

SHERINGTON WEEKLY

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Friday 12th January 2024

This week

On Monday morning, the Sherington team welcomed staff from Montbelle, who were involved in a quick ‘treasure hunt’, in order to find people and spaces within the building, before being offered time to chat with their opposite number. They spent an hour with us and commented on the many positive aspects of our wonderful school, not least the warm and approachable staff. In the afternoon, the Sherington team visited Montbelle, spending time enjoying a quick game of ‘bingo’ before being given a tour of the premises and again, chatting with staff members there. Equally, Sherington staff were very appreciative of the generous hospitality offered by the Montbelle team – and found many points to further recommend this partnership working collaboration. Some colleagues across the two schools have already met again during the course of the week to share best practice and offer support and guidance when appropriate. We look forward to continuing to learn from each other, celebrating what both schools do so well.

Please look out for details of more planned opportunities to meet with me and Elspeth, amongst others, over the coming weeks.

Gary Hinchliffe – Acting Head of School

Assemblies

In Monday’s assembly, the children were welcomed back to school and initially, the discussion was focused on the tradition of new year’s resolutions: history, intention and relevance. Many children contributed, being both brave and honest. The discussion then moved to Janus. In ancient Roman religion and myth, Janus is the god of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, duality, doorways, passages, frames and endings. He is usually depicted as having two faces (one looking back and one looking forward). The month of January is named for Janus. The importance of taking time to reflect was a feature of conversation, as was ensuring that change is meaningful and sustained.

On Friday, the recognition assembly was a fitting end to the week as ever, acknowledging individual outstanding learning and achievement across the curriculum, and celebrating teamwork.

Football

On Wednesday evening, the girls' football team took part in their first set of league matches. The girls lost the first game 2-0, but went on to win the second game 1-0 and the third game 3-0. The team showed great resilience and determination to bounce back in order to be successful after defeat.

Word of the Day

This week's vocabulary has been: realise, purpose, cluster and function. How can you weave these in to this weekend's conversation?

Attendance

The award for last week's attendance goes to Penguins with 98.3%.

Dates for your diary

Pizza Thursday

On Thursday 18th January , there will be an alternative menu offering different pizzas. Please complete this form **ONLY** if your child normally has packed lunch on a Thursday. Please note, although there is no charge for this, we ask that parents let us know by 3 pm on Monday 15th cook can prepare.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOUR CHILD NORMALLY HAS SCHOOL DINNERS

<https://forms.gle/f4AQZmenHf4oiUN26>

Childrens Mental Health Week

Beginning Tuesday 6th February.

World Book day

Thursday 7th March. Details to follow.



Useful Information



School Meals

Please inform the office if you wish to change your child's meal pattern for this term. Thank you.

Please note that Sherington has a no debt policy. Please clear any debt you may have accrued last term. Thank you.

[Menu - Sherington Primary School](#)

Governors

Sherington governors share the enthusiasm and excitement for learning that pupils and staff have and are proud of Sherington's outstanding achievements. We are committed to the Sherington vision of "Aspire, Believe, Create, Achieve" and between us we bring a wide variety of skills and experience to our role. Governors can be contacted on governors@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk

For more information, click here: [Sherington Governors](#)

Uniform

Please ensure all uniform is labelled. This helps us return lost items. **Lost property can be found in the office foyer.**

Mobile phones

Parents and carers must not use mobile phones in the playground and school building. This is for the safety of the children.

Appointments

If you are taking your child out of school to attend an appointment for either them, or yourself, you must provide evidence to the school office. Please try to make appointment outside of school hours where possible.

Communication

The schools usual way of communicating reminders and short messages is via text message. If you have downloaded the SchoolMoney/Eduspot app, please ensure your notifications are turned on as messages will come via the app. If you do not have the app and are not receiving messages, please let the office know as we may have the wrong number for you.

Absence Reporting

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please report this using the absence line: 020 8858 5497 - option 1. Absences must be reported daily.

From Monday 13th March if you are reporting your child absent via email please use our new attendance email attendance@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk.

Any evidence relating to absences i.e. Dr appointments, prescriptions etc. should also be sent to this address. You can continue to report absences by phone using the absence line. All other general enquiries should continue to be sent to sao@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk

Parents and carers are reminded of the importance of high attendance. High attendance leads to great achievement. We receive a number of requests for pupils to be absent from school during term time. Parents are reminded that the school cannot authorise a leave of absence for a holiday and we will only grant a leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. Every day of school missed by a pupil reduces their attendance by 0.5%, meaning that a child with 95% attendance has missed ten whole days of school and a child with 90% attendance has missed twenty whole days of school. By the time a pupil is persistently absent (85% attendance), they have missed six weeks, or half a term, of schooling.

Days Absent at the End of the Year	Absence Percentage	Attendance Percentage at End of Year
1	0.5%	99.5%
5	2.5%	97.5%
10	5%	95%
20	10%	90%
30	15%	85%

Punctuality is crucial so that children are settled and ready to learn together. School starts at 8.55am.

Term dates

Spring Term 1

Tuesday 9th January 2024- Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term

Monday 12th February–Friday 16th February 2024

Spring Term 2

Monday 19th February 2024 - Thursday 28th March 2024

Easter Holiday

Friday 29th March 2024 - Friday 12th April 2024

Summer Term 1

Monday 15th April 2024 - Friday 24th May 2024

In the local area

Greenwich Supports

Get help with the cost of living.

You can find lots of information here about support from the council, local charities, and community groups.

<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/Greenwich-Supports>

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Families Information Service

Free advice and support for families, in Royal Greenwich, with children and young people aged 0 -19 (or up to 25 for families with disabled young people).

Contact us for information about:

- Children's Centre services and activities.
- Childcare - including registered childminders, nurseries, pre-schools, breakfast and after school clubs, and holiday play schemes.
- Free early learning sessions for two, three and four year olds.
- Benefits and funds to help pay towards childcare costs.
- Starting at primary school or moving from primary to secondary school.
- Activities and groups for children and young people.
- Registering as a childminder.
- Local and national family support services.

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