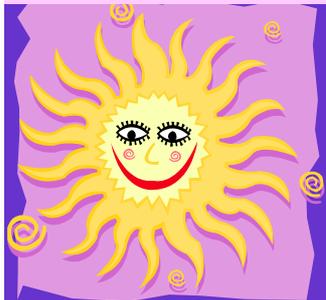


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May - Half-Term Newsletter

Merit Assembly - Friday 24th May 2019

Our half term Merit Assembly was held on Friday May 24th, which was also Elmer Day so everyone looked very bright and cheerful for the last day of the half term.

Merits are awarded for hard work, attitude and social behaviour in school and courtesy badges are given to children who have outstanding manners.

This half term the following children received that extra praise:

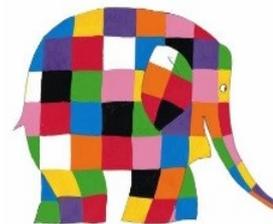
Nursery E	Aryan S, Daisy	Y5S/A	Ameerah Joshua
Nursery A	Nuhaa N Ankita S	Y5T	Edgar Millie
Rec AC	Manav	Y6B	Lauren Raahil
Rec L	Lara	Y6L	Holly Rayaan
Y1W	Alexandra Michael D	Mrs Hodgetts	Zico Rhys
Y1E	Annaleese	I.T	Rohan N, Irha, Nicole, Georgina
Y1J/P	Elaiya-Rae Ila	Courtesy Badge	Chloe G (Y4H)
Y2J/D	Irha Bryoni		
Y2R	Taliya Anjali		
Y3F	Lana Beau D		
Y3R	Sarah Oliver		
Y4H	Hassan Keira		
Y4W/H	Tanisha Indira		

Well Done!

A short but busy half term has seen the following events unfold:-

Friday May 24th Elmer Day!

This is our third year of holding an Elmer Day. It is a day marked in libraries to celebrate the books of David Mckinney who writes about a patchwork elephant who lives with his ordinary elephant herd. Davis McKinney's books show how we can be different and unique but still be happily part of a bigger group. Although his picture books are written for a younger audience, the meaning behind each story is relevant for every age group in school. We had lots of Elmer themed activities and wore our own brightly coloured clothes. Assembly on the Friday was around the story of Elmer and the Butterfly to show that however little or young we are, we can still play an important part in life around us.



Junior Talent Competition Heats : Friday May 24th

Mrs Lees reinstated 'Shrubbery's Got Talent' this year with the initial House heats being held on Friday May 24th. The children will be holding a secret vote on Friday and acts will be voted through to the final. Updates to follow after half-term.

Image Theatre in school

On Monday May 20th Reception through to Year 6 were treated to an interactive production of 'The Selfish Giant'. This lively performance involved the audience in singing and generally making lots of noise. Some children were selected by the actors to join them on the stage, with the rest of the school acting as a chorus. Photos can be seen on our website.

Oscar Wilde's short story was magically brought to life by Image Musical Theatre. It is a beautiful and moving tale of a giant's selfish ways culminating in a moment of realisation and his redemption. The show is a wonderful tool to remind children and adults alike of the importance of kindness and generosity.



Open Morning

The Shrubbery held an open morning on Wednesday May 1st with prospective parents visiting the school. We had a number of admissions following this event and present parents are reminded that if they wish to register siblings for our Nursery or Reception classes, they should do so as soon as possible.

Around School

Nursery - We have explored and created with vegetables before learning about how they grow.

Year 1 enjoyed a visit to Jones' Wood where we identified different trees and made some clay boggart faces. We even met three teachers who used to work at The Shrubbery School! We have made some amazing woodland crowns (a big thank you to Ila and Edward's mum's for the weeping willow branches).

Year 2 have been working hard to find fractions of an amount or set of objects. We've used our prior knowledge of fractions to apply it to a real-life context using money and mass. We've also continued to practise our multiplication and division facts and are looking for links to find corresponding facts.

In Literacy, we have been using our imagination to imagine where a tunnel might take us. After crawling through a tunnel we had to draw what we might see and where the new place might be. We then wrote our own ending to the book 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne.

Year 3 have had a super half term learning about 'Predators.' They have enjoyed seeing amazing birds of prey at the Falconry Centre today - a fantastic end to their topic!

Year 4's topic is Blue Abyss and the children have enjoyed learning about the different groups of animals that live in or near the sea. They have explored the layers of the ocean and the animals that live in each zone. They have revised food chains, done individual research on a sea creature. The highlight was our visit to the Sea Life Centre. Following on from this, they are now researching threats to the environment such as plastic pollution, overfishing or tourism.

Year 6 - We are very proud of all of our Year 6 children. They have shown resilience and great attitude towards the KS2 SATs papers and have (as always) done their best.

We have had a wonderful few weeks learning about the circulatory system, with lots of practical investigations, activities and artwork completed.

We will now be looking towards preparing a fabulous end of year production to blow everyone away!

SATs and Testing in school

Our Year 6 children have completed SATs in Reading Comprehension, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and in Mathematics. These are all externally marked and the results will be back in the week beginning July 8th.

The rest of the school from Y1 to Y5 had annual GL Assessment Tests. These are used by staff to track progress and to compare with classwork. Again, these are externally marked and results will be discussed at parents' evenings.

Reading Tests will take place in school to monitor reading progress.

ISA Competition Easter Eggs

Following our 'Book in the Box' competition for Book Week, some Junior children then entered the ISA Easter Egg Competition and we had three children receiving certificates (and chocolate!) for being shortlisted.

Congratulations to:

Emily Y3
Keira Y4
Charlotte Y6



Well Done!

Explore Learning Writing Competition.

Children from Reception to Year 6 entered the Explore Learning writing competition where they were asked to think about how they would change the world. We decided on the following 'in house' winners, as part of our marking of Founders Day. Each child received a certificate and a small prize.

Reception	Aanav
Year 1 :	Anika
Year 2:	Samarth
Year 3:	Freya
Year 4:	Gabriella
Year 5:	Isobel
Year 6:	Nina



Congratulations!

Explore Learning have also contacted families to tell them their children have had stories chosen to enter the next round of the competition. Please contact us to let us know if your child's story is going forward.

The Shrubbery School Choir

Under the direction of Mrs Hawkes, children from Year 2 up to Year 5 have continued to meet for practice. We have continued our community links over the year performing for local senior citizens. Next half-term they hope to perform at a concert where the proceeds will go to the 'Buddy Bag Foundation' a charity that provides a bag with essential items for children who are removed suddenly from home, either into care or emergency housing as a result of homelessness or violence. Details will follow shortly.

Parents' Association

Please look at the updated Parents' Association noticeboard for future events. They hope to hold another Summer Fete in September and have ideas for open air movie nights and a Parents' Quiz. The school would like to thank them and all our parents very much for the generous provision of mobile staging that we can use for events, drama and in assemblies. It is a great addition to the school.

We would also like to thank parents for paying for our Bikeability sessions and the generous offer of static all weather table tennis tables to add to play time provision.



Thank you!

The Shrubbery School Swimming Gala



Thank you so much to all children who attended the Junior and Year 2 (school swimmers) Shrubbery School Swimming Gala on Saturday May 18th at Tamworth Snowdome.

We had far fewer children than usually attend but nevertheless the event was great fun and all our children gave their very best. Every child who attended received two house points and also gained a point for their House team. The House scores were as follows:

Avon 96 Blythe 81 Cole 84

Every year a shield is presented to the Year 6 boy (s) and girl (s) who are the highest scores on the night. After some initial confusion the shields were presented in School Assembly to:

Thomas - Y6 Boy Champion Freya W and Charlotte D - Y6 Girl Champions

The swimming staff also recognise the dedication of Year 6 children in lessons throughout their time with us and to school swimming. Freya and Nina were awarded achievement shields. Well done!



Well Done!

Speech and Drama

Huge congratulations to Key stage 2 on their fantastic LAMDA exam results. 39 Distinctions and 6 Merits were awarded - a record! Special mention to Amelia, Haadi, Oliver, Isabelle, Amoya, Freya and Anna (Y3) Keira (Y4) and Mille and Ruby (Y5) who all gained over 90 marks.

Congratulations also to Year 6 in their Group Acting exams and Year 5 in their Choral Speaking exam - all 3 groups were awarded Distinction with some very pleasing comments from the Examiner.

Preparation for the end of year showcases are well underway. A letter has been sent out via email with all details on. If you have not already replied please can you do so after half term.

The dates are **Friday 5th July (Y1/2)**, **Thursday 11th July (Y5/6)** and **Friday 12th July (Y3/4)**. All the children have pieces to perform which will need to be memorised over the half term break. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me. Have a very enjoyable break.

Jane Pryer-Smith



Sports News

Netball Team - SCPSNA League Games

Our netball team finished a fantastic season by recording victories against Holy Cross and Maney Hill, they have finished the season with a record of seven victories and two defeats - the two defeats coming against Deanery and St Nicholas who have finished 1st and 2nd in the league. Our girls have finished a very respectable 3rd in an extremely competitive league.



Football Team - SCPSFA Tournament

Our Year 5 footballers participated in the SCPSFA tournament at Boldmere St Michaels. It was a tough tournament in terms of results with defeats against Walmley, Deanery and New Oscott and one victory against Mere Green. This tournament bought the end to the football season.

Rugby Megafest - WSAS

The rugby megafest is always a terrific event. The event is filled with several different physical activities, the children get observed not only on their physical skills but also their ability to demonstrate the Rugby Football Union (RFU) values of teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship.

Y4 Tennis - WSAS

Once again, we entered 3 teams into the Wilson Stuart Active Society tennis festival. All three teams played some incredible tennis and won some excellent matches. Overall 1 team finished 2nd in their group and the other two teams finished 3rd in their groups.

Bikeability

Y4 and Y6 took part in Bikeability this year and received certificates and/or badges for their proficiency or effort.

Bikeability is the Cycling Proficiency Test for the 21st Century and is designed to give the next generation of students the skills and confidence to ride their bikes. The government encourages walking and cycling as part of a sustainable transport policy and as a factor for a healthy life.

Mr Griffin

House Points

House Points total for the Junior School this was very close!

1st place - Cole 235
2nd place - Avon 231
3rd place - Blythe 228

Well done everyone!

Have a good half-term with your children and don't forget
the new half-term does not start until Monday June 10th.

Dates for your Diary

Mon June 10 th	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
Thurs June 13 th	Netball Awards at Town Hall
Tues June 18th	Year 5 Cricket Tournament Y5 and Y5 staff with Mr Griffin
Tues June 18 th	Y1 trip to Kingsbury Water Park
Wed June 19th	Area Sports Team Y3-6
Wed June 19th	KES Maths Challenge
Mon June 24 th	Year 4 trip to Warwick Castle
Mon June 24 th	Back up Day Area Sports
Mon June 24 th , Tues 25 th Wed 26 th and Thurs 27th	Nursery Parents Open Mornings
Wed June 26th	Year 5/6 Cricket pm
Mon July 1 st Monday July 1 st	Junior Sports Day am Meet the Teacher – Infants 7pm
Mon July 1 st	Chess Tournament Severn Primary 2pm
Tuesday July 2 nd	Meet The Teacher: Juniors 7pm
Tues July 2nd	Infant Sports' Day am
Wed July 3rd	Year 6 Induction for Secondary School
Wednesday 3 rd July	Move up Day – children visit their new class
Thursday July 4 th	Choir singing evening.
Friday July 5th	Speech and Drama Year 1 and Y2
Tues July 9th	Parents' Evenings Y1 Y2JD Y3R Y4H Y5T Y6
Wed July 10th	Parents' Evenings Reception, Y2R Y3F Y4WH Y5SA Y6
Thurs July 11 th	Speech and Drama Year 5 and Y6
Fri July 12 th	Speech and Drama Year 3 and Y4
Fri July 12 th	Possible Qualifying Games at KES
Mon July 15th	Y6 Production for school
Tues July 16th afternoon	Year 6 Production for grandparents/grandparents
Wed July 17 th	Year 6 Production 7pm Parents
Thurs July 18th	Break up
Aug 27 th , 28 th , 29 th and 30 th	Y5 Tuition am
Tues Sept 3rd	Staff Meeting
Wed Sept 4th	Children Back to school

Dates can be subject to change. We will inform parents of any changes.