

SHOTTERMILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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YOUNG VOICES

We would like to thank all the children, and the Parent Volunteers who were fantastic during the Young Voices school trip. It was an amazing day and the children were a credit to the School. We look forward to re-running the trip in 2022! Our Head Girl and Head Boy have written their account of the day:



Clovie Buckrell

On Thursday 23rd January, our school went to the O2 Arena in London for Young Voices 2020. It had taken hours to memorise all of the words and the actions to the songs but we eventually managed to learn them! When we arrived at the O2, we went into the arena where our school was given a big introduction as we were the largest group there! We spent the afternoon practising with all of the other schools that came. A couple of hours later, after we had eaten, we came back in for the big performance. Singing with 8,000 other people was amazing and all of the special guests including Tony Hadley, Ruti and The Shires were incredible. Those who stayed at school had a great time too doing lots of fun activities; they even made stir fries with the kitchen staff! Everyone had a wonderful time. Finally, thank you to all of the teachers and parents who helped on the visit, to the parents who brought their red torches to the O2 and to all the staff who helped at school.

Adam Wray

Last week, most of the school went to Young Voices at the O2 Arena. We had so much fun. All the practicing we have done over the last two months paid off. We had worked so hard. We sang with pop stars like Ruti (who won The Voice in 2018), The Shires, and the parents' favourite Tony Hadley. When the parents saw him they went nuts. We entered the O2 at about 1:30pm and had a rehearsal with the head conductor. Then we had our packed tea ... then it was time for the real thing. The lights went off and the more than 8,000 kids lit up the arena with their little LED torches. At the end, we walked back to our coach and started our hour and a half journey home. When we got back everyone was so tired. In conclusion a great day was had by all. All the kids would like to say thank you to all the teachers and parents who made it possible. ;)

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GO ORANGE FOR THE DAY

On Friday 7th February we will be 'Going Orange' for the day to support Muscular Dystrophy. For a donation of £1 children can come to School in home clothes and it would be great if they could wear something orange! Please don't worry though if your child doesn't have something orange. Your support will help continue to fund new treatments and campaign for better support and care for those with Muscular Dystrophy.

GREEK DAY

Year 3 had an amazing day lead by Mikinos the Greek, who told the children all about the Greek Empire and taught them some Greek strategy games and puzzles. In the afternoon they competed in Olympic Games as Sparta or Athens, practised battle drills and entertained with a performance of Jason and the Argonauts, just like the Greeks did! What a fun day!



POND CLEARANCE HELP REQUIRED

We will be clearing our pond on Saturday 8th February from 12.30pm onwards. If you are able to assist, please contact the School Office.

YEAR 5 CAKE SALE

On Friday 14th February Year 5 will be holding a cake sale in the playground after school. Please bring any cake, biscuit etc donations to the School Office in the morning. As it is Valentine's Day any 'love' themes would be much appreciated!

PARENT FORUM

The next Parent Forum meeting is on Tuesday 25th Feb at 1.30pm for all parent forum reps. If you have a matter you would like discussed please email parentsforum@shottermill-jun.surrev.sch.uk and the item will be added to the agenda.

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PTFA QUIZ NIGHT

The PTFA are holding a Quiz Night on Friday 28th February at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 each and the teams are made up of 8 people. On Scopay the tickets are available to purchase under 'Products' so you can purchase more than one if you want to. It's a really fun evening so we really hope you can join us!

HEALTHY LIVING WEEK

Healthy Living Week begins on Monday 22nd June, we are looking for people who could lead sessions on staying healthy, exercise, nutrition, healthy minds etc. If there are any parents that could help or have a profession or links to people that do, for example yoga, mindfulness, doctors, nurses, dentists, fitness trainers or anyone who thinks they could be inspiring to the children by telling them about their careers please let the School Office know.

LIBRARY

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated books recently. Currently, we are struggling to get them all onto our system and therefore ask for no more donations at present.

SCHOOL PICK UP

Please could children waiting for their siblings at the end of the day, not play on the top playground or on the equipment. This equipment is designed for older children and poses a safety risk for young children, particularly at this time of year.

LSA VACANCY

We are currently recruiting for a part-time (Monday-Friday 8.30am-1.15pm) Learning Support Assistant. For further information please check the Vacancies section of our website.

POETRY COMPETITION – ALL CHILDREN

Heartbreak Productions, a national touring open-air theatre company, is launching a poetry competition for **children aged 5-11** across the UK. Linking in with the 2020 tour of **David Walliams' *Mr Stink***, we are asking children to write a poem on the theme of "**homelessness**".

Entries will be broken into two age brackets, 5-8 and 9-11, and Heartbreak will select a short list of ten contestants per age group. Each short-listed child will win a signed copy of David Walliams' latest book, *The Beast of Buckingham Palace*. There will be a winner in each category, selected by special guest judge Dr Sabrina Cohen-Hatton. Winners will receive £100 in book tokens, £300 in book tokens for their school, a free family ticket to the show, and will have their poem printed in the tour programme.

Please see the attached document for further information. All entries must be given to Miss Madden or the School Office by Friday 14th February. On the back of your entry please put your first name (NOT surname), teachers name, age and school name.

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PUPIL ILLNESS

According to the NHS from 28th January – 8th February, it is a peak period for pupil illness. Therefore we ask parents to be particularly vigilant with hand washing. To reiterate, if your child has sickness or diarrhoea then they must remain off school for 48 hours from the last episode. This is to prevent germs spreading round the class.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please may we remind all parents that they must order their child's lunch before school – the School Office is regularly having children coming down in the morning asking us to book lunches for them. This is very disruptive to the start of their school day and adds a lot of additional work for the Office team.

Y5 AND Y6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Well done to the Y5 and Y6 Girl's Football team who not only won every one of their four games but were also overall winners in the inter-school tournament, which took place at Bohunt last week. The girls were brilliant and we were so proud of their teamwork and skills.

ROLLER HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Edward and Abigail Ransom (Year 3) took part in a roller hockey tournament 'Hyper Cup 8' with teams from the South of England. Their team 'Avalanche' won, after competing with teams from Swindon, Bracknell, Basingstoke and Gosport. Abigail is the goalie and Edward scored lots of goals - well done to this fab pair of Year 3s!



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KEY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM 2020

February	
Friday 7 th February	4H and 4T Class Assembly: 9.15am
Friday 7 th February	MUFTI Day for Muscular Dystrophy – wear orange if possible
Saturday 8 th February	Pond Clearance – volunteers needed please
Friday 14 th February	Year 5 Cake Sale: 3.15pm
Friday 14 th February	Year 3 Sleepover
Monday 17th – Friday 21st February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 25 th February	Parent Forum: 1.30pm for Parent Forum reps
Friday 28 th February	PTFA Quiz Night: 7.30pm for a 8.00pm start
March	
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	4RB Class Assembly: 9.15am
Thursday 19 th March	3G and 3F Class Assembly: 9.15am
Thursday 26 th March	Parent Information Session regarding Relationship and Health Education changes
Friday 27 th March	5B and 5M Class Assembly: 9.15am
April	
Friday 3rd April	END OF TERM: 1:30pm Finish
Monday 20 th April	Back to School
May	
Friday 1 st May	PTFA Adult Band Night
Friday 8th May	BANK HOLIDAY – School is closed
Friday 22nd May	SCHOOL INSET DAY
Monday 25th – Friday 29th May	HALF TERM
June	
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th June	Y5 Brenscombe Trip
Monday 15 th – Tuesday 16 th June	Y6 Chessington Trip
Monday 29 th June – Wednesday 1 st July	Y4 Sayers Croft Trip
July	
Friday 10 th July	PTFA Summer Fayre
Thursday 16 th July	Y6 Leavers Disco
Wednesday 22nd July	END OF TERM: 1:30pm Finish

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