



Sheldwich Primary School

Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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Important Messages

Fun Run Total

This year you helped to raise a fantastic incredible **£2777.52**



Extra Curricular Clubs

Please note that next week is the last week that clubs will run. French Club finishes on 10th December. Any clubs which run on Thursday 26th have been moved to Wednesday 25th due to the Christmas Fair.

Christmas Fair Helpers

The P.T.F.A. are still looking for help from friends and parents of the school even if you can spare just 30 mins on Thursday 27th November, please contact Helen Wiltshire via Sheldwichpta@gmail.com. Many thanks!



Raffle Tickets

Thank you to everyone who has paid for raffle tickets via Parentmail, please remember to send the stubs to school. Likewise, if you have returned your stubs and not paid, please pay as soon as you can. Many thanks.

Baby News

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Tyler is expecting her second child. The baby is due in May.



....from our School Council for all your fantastic donations for lunchtimes. They asked and you all certainly delivered. We have been overwhelmed once again by your generosity.

The donations have been sorted, packed and stacked ready for action. We have dinosaurs, cars, baby dolls, prams, puzzles, dressing up...so much fun is going to be had!

FOREST SCHOOL NEWS



Dragonflies Class have been enjoying fun, frosty Forest School sessions. They have enjoyed making pinecone monsters, sparkly dragonflies with sycamore seeds and our new biodegradable glitter!

When it is your child's turn for Forest School, please ensure they have hats and gloves with them.



AWARDS

Friday 14th November

Class

Little
Hedgehogs

Ladybirds

Class 1

Class 2

Class 3

Class 4

Class 5

Class 6

Headteacher Awards

Eva

Olivia and Gabriel

Harmony and Aiden

Harry and Elizabeth

River and Rami

Skyla Mae and Olivia

Matilda and Dexter

Joey and André

Mathematician of the Week

Quinlan

Evelyn

Blake

Dottie

Alex

Rex

Zina

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Squirrels

Extended Schools: Penelope (LH)

Presentation: Rory (4)

LSA award: Zayn (5)

Pupil: Imogen (1)

Lunchtime: Felix (6)

Citizen: Elsie (2)

Attendance Award: Dragonflies 98.7%

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Headteacher Awards

Millie

Sylvester and Ava

Reuben and Imogen

Aria and Felicity

Willow and Buster

Violet and Posy

Joe and Katrina

Betty and Felix

Mathematician of the Week

Brodie

Polly

Poppy

Neive

Fred

Eve

Tom

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Ladybirds

Extended Schools: Goldie (R)

Presentation: Dylan (3)

Citizen: Jacob (4)

Pupil: Harry B (2)

Lunchtime: Ava (5)

LSA award: Lola (1)

Attendance Award: Foxes 95.6%

SPORTS NEWS

Sheldwich Shine at Infant Agility with a Bronze Medal

An excited squad of 10 Year 2 children headed to Canterbury Academy last Tuesday to take part in the above competition. We were one of 14 teams where the format consisted of a carousel of six events at different stations testing our throwing, jumping and agility skills. Each child took part in all the activities and contributed to our overall score, a true team effort. This resulted in a third place position, a bronze medal round their necks and a happy group of athletes. Representing Sheldwich in the usual exemplary fashion were: Anastasia, Ruby, Amelia, Aria, Cecilie, Blake, Jake, Dylan, James and Oliie, well done to you all and thanks to Ms Clare for supporting the children.



Mr Lee

Football Tournament

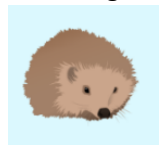
A troop of Year 5 and 6 girls and boys took on the biting cold to play the Small Schools Tournament at Simon Langton Boys School. From the first whistle the boys showed commitment and composure, working well as a team and communicating well. Jack back healed a shot into the goal and sealed a 'well timed assist' by Josh B. This cemented Sheldwich a solid victory against Pilgrims Way. The next two games saw a nil nil draw, with an unfortunate out of time goal by Josh B being disallowed. Despite a knock in confidence against Wingham, the players dug deep and went on to score making it an easier to handle 1-1 draw. The final game against Selling saw the boys worked hard, dominating the play, despite some trojan defence from the opposition. The boys went on to secure a bronze medal. The gold medal winners were Barham, who Sheldwich drew nil nil against in nothing short of a nail biting 8 minutes of play. Each player should be really proud of their team work, spirit, and hard work on and off the pitch (given the bitter cold). Well done Teams!

Mrs McDonald



CLASS NEWS

Little Hedgehogs



Last week after many requests and in honour of Pudsey Bear, we revisited the theme of bears. We enjoyed going on bear hunts and singing funny Pudsey songs. We decorated biscuits with lots of spots just like Pudsey's bandana.

This week we have been learning all about when Miss Burgess looked after babies. We have enjoyed playing with our new baby toys that Flo gave us. Thank you. We made a fruit salad but ate it before we went home!

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.

We would really appreciate any shiny sweet wrappers to decorate Christmas tree decorations.

Shiny had a lovely time with Penelope.

Happy Birthday to Khaleesi. We hope your birthdays are as lovely as you.

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

Headteacher's Certificates: Eva for all the beautiful outfits she wears to Little Hedgehogs. We love seeing you dressing up.

Millie for her beautiful and detailed artwork.

Hedgehugs Mrs Scott and team

Ladybirds

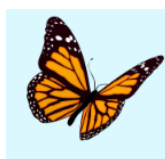


We have had lots of fun in Ladybirds class thinking about our 'Special Places' in R.E. – we even visited our local Church and Reverend Peter told us about why the Church was a special place for Christians. We have learnt about so many different occupations and have really enjoyed having some parents visit us to tell us about what they do. If

you are able, we would love to have some more visitors! You can reach out on the playground at pick-up or via the class email. The weather is now a bit colder but we still love getting outside and playing in our little playground – please can you make sure your child is coming to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves. It would also be great if you could spend some time practising independently putting these on (although, we are of course always on hand to help if required!).

Mrs Minty

Butterflies



Butterflies Class enjoyed a great STEM Week based on the theme 'Changing and Adapting'. Inspired by the film Wall-E, we looked at how Earth had changed due to the amount of rubbish thrown away and found out about ways to reuse and recycle our own rubbish. We then made some fantastic robots with some of the rubbish. Thank you to Mr Coomber who came in and helped us make them. During

the week we also learnt about how plants and animals adapt to their surroundings and planted cress seeds in different conditions to see if/how they would grow. Finally, we looked at how the humans in Wall-E had adapted to their new lifestyle in space and concluded they were not very healthy! We ventured onto the playground and took part in different workout stations that would get the humans fit in no time!

Please could you make sure your child has their own **named** glue stick in school. We like to do lots of cutting and sticking activities in class, but this is tricky if a child does not have one. Thank you!

Mrs Charman

Dragonflies



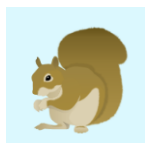
We have had another fun and busy fortnight in Dragonflies Class. During STEM week, we focussed on the themes of adaptation and change. We began by looking at the impact of the Great Fire of London, including changes to the city, construction materials and buildings laws. We looked at the lifecycle of dragonflies and created

group dances inspired by the life cycle of frogs. This week we have been drawing Stuart-era houses and in English we have begun our 'Traditional Tales' unit, by reading 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. In Maths, our Addition and Subtraction topic has concluded, and we will begin learning about Shape next week.

We are continuing to learn our Nativity songs and have read through the whole script together. Individual scripts are being sent home and we would be extremely grateful if you could help your child to learn their lines, along with the words to the songs. Please can scripts be brought to school every morning as we will begin rehearsing every day. Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Waller

Squirrels



We have had so much fun this week pretending to be in the Stone Age! We got into our caves (under our desks!) and had a go at doing some cave painting. We also learnt about the three different types of rock and how they are formed by using sweets. Squirrels had a fantastic trip to Dover Museum, their behaviour was exemplary and we enjoyed learning about artefacts from the Stone Age and making a Bronze Age boat with cargo. We even held a mammoth's tooth and saw a 4500 year old pot!

Mrs Hammond

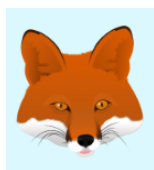
Otters



We have had a brilliant fortnight in Otters, the children threw themselves into STEM Week, they loved their BEBRAS challenge, and relished the opportunity to quiz a real life town planner and then design their own eco-friendly town of the future, within budget. Our Espionage topic continues to thrill as we crack codes and begin to solve mysteries, you could ask the children about it but it is highly confidential. They have just finished writing their very own fables with a moral, which have been brilliant. We are incredibly proud of them.

Mrs Morrison and Mrs Tyler

Foxes



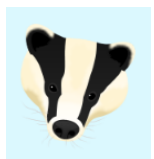
Last week, we enjoyed STEM Week, which was themed all around change and adaptation. We looked at growing city populations and made a Lego city, designed inventions and homes of the future, creating camouflaged lizards and moths and completed this year's Bebras challenge. In Topic we have studied the continent of Antarctica and created animals which would be adapted to live there and learnt about South America and the countries in it, making collages based on the artist Beatriz Milhazes.

In Science, we learnt how rainbows were made and experimented with visible light, passing it through prisms to see it refract into the colour spectrum. A big thank you to Mrs Maw, who has been coming in and helping us make our Christmas decorations for the school tree.

Lastly, a plea for any unwanted newspapers you may have at home, we need them for our R.E. lesson so please send them in!

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



The Badgers have had a great couple of weeks. We started by visiting the Royal Engineers Museum. The children learnt a lot about the important role that engineers played in WWI. Thank you to all the parent helpers who came along and made the trip possible by volunteering their time. Since then, Class 6 have continued to develop their knowledge of fractions, wrote their own newspapers and have made great progress with their D.T. projects. Their big D.T. is this Monday; if you have any fabric or any decorations which could be used, please send them in on Monday.

Mr Lines

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

New dates are highlighted

Term 2

Tues 18th Nov
Mon 24th Nov
Thurs 27th Nov
Fri 28th Nov
Mon 1st Dec
Thurs 4th Dec
Fri 5th Dec
Mon 8th Dec
Friday 12th Dec
Mon 15th Dec
Weds 17th Dec

P.T.F.A. Coffee Morning
R.E. Day
3.30pm – P.T.F.A. Christmas Fair
School closed - INSET day
Class R – trip to Canterbury Cathedral
9.10am – Class 6 assembly for parents
AM – Pantomime for whole school
2pm – LH Crafternoon
AM P.T.F.A. Elfbridges in the hall
P.T.F.A. Jingle Ball in Sheldwich Town Hall
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
Last day of Term 2
9.30am – Christmas service in church (Classes 1-6)
10.30am – Class R Nativity in church

Fri 19th Dec

Term 3

Mon 5th Jan

w/c 12th Jan
Fri 6th Feb
Weds 11th Feb

Start of Term 3
Reverend Peter to visit school Epiphany assembly
Winter Walk week
9.10am - Class R assembly for parents
Classes 5 & 6 trip to Dreamland, Margate.
2pm - Little Hedgehogs Crafternoon
Reverend Peter to visit Class 4
9.10am – Class 4 assembly for parents
Last day of Term 3
Mid-year reports sent home

Thurs 12th Feb
Fri 13th Feb

