

Shiremoor Primary School Newsletter

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Easter Egg Competition

All entries this year were eggcellent!! It was eggstremely hard to select 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize.



Dear Parents

This has been a really quick half term. Things always seem to speed up at this time of year. The snow was difficult but thank you to those of you who were very supportive about arrangements and acknowledgement of our efforts to remain open when many other schools closed.

I also wanted to notify you that Backworth Park did have an Ofsted visit this term and, whilst I cannot yet discuss the outcome, I believe it was a fair and accurate outcome of Backworth Park Primary School's current position. Inspectors did acknowledge the input from Shiremoor and also noted that there has been a huge amount of progress in the school's journey since I became Executive Head in September, and recognised that it is important that all children have the best possible learning opportunities. I will be remaining as Executive Head across both schools and now have a Head of School at Backworth too which will be a great support in moving forward. I want to personally thank all staff from Shiremoor, who over the two days of inspection, gave up their own nights to come down to Backworth to support me. We have a great team and our own recent School Development Partner Visit, carried out by a trained Ofsted Inspector, graded Shiremoor as remaining outstanding and this is due to the solid team we have and all of their hard work.

As a result of the Ofsted, I unfortunately missed some of our Learning Assemblies but have since had a few special performances just for me! I particularly enjoyed the puppet dance to 'Eye of the Tiger'. Children and staff worked hard on Assemblies and I am sure that you enjoyed seeing them and hearing about learning.

At Shiremoor, things are busy as ever and staff have been very focused on our new curriculum policies which are providing more depth to learn rather than just breadth. Our training has largely been focused around this.

Those of you with children in Year 6 may be aware that, alongside Accelerated Reader, we have also been trialling a new electronic system that tackles fluency. It has been very successful and, as it tackles different reading skills to Accelerated Reader, we may look to targeting some children with this system in the Autumn Term. Accelerated Reader continues to be really motivational for children and is having a strong impact.

Mr. McConville has been doing some work around continuing to improve the focus for times table learning and we have purchased a new system that KS2 children will be able to use at home.

I have really enjoyed our 'Chair Challenge' where all classes had to decorate a wooden chair to represent their favourite book. The chairs will then be displayed in the corridor with our Accelerated Reader display. I hope that you will enjoy seeing them at our summer Open Evening!

More and more children are wearing their Achievement Sashes and are adding gradually to their collection of awards.

I have been researching outdoor areas for Reception classes and we will be having our new outdoor area installed before the Autumn Term. This will take a bit of resourcing but will provide great outdoor learning opportunities for Reception children moving forward.

I have been really proud of Shiremoor Voice and their organisation of Art with a Heart which has raised, in the final count, almost £1000 for Shelter, their chosen charity. Thank you to those who contributed.



Science Week

Thank you to Mrs. Crawford for organising a very successful Science Week and thank you to all of the parents and carers who joined in. So many of you attended these sessions that the queues were literally out of the carpark.

VISITORS

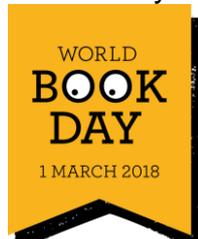
Mrs Vasey - Violin & Singing
 Mr. Andre visited re: Multiculturalism
 Newcastle Eagles - Year 5
 Merck - Years 4, 5 & 6
 Street Scientists - Year 5 & 6
 GSHS - Year 2
 Mr. Brown - Year 1 Scratch Computing Workshop
 Tynemet College - Year 3 & 4 Multi-skills
 Year 1 - Laing Art Gallery - Art Workshop

VISITS OUT OF SCHOOL

Year 5 - Basketball Tournament
 Year 3 & 4 - Hockey Festival
 STEM Project - Year 4 Girls - Gateshead
 Year 5 - Spring Sing - Whitley Bay Playhouse
 Year 5 - Theatre Royal - Jungle Book
 Early Years - Whitehouse Farm
 TOPS Sportability Festival - Year 5 & 6
 Year 5 - TAG Rugby, Sunderland
 Year 5 - Cragside National Trust

WORLD BOOK DAY

We had some amazing costumes for World Book Day despite the snowy weather.



SATS – We hosted a SATs meeting for Year 6 parents. SATs will take place week commencing 14th May. I know the children have been working really hard and have been attending SATs club twice a week.

Parent/Teacher Interviews were a great opportunity to discuss your child and their learning with their class teacher in more depth.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Flu immunisations will take place in the Autumn term. For more information please visit:
<https://www.northumbria.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-services/immunisations/>

Easter Disco - Great fun was had by Years 4, 5 & 6.

The Dance Festival was held at The Parks, all participants did us proud.

So many of you attended the Learning Assemblies/Book Looks - We are so lucky to have such supportive parents at Shiremoor Primary School.



Have a lovely break - Mrs. Middleton