

SHERINGTON WEEKLY

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Friday 2nd February 2024



This week

Another fantastic week here at Sherington, watching the children thrive in our wonderful school. Naturally, so much happens throughout the course of the week and we are only able to provide you with a snapshot. The wider curriculum offer continues to be something of which we are extremely proud, as is the manner in which the children conduct themselves around the building on a daily basis and also how they take responsibility for suggesting solutions when difficulties arise.

4-square continues to be a much-loved playground game and as the children often get very competitive, disagreements can arise. With this in mind, we have started to gather pupil voice regarding how to ensure all players and observers experience fairness and fulfilment. Particular thanks go to some of our year 6 children, who were able to clearly articulate aspects for development, wanting to make the experience better for all. Student Council will be discussing this matter further at a later date.

Watching the children in year 5 create such detailed and individual masks related to learning linked with the historical kingdom of Benin this morning was a joy. They were so engaged and appreciative.

Florence said, “We’ve never used clay in this way before. We learnt new techniques and I particularly enjoyed scooping-out in order to make space for the eyes. I encountered some difficulties but used the work and support of children sitting close by me to help.”

Matias said, “I really enjoyed the session because it felt good to steer-away from our normal routine and create something 3D. I learnt some stories and additional information about Africa. Amazing!”

Chibuzo said, “Using the clay was fantastic. It was a cool morning as the workshop leader told us some facts about his culture.

Have a wonderful weekend, one and all. Mr Hinchliffe Acting Head of School

Assemblies

In Monday’s assembly, the children continued to think about possible improvements to the school’s outdoor spaces – paying particular attention to the KS1 playground. Various photographs were looked at in order to provide some inspiration in preparation for design ideas.

In this morning’s assembly, the children were introduced to Sherington’s number day. Some of them volunteered to take part, sharing number knowledge against the clock! Later, all children began their maths lesson with the opportunity to beat their Times Tables Rock Stars scores to music. In addition, following the assembly, they were set a challenge to find as many ways as possible to represent a number. The winning class will be announced next week. Watch this space...

Football

On Wednesday evening, the girls' team played three matches: winning one, drawing one and losing one. The players showed great humility and persistence throughout the matches.

Word of the Day

This week's vocabulary has been: immense, extraordinary, bludgeon, cling and scrap. How can you weave these in to this weekend's conversation?

Attendance

The award for last week's attendance goes to Penguins with 99.3%.

Dates for your diary

LGBTQ+ History Month

Throughout February.

Children's Mental Health Week

Beginning Tuesday 6th February. Ms Silkin will lead an assembly on Monday of next week.

SLT Drop-in Session

Thursday 8th February. Please see specific details in Elspeth Geden's letter.

Lunar New Year

Beginning Saturday 10th February.

World Book Day

Friday 8th March. Details to follow.

International Women's Day

Friday 8th March.

Science Week

Beginning Monday 11th March. Details to follow.

Spring Concerts

Thursday 21st March: EYFS and KS1 at 9am; KS2 at 9:30am.

Useful Information

Governors

We are 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.

Governors can be contacted on governors@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk

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

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](#)

Head lice

If your child has head lice, please let the office know so we can send a text to the year group asking parents to check and treat their children's hair. Please see [Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) for more information on how to treat head lice at home.

PE

Please note that PE is part of the National Curriculum and the expectation is that every child takes part in PE lessons. If your child is well enough to be in school, they are well enough to do PE and exemptions are only made following risk assessments following injuries or surgery.

Uniform

Please ensure all uniform is labelled; this helps us return lost items. Lost property can be found on the Creation Station decking in a large metal container.

Mobile phones

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

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 whenever possible.

Double Parking

Please DO NOT double park on any of the roads around the perimeter of the school premises. This is dangerous, first and foremost, and blocks in our neighbours and other parents.

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

Please see the below link for Greenwich term dates regarding next academic year. The school have yet to set INSET days, so, at this time, we're unable to confirm the return date for children in September.

[Term dates 2024 to 2025 | School term dates | Royal Borough of Greenwich \(royalgreenwich.gov.uk\)](https://royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

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. 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 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

Greenwich Supports

Get help with the cost of living.

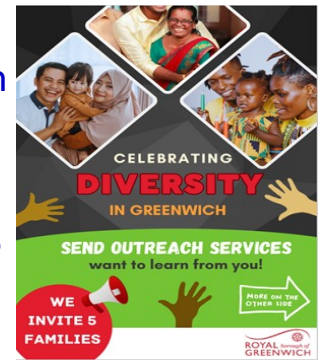
You can find lots of information here about support from the council, local charities, and community groups.

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



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 can be collected from the office.



Free Workshops

The Educational Psychology Service are running some free workshops for parents/ carers over the coming months for any families who have children aged 0-2yrs. The first topic is on Emotion Coaching at Storkway Children's Centre, SE3 9QX. A creche will be provided for those who need childcare support.

Sessions will take place Friday afternoons from 1.30-3pm, on the following dates. Attendees should attend both sessions.

15 & 22 March 2024

10 & 17 May 2024

28 June & 5 July 2024

4 & 11 October 2024

18 & 25 October 2024

Sign up using this link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Y_ly5kY_EUGqXNVBJvlRBXjgiR36BClOsC0mS10QQfpUMTVXRVBXQ0hPR0UzT1E0NzZVUjBTM05EMi4u

Please note that attendees must be signed up with Storkway Children's Centre in order to attend sessions. Please click here to register: <https://res-1.cloudinary.com/gll/image/upload/v1667910841/tpinbr35iktz0rkrykai.pdf> OR visit the centre in person.