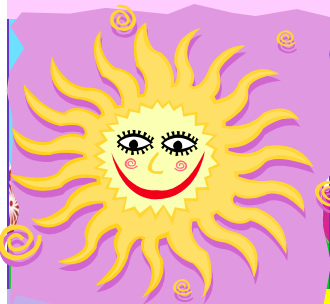


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THE SHRUBBY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

## End of Term Newsletter

### Merit Assembly

On the last day of term children from each class in the school were selected to receive merit certificates and badges. These were awarded for their hard work in a particular area of our curriculum or for social achievements.

Nursery	Lily G Amalia James	Y4W/H	Isabella Nicola
Reception A	Abdullah	Y5T	Millie Abhinav
Reception AC	Yahya	Y5S/A	Alfie D Isabelle
Reception L	Aizah	Y6B	Freya W Moosa
Y1W	Orlah Rose Ellora	Y6L	Thomas W Samra
Y1E	Omar Olivia	Mr Gingell	Vikran, Savan Joshua H, Jayden B, Cody
Y1J/B	Joseph Savan	Mrs Hodgetts	Daanish, Olivia B Y1 Hussain Y3, Ellie Y6L,
Y2R	Bethel Samarth	Mr Griffin	Stella Y3F, Ruby Y5S/A
Y2J/D	Freya David Aryan	Piano	Jenson, Avneet, Jaya Uzair M, Ahmed S, Alexander L, Mwansa, Struti
Y3R	Cole Anna	Courtesy Badge	Isabel P.E. Oliver Q, Rohan C, Anjali
Y3F	Freya Joshua		
Y4H	Tayesha Ayan		

**Well done**

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## Around School

### Nursery

This half term, the nursery children chose to explore the topic of Pirates. The children enjoyed exploring numbers for counting in our pirate ship.



In Reception this term we have been learning about 'Pets' through our topic 'Can I Have A Dog Yet?'. The children met Mrs Allsop's dog Lulu and learnt how to care for her. In class they have created their own Dear Zoo 'Lift-the-Flap' book, learnt about different animal habitats and invented their own mixed up animals based on the Eric Carle book 'Mixed Up Chameleon'.

Year 1 have had a very busy half term learning all about animals in their 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' topic'. We have used iPads to learn about different types of big cats and have produced our own class information book about tigers. We have learnt about what different animals like to eat and have worked very hard to learn to draw a variety of animals correctly. We enjoyed listening to 'Carnival of the Animals' and 'Peter and the Wolf' in our Music lessons.

Year 2 have been using the expanded column method to add two numbers together, looked at different ways of combining amounts of money and explored mass using scales in grams and kilograms. In Literacy we have adapted 'The Sound Collector' poem written by Roger McGough using sounds we hear during the season of spring.



Year 3 have enjoyed going back in time this half term by learning about life in Stone Age times. They have learnt how to hunt and trap a mammoth and used natural resources from the school grounds to make weapons and tools for doing so! The visit from a "real life" caveman also added to the experience as they were able to handle ancient artefacts including a tooth from a sabre tooth tiger and a genuine hand axe.

Year 4 started the half-term by a trip to the Museum to see the Staffordshire Hoard and to the Symphony Hall to watch a Primary Prom.

We started our topic of 'Teeth and Digestion'. The children have learnt about the names, function and care of our teeth, and also teeth in animals. They have enjoyed using reference books to find out about the different parts of digestion. This culminated in a visit from Tanisha's dad who came to talk about digestion. We especially enjoyed his practical experiments.

In Geography, the children are looking forward to a walk round Walmley, and our RE includes the study of Judaism and we are lucky to be able to visit Singers Hill Synagogue. Next term's topic is Blue Abyss and will involve the study and classification of sea animals and food chains. We will also learn about electrical circuits in Science.

Year 5 have been creating ancient Egyptian board games as part of our topic on 'Ancient Egypt'. The children had to decide on the rules of the game and how to make it fun and engaging.

Year 6 have been working extremely hard on their WW2 topic this half term. They have had Mr and Mrs Horton to visit and speak all about their experiences in the war as children. We have read some fabulous novels based on WW2 and completed lots of artwork. The children have also learnt what it was like to live during WW2 and have experienced food, rations, gas masks and the songs of the times. On the last day of term we celebrated in 1945 style with a VE day party.

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### Happy Birthday Shrubbery!

The Shrubbery is 89 years old this year! We held a Founder's Day Assembly on April 10<sup>th</sup>, where the children heard the story of the school's establishment by Miss Janice Rankin and how it had changed over the years and viewed some of our old photographs. The children were amused by the country dancing lessons, the idea of school milk for everyone and the fact that horse riding lessons used to be held on the premises with our own Mrs Kenyon!

We sang our school song and then enjoyed choc ices to celebrate. We are looking forward to planning a bigger celebration for our 90<sup>th</sup> birthday next year.



### Links with our community

Our School Choir, featuring children from Year 2 to Year 6, once again visited elder residents at Hargreaves Court, in the last week of term, to entertain them with song. The residents really enjoyed the visit and chatting to the children afterwards. This is becoming a regular event and benefits young and old alike. Thank you to Mrs Hawkes for her work with the choir and to Mrs Adams for establishing this link.



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### **Y5 Visit to St John's Church**

Year 5 visited St John's Church on Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> to take part in their 'Easter Experience'. This was an interactive walk through the Easter story helping children to see what Christians believe about Easter. This visit enriched their RE topic greatly. It was an interesting experience for all and we have thanked St John's and their volunteers for letting us take part.

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### **Uniform**

Some children are still not wearing the correct school uniform and we do wish to retain our standard of dress. The uniform is set out on our school website.

Infant girls wear a school shirt with a tie.

Infant children should be wearing a school cap for boys and a hat for girls.

After the Easter holiday we do not expect children to be wearing the pull on winter hats.

School shoes should not be trainers or slip on 'ballet pump' style.

Please do not send children with open toed sandals.

Tights for girls should be navy or royal blue and socks should be white for girls.

No earrings of any type can be worn in school.

All items should be clearly named. Thank you to all parents who help retain our tradition.

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## **Shrubbery School pupil achieves high scores in National Mathematics Challenge!**

Rayaan from Year 6 has been presented with a Silver Award by The Mathematical Association in this year's Primary Mathematics Challenge (PMC). The prestigious honour demonstrates his achievement as one of the best young mathematicians in the UK.

The first stage of the challenge took place in November 2018 when he competed alongside 67,000 children across the country. Successfully answering a variety of multiple choice mathematics problems, Rayaan, aged 10, joined the highest scorers who were invited to take part in the PMC Bonus Round in February 2019.

Rayaan rose to the challenge and was one of 1496 pupils to win an award in the Bonus Round.

Mrs Atkins, said: "We are all extremely proud that Rayaan has won a Silver Award It is such an achievement to receive recognition for mathematical ability on a national scale. All of the Year 5 and Year 6 children at the school enjoyed taking part in the Challenge and most importantly, it shows them that maths can be fun."

Lesley Jones from The Mathematical Association added: "We would like to offer our congratulations to Rayaan and all of the pupils that participated. We received a large number of entries which reflects a real appetite for solving maths problems and puzzles. We always try to make the questions interesting and accessible, while giving pupils an opportunity to apply fundamental maths skills. It is great to be able to acknowledge brilliant young minds in the UK and nurture the future mathematicians."



**Well done**

Try out the following questions, which are typical of the challenges set on the PMC paper!

17. Beattie is making beetroot brownies in two baking tins. One tin is rectangular and measures 15 cm by 24 cm. The other is a 20 cm by 20 cm square. The mixture in the rectangular tin is 2 cm deep. Each tin has the same amount of brownie mixture.



How deep is the mixture in the square tin?

- A 1.5 cm      B 1.8 cm      C 2.1 cm      D 2.2 cm      E 4.0 cm

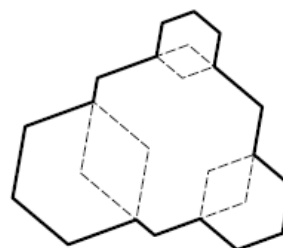
11. Agnijo has half as many apps as Sam who has a third as many apps as Naomi. Altogether, they have 180 apps.



How many apps does Sam have?

- A 20      B 30      C 40      D 60      E 90

23. The diagram shows four regular hexagons. The perimeter of the largest hexagon is 60 cm. The total perimeter of the three smaller hexagons is 96 cm.



What is the length of the perimeter of the combined shape (drawn with a thicker line)?

- A 90 cm      B 92 cm      C 96 cm      D 108 cm      E 120 cm

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## Sports News

### Netball Team - SCPSNA League Games

Our netball team started their netball campaign off this half term with games against Mere Green and St Nicholas. They won against a very strong Mere Green team but were eventually beaten by an incredibly talented St Nicholas team. Our next matches on the last day of term are against St Joseph's and Deanery.



### Football Team - SCPSFA League Games

We will finish our 2018-2019 league season this half term. We are scheduled to play current league leaders Little Aston and Minworth before the end of the season.

**Well done**

### Change 4 Life Festival

The Change For Life Festival is always a terrific event. The event is filled with several different physical activities, the children are observed not only on their physical skills but also their ability to demonstrate school games sporting values. It was an event enjoyed by all.

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#### Junior Swimming

There is a change to Junior Swimming next half term.

Y6 will be swimming again for the first 4 Mondays  
(13th May, 20th May, 10th June and 17th June)

Y3 will be swimming at the end of the school year.

Y5 will be swimming on Fridays starting  
Friday 3rd May

#### Infant Swimming

Y2 will start Monday 13th May

Y1 will start on Thursday 2nd May/Friday 3rd May

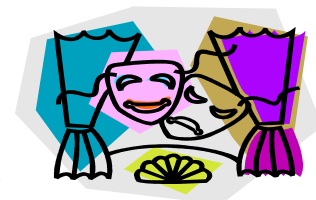
Please help your child by ensuring school kit is worn including swim hats  
and all items including towels are named.

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## Speech & Drama

A very busy term culminated in LAMDA exams for all students. A huge well done to everyone, especially Year 1 and those for whom it was a new experience. I am so proud of you all!

Excellent results were achieved in Key Stage 1. The examiner awarded 26 Distinctions and 17 Merits. Special mention to Omar, Yunzhe, Maliha and Atharv (Y1) and Naomi, Rosie, Irha and Freya (Y2) who were awarded over 90 marks....quite an achievement!



We are still awaiting Key stage 2 results which will be out after Easter.

Next term we will be working towards the end of year showcases when you get a chance to see some of the work the children have been doing. The provisional dates are July 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>. Letters will be sent out via email as soon as details are finalised.

Finally end of year merit certificates were awarded in assembly to the following students for their progress, commitment and enthusiasm this term.

### **Year 1**

Savan  
Eesha  
Yunzhe  
Nicholas

### **Year 2**

Freya  
Annika  
Irha  
Alfie  
Sumayah

### **Year 3**

Deniz  
Zara  
Beau  
Ibrahim

### **Year 4**

Ikash  
Keira  
Cassie  
Rio  
Sienna

### **Year 5**

Uzair  
Isabelle  
Harley  
Millie  
Lily

### **Year 6**

Nathan  
Sanchita  
Ambika  
Sophie

Well done!

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

Jane Pryer-Smith

**Well done**

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### **Breakfast Club**

Did you know that we serve a basic breakfast at our Early Morning Supervision session?  
Children attending Early Supervision and arriving before 8.20am are able to purchase cereal and/or toast.

Cereal with milk            50p  
Toast and butter            50p  
No need to book - pay on the day.



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### **Y4 Health Snack Sale**

Well done to Year 4 for raising just under £100 for Birmingham Children's Hospital with their Healthy Food Sale.



Also congratulations to Annabelle in Y6 for arranging a Bake Sale and raising over £70 for Alzheimer's Research.

**Well done**

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### Piano Report

A very big thank you to :-

Avneet, Nuha, Emily S, Aryan S, Hermione, Ibrahim A, Yashvi, Isabella L, Jenson and Alfie D.

They all performed in my charity music and cake afternoon on 23rd March. We had a wonderful time, enjoying music making and delicious cake and raised the fantastic total of £1050.

The lovely raffle prizes and donated cakes were all very much appreciated.

The money raised will be divided between the following excellent charities:-

The Precious Trust (Marcia Shakespeare's anti gun and knife crime initiative)

Birmingham Young Carers

MIND

The Food Bank

Practical Action (to encourage creative, start up businesses in the world's poorest countries)

Mozambique Disaster Fund

British Heart Foundation

Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Hall



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Enjoy the end of term holiday.  
School re-opens on Tuesday 30th April 2019

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## Dates for your Diary

Tues April 30th	Children back to school
Wed May 1st	Open Morning – new parents
Thurs May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Netball Team v Moor Hall
Mon May 6th	School closed one day –Bank Holiday
Tues May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Governors Meeting 6pm
Wed May 8th	Golf Y3 9-10am (poss Y4)
Wed May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Tennis Tournament 3.10pm leave.
Thurs May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year3/4 Rugby Megafest leave 3.10pm
Mon May 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATS and Progress tests in school
Tues May 14 <sup>th</sup> - Friday May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair 3.20-4.20 each afternoon
Tues May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Football Tournament
Wed May 15th	Y3/4? Golf 9-10am
Wed May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Tennis Tournament 3.10pm
Thurs May 16th	Netball Tournament (B) Team possible.
Friday May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jones's Wood pm Year 6
Friday May 17th	Y6 Football Tournament 3.10pm leave
Sat May 18th	Shrubbery Swimming Gala 6-8pm
Mon May 20th	Image Theatre am in school
Mon May 20th	Level 2 (Year 6) Bikeability
Tuesday May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Nursery and Reception Trip
Wednesday May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 - Loudmouth Theatre in Hall am
Wed May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Golf Y3/4? 9-10am
Wed May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5/6 Mixed Rounders leave 3.10pm
Thurs May 23rd	Netball Cup?
Fri May 24th	Break up Merit Assembly and Elmer Day
Half-term	
Mon June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school
Tues June 11th	Golf Tournament Y3-Y6 (20 children) Walmley
Wed June 12th	Y6 Cricket Tournament in Dorridge all day with Y6 staff and Mr Griffin

Dates for your Diary continued .....

Thurs June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Netball Awards at Town Hall
Tues June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Cricket Tournament Y5 and Y5 staff with Mr Griffin
Wed June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Area Sports Team Y3-6
Wed June 19 <sup>th</sup>	KES Maths Challenge
Mon June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Back up Day Area Sports
Wed June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Cricket pm
Mon July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Parents' Evening
Tuesday July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents' Evening
Tues July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Infant Sports' Day am
Wed July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jun Sports Day pm
Tues July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Infant Meet the Teacher
Wed July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Meet the Teacher
Fri July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Possible Qualifying Games at KES
Mon July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Production for school
Tues July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Production for grandparents
Wed July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Production 7pm Parents
Thurs July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Break up
Aug 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Tuition am
Tues Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Staff Meeting
Wed Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	Children Back to school

Please note - The dates are correct at the time of publication and are subject to change.  
We will inform you of any date changes.