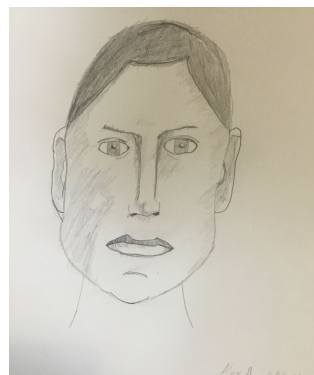
Year 5 have continued to show their dedication towards home learning in this final week and the teachers are very impressed. For English, the children have been writing a newspaper report about Banquo's murder, as well as focusing on the Year 5 and 6 spelling words. In maths, they have been continuing their work with fractions and have successfully added mixed numbers. Art lessons have focused on sketching faces in more detail and the music lessons have had us creating djembe drum compositions. The children have also examined the impact of global trade on their kitchens and have mapped out where their food has come from. Here you can see a selection of our art and geography!



Amelie



Hila



Alexander

## Year 4

Some of us have shed a tear this week as we have come to the end of Kensuke's Kingdom. The children have shown a huge maturity in understanding some of the themes in the book and we have seen this reflected in their writing. It is timely that we have finished spending time with Michael and Kensuke on the island just as we are finishing our time home-schooling. Next week back in the classroom, we will be focusing on something completely different; being secret agents.

We loved seeing the children in their costumes for World Book Day. Above, you can see some character profiles from Molly and Oliver's favourite books.

Dear Year 6

I cannot tell you how excited I am to be returning to school next Monday. I will enjoy being reunited with my school friends, finding out how they are, chatting, playing and learning together again. Most of all not being on a screen for six hours a day. My friends and I have been at home for eight weeks where we have submitted work every day. It has been very stressful, especially last week when I had no Internet-I felt like I was maybe getting behind.

I have enjoyed wearing my own clothes instead of school uniform, walking in the park everyday and more time with my family and my dog. I have not enjoyed being on a screen for so much time and I have really missed my friends and having fun with them.

I have learnt that some subjects, including maths, I thought I would hate but I've actually enjoyed learning algebra and decimals. At the start I thought it was going to be really difficult, but realised how easy it is and although it's a bit early to say, I think I would like a job in economics.

I've enjoyed family mealtimes when we all get together, having food (very important) and chatting about what we will watch on TV together or what game we will play together.

I am excited to actually be writing instead of being on a screen going into Google documents and Google slides. It will be good to be away from the screen and little bit more.

Max

## Year 6

The Year 6 teachers have been really impressed with the thought and effort that the children have put into one of their final writing activities before we are all reunited at school on Monday. The children wrote a letter to their teachers in which they reflected on what they had enjoyed about the last eight weeks of learning at home and what they had found challenging. They also thought about what they might have learnt about themselves and the world around them. Finally the children explained to the teachers what they were most looking forward to on their return to Sheen Mount and, not surprisingly, the opportunity to be back together with their friends featured in many of the letters. See you all on Monday!