



Sheldwich Primary School

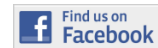
Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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SHELDWICH HAS GOT TALENT



Congratulations to all our super stars who took part in this year's Sheldwich Has Got Talent extravaganza. We were treated to a wide range of talents from animations to piano to dancing to jokes to dog tricks to singing. Such amazing skills made judging extremely difficult for Mrs Garrett. For the final, the competitors were split into two categories; 'Singers' and 'Other'. After performing to the whole school, classes were then asked to vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. The winners are above. Well done everyone; we are so proud of you all.

P.F.T.A. HALLOWEEN FUN RUN



We are delighted to report that the children had a spooktacular time at the Halloween Fun Run. The costumes were truly

impressive, with a wonderful array of creative and spooky outfits. The course was set up on the playground, cleverly avoiding the very soggy field. We were fortunate that every class managed to complete the run before the rain arrived. A big thank you goes out to our fabulous P.T.F.A. and the entire school community for making this event such a resounding success. Your support and participation were invaluable in creating a truly memorable experience for the children. We are looking forward to announcing the final amount raised.



LUNCHTIME TOYS



We have a team of Midday Supervisors (MDSs) who look after the children at lunchtimes; both in the hall whilst they eat their lunch and outside when they are playing. During the summer and warmer times of the year, the children have access to the field with plenty of space to play games such as cricket and football which are often refereed by the MDSs. When the field gets muddy, we limit the area where the children can play to the playground and areas where there is artificial grass and rubber matting. This means they cannot play the team games that they usually play.

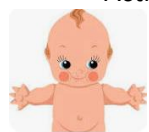
This year, the MDSs are introducing some 'small world' play. We will purchase some small crates and each will contain some smaller toys to play with such as cars, animals, small building blocks, musical instruments etc.

We would be grateful of any donations of **pre-loved (smaller) toys** that we could use.

Our School Council have also been discussing how they can enhance playtime and have asked their classes what they would like.

They have identified the following items:

- Baby dolls
- Fold away push chairs
- Small world toys ie. Dinosaurs, model cars
- Dressing up clothes
- Action figures such as Spiderman



They would welcome donations of clean items that are in good condition. It is a perfect excuse to have that pre-christmas sort out! Please bring them to the office at any time. Any surplus items will be given to the PTFA to be used on the tombola stall at the Christmas Fair. One special request from the Midday Supervisors is a road mat that could be used with the cars!

Many thanks for your support.



YOUR P.T.F.A. NEEDS YOU!



If you could spare any time, even 30 minutes to help at the school Christmas Fair on Thursday 27th November, please contact Helen Wiltshire via Sheldwichpta@gmail.com. Many thanks!



AWARDS



Friday 31st October

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little		
Hedgehogs	Mary	
Ladybirds	Mia and Noah	Forrest
Class 1	Broden and Patrick	Taylor
Class 2	James and Martha	Dalton
Class 3	Finlay and Olivia G	Indigo
Class 4	Isla and Nellie	Toby
Class 5	Claudine and Joey	Nicola
Class 6	Lotty and Cagan	Joey

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: 2	Pupil: Matty (5)
Extended Schools: Harry (6)	Lunchtime: Eliana (2)
Presentation: Beatrix (3)	Citizen: Fred (4)
	Attendance Award: Otter 99%

Friday 7th November

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little		
Hedgehogs	Gus	
Ladybirds	Constantina and Isla	Grayson
Class 1	Elijah and Ada	Imogen
Class 2	Blake and Mollie	Jaxon
Class 3	Daisy and Dolly-Rose	Logan
Class 4	Darcy and Rose	Grace
Class 5	Taylor and Leo	Rafe
Class 6	Eleni and Joshua	George

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Otters	Pupil: Bella (1)
Extended Schools: Arthur (3)	Lunchtime: Dea (2)
Presentation: Asher (5)	LSA award: Hannah (6)
Citizen: Annabel (4)	Attendance Award: Foxes 98%

CLASS NEWS

Little Hedgehogs



Last week we talked about what we would like to be when we grow up and learnt all about Mrs Scott's job when she worked in a café. We loved all your Halloween costumes and running around the Halloween course.

This week we have been thinking about the 5th of November. We enjoyed a walk to the centre of the village to look at the huge bonfire and sang our firework songs. We made sparkly firework pictures and breadstick sparklers too. On Friday we visited the church to look at the war memorial as well as decorating poppies. Thank you to Rory's mummy who came in to tell us all about her job. We enjoyed using a stethoscope and trying on hospital hats!

Ways to support your child's learning at home:

1. Learn the rhyme of the week – good rhymers make great readers.
2. Share a story every night.
3. Shiny is having a lovely time with Edie, what a lucky bear he is.

Happy Birthday to Rory and Mary. We hope your birthdays are as lovely as you.

Picture of the week: Archie and Kit; Wow! You have been so creative; we love your collage using things you found in the garden.

Headteacher's Certificates: Mary for bringing her tortoise Max to Pre-school. We enjoyed learning all about him.

Gus for showing kindness to others.

Hedgehugs Mrs Scott and team

Ladybirds

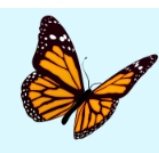


We have been having lots of fun in Ladybirds class learning about different occupations for our new Topic learning. We have made a list of all the occupations that we could think of and have been enjoying visits from some of our parents to tell us about what they do for work. Our 'Role Play Area' has been transformed into

a café and there is plenty of occupation based dressing up for us to immerse ourselves in. The children each have a lanyard with an ID badge for their occupation of choice which they enjoy wearing during our Child Initiated learning. Next week is STEM week and we would love some 'junk modelling' bits such as cardboard boxes, washed yoghurt pots, egg boxes etc. so please send them in with your child!

Mrs Minty

Butterflies



Butterflies have been finding out all about the weather in Topic and avidly watching the weather forecast each day. We have learnt the different symbols used to represent the weather and thought about how the weather can affect our day-to-day lives.

We have also been learning about the four seasons in Science and created some lovely collage pictures for our classroom display. In English we have been reading 'The Leaf Thief' which has made us laugh because squirrel does not understand why the leaves are falling off the tree.

Next week is STEM week and we are going to be looking at rubbish and also making again! Please could you send in any clean recyclable and non-recyclable rubbish into school on Monday. Thank you!

Mrs Charman

Dragonflies



The highlight of our fortnight was our trip to Oare Gunpowder Works. We had an incredible day! We learned all about the history of the gunpowder works and gunpowder production from Anna Outdoors, walked around the site, toasted marshmallows and drew wonderful pictures using charcoal that

Anna made on the fire. Finally, the children formed a human charcoal burner! Thank you so much to Ms Clare and Mrs Kench, along with our wonderful parent helpers, Mrs Beamish, Mrs Mathur, Mrs Poyiatzis and Mrs Styles whose help and enthusiasm was very much appreciated.

Mrs Waller

Squirrels



We have had lots of fun beginning our new class text this week – Stig of the Dump. It has really sparked the children's imagination and they have already made connections with our Topic of the Stone Age. Your child is welcome to bring in their own copy of the book, if they would prefer to have their own copy rather than

share with a partner. Next week, we will be completing a practical activity in Science to help develop our understanding of how the different types of rocks are formed (which MAY involve getting to eat a very small amount of sweets!). Keep checking the class page on the website for some pictures of what we have been up to! Squirrels are also looking forward to their trip to Dover Museum on Monday 17th November.

Please could you provide a gluestick for your child if they need one. Over half of the class do not have one!

Mrs Hammond

Otters

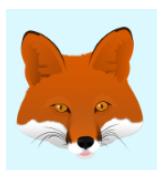


It has been a brilliant start to Term 2; the children thoroughly enjoyed their spooky fun run, with some of them even achieving 60 laps around the playground! They have loved starting our new topic, Espionage, and are embracing the spy world. In English, they have performed some fabulous Fables and worked

as a team to discern the morals. Whilst in P.E., there dancing has really taken centre stage as they have begun to choreograph a class dance. In Science, they have started their Topic on Electricity and we will be building circuits in the weeks to come.

Mrs Morrison and Mrs Tyler

Foxes

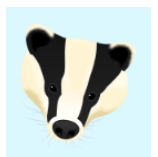


We have dived straight back into things with a busy couple of weeks at the start of Term 2. We have enthusiastically started our learning about our Around the World Topic – learning about the Prime Meridian, Equator and the continent of Africa. We have been finishing writing our biographies so that we will be starting to read our class book (The Secret of Platform 13) next in our English lessons. We have resumed swimming on Mondays and are now doing netball on Wednesday afternoons this term. In Science, we have been learning about how we see things and how light travels and now we are beginning our first fractions unit in Maths.

Next week, we are looking forward to our school STEM Week which is all about changing and adapting.

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



This week the Badgers have been writing a newspaper article on the importance of soldiers receiving letters in The Great War. In Maths, they have been tackling a variety of fraction questions ranging from equivalent fractions to adding and subtracting fractions. During D.T., the children have been designing and sewing their own Christmas decorations. They have made a great start! The project will continue next week, so if you have any spare fabric at home that could be donated, please bring it to school. Thank you.

Mr Lines

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

New dates are highlighted

Term 2

w/c 10 th Nov	STEM Week
Fri 31 st Oct	P.T.F.A. Sponsored Halloween Fun Run
Tues 11 th Nov	P.T.F.A. Pre-loved Uniform sale
Mon 17th Nov	Class 6 – trip to Royal Engineers Museum
	Class 3 – trip to Dover Museum
Fri 21st Nov	Non-Uniform Day for Luxury Raffle Prize
Tues 18 th Nov	P.T.F.A. Coffee Morning
Mon 24 th Nov	R.E. Day
Thurs 27 th Nov	3.30pm – P.T.F.A. Christmas Fair
Fri 28 th Nov	School closed - INSET day
Mon 1 st Dec	Class R – trip to Canterbury Cathedral
Thurs 4 th Dec	9.10am – Class 6 assembly for parents
Fri 5 th Dec	AM – Pantomime for whole school
Mon 8 th Dec	2pm – LH Crafternoon
Friday 12 th Dec	AM P.T.F.A. Elfridges in the hall
Mon 15th Dec	P.T.F.A. Jingle Ball in Sheldwich Town Hall
Weds 17 th Dec	Christmas jumper day/Christmas dinner
	9.05am– Class 1 performing carols to parents in hall
	2pm – Class 2 production for parents
	5pm – Class 2 production for parents
Fri 19 th Dec	Last day of Term 2
	9.30am – Christmas service in church (Classes 1-6)
	10.30am – Class R Nativity in church

Term 3

Mon 5 th Jan	Start of Term 3
	Reverend Peter to visit school Epiphany assembly
w/c 12 th Jan	Winter Walk week
Fri 6 th Feb	9.10am - Class R assembly for parents
Weds 11th Feb	Classes 5 & 6 trip to Dreamland, Margate.
	2pm - Little Hedgehogs Crafternoon
	Reverend Peter to visit Class 4
Thurs 12 th Feb	9.10am – Class 4 assembly for parents
Fri 13 th Feb	Last day of Term 3
	Mid-year reports sent home

Term 4

Mon 23 rd Feb	Start of Term 4
	Lent Assembly – Reverend Peter visiting
Tues 25 th Feb	R.E. Day Ramadan