

# SHERINGTON WEEKLY

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## This week

There has been more to discover, appreciate and celebrate regarding our partnership working with Montbelle. Elspeth Geden has continued to collaborate with and support members of our senior leadership team; I hope you've seen her in the playground and chatted in this informal capacity. We welcomed one of Montbelle's assistant heads on Tuesday, who had not been able to visit on the INSET day. Zoe Roberts will be working with EYFS colleagues at Sherington in order to create and deliver a shared outdoor learning project in both Nursery settings. On Wednesday, Sherington teaching staff spent time further redrafting the School Development Plan following Ofsted's visit. Also, 8 members of Sherington's staff team have expressed interest in becoming the school's Forest School lead – an initiative about which we are very excited, and grateful for the financial support provided by Royal Borough of Greenwich.

Mr Hinchliffe – Acting Head of School

## Assemblies

On Monday, British Values and democracy were discussed again as outgoing Student Council members were thanked and incoming members formally welcomed. In addition, discussion around collective responsibility to take care of each other and our environment was had – related to proposed plans to improve the top playground.

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, our girls' football team had their second set of fixtures. The girls performed brilliantly, winning 1-0 against Thorntree; winning 2-0 against Invicta Deptford and drawing 1-1 with Boxgrove.

## Year 2 Trip

On Wednesday, both year 2 classes headed to the Old Royal Naval College. The trip brought to a close our learning about Greenwich and the local area. During the day, the children explored the site by following a treasure trail of information around the grounds and exploring Greenwich's naval history. The children were delighted to bowl skittles in a secret Victorian bowling alley and they visited The Painted Hall to enact the Greek myth: Perseus and Medusa. Each child created an original collage of their own mythical creature. An inspirational time was had by all!

## Word of the Day

This week's vocabulary has been: trundle, gambol, cavort, hoarse and trample.

How can you weave these in to this weekend's conversation?

## **Attendance**

The award for last week's attendance is shared with Badgers and 2G with 100%.

## **Fundraising**

Thank you to everyone for generous donations towards our Sherington Sings: Christmas 2024 album release. We raised a fantastic £700! We have already received our lighting rig set for the hall and have been able to subscribe to 'Songbox' for the next year, meaning we can create more releases for you to appreciate. We hope you enjoyed listening over Christmas.

## **Dates for your diary**

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

Beginning Tuesday 6th February.

### **World Book Day**

Thursday 7th March. Details to follow.

## **Useful Information**

### **Governors**

After eight years of service as a governor, including five as chair of governors, Ross Bailey resigned from the board in December. Governors would like to thank Ross for his service, which took place during a period of change and challenge, including the Covid pandemic and the recent Ofsted inspection.

Ross' place as chair of governors is to be taken by Linda Pound, who was vice-chair of governors. Laura Perrett and Charlie Rome who chair the governors' two sub-committees have become joint vice-chairs.

We remain strongly supportive of the school's ethos, share the enthusiasm and excitement for learning that pupils and staff have and are immensely proud of Sherington's outstanding achievements. We are committed to the Sherington vision of "Aspire Believe Create Achieve" and between us, bring a wide variety of skills and experience to our role.

Our initial focus will be to recruit a new, permanent head teacher and we are excited to be working in this interim period with the executive head, Elspeth Geden, and with Sherington's senior leadership team.

Governors can be contacted on [governors@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto: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 on the Creation Station decking.**

## 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 an appointment outside of school hours where possible.

## Communication

The school's 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.

## 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

## 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.



## 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](mailto:attendance@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk).

Any evidence relating to absences i.e. doctors 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](mailto: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 promptly at 8:55am.

## In the local area

### SEND Outreach

Greenwich Outreach team are looking for volunteers to help with their 'Tackling Structural Racism' project this year. It is a great way to celebrate diversity in Greenwich and if you would like to take part, please look at the leaflet below in the first instance and contact Minna Anaukwu directly. Copies of the leaflet will be in the school's reception 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>

