

SHERINGTON WEEKLY

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This week

Another week of learning from and sharing with regarding partnership working. I would very much like to reiterate that the current leadership model in place at Sherington IS NOT a move towards academisation. It is an important part of the continued journey to keep our school the best place it can be for children, staff and community. And it is a model widely used with great success throughout Greenwich, and has been so for some time.

On Monday, we welcomed Steve Harris – Executive Head at James Wolfe (currently seconded to Greenwich LEA) – who came to speak to members of the SLT about his evidence-gathering and vision for greater partnerships across the borough in order for schools to remain maintained by the local authority.

Elsbeth Geden and I attended the Heads' Partnership Meeting on Tuesday morning during which I was able to meet local heads, sharing Sherington's successes and enthusiasm for and commitment to working in an outward facing manner.

On 8th February, parents and carers are invited to a coffee morning drop-in session in order to meet with members of the SLT (including governors) once again, alongside Barbara Foster (the school's improvement partner) . Further details to follow.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. Gary Hinchliffe Acting Head of School

Assemblies

Monday's assembly, led by Miss Peterson, followed on from a previous one regarding resolutions and focused on 'stickability': the importance of building good habits and breaking unfavourable ones. Children were asked about habits they might like to continue focusing on and were introduced to the idea of 'building your streak'. To create a long lasting habit, we need to build an unbroken record of the intended habit in order for it to become automatic and part of our subconscious. Children suggested things such as reading before bed, getting more exercise, practising spellings or bike riding. 'Stickability' is something that requires commitment, perseverance and self-regulation but when achieved, can help build strength of character, trust and resilience in order to be better equipped when things become difficult.

On Thursday, Miss Ford's assembly theme was 'curiosity'. The children reflected on the meaning of the word and what they're curious about, and how they demonstrate this. In conclusion, they were reminded that being curious: helps us grow and learn; challenges us and prompts questions; provides us with information to share and helps us navigate the world in which we live.

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. Elsbeth Geden was part of the celebration this week and enjoyed seeing how we share success together.

Football

On Thursday, our boys' football team had their first set of matches. The team beat Ealdham 3-2 in their first match and then drew 0-0 with Christchurch Shooters Hill in the second. The team showed great teamwork and zest, and were unlucky not to win both games.

Word of the Day

This week's vocabulary has been: gasp, attack, diagnose, muddle and release. How can you weave these in to this weekend's conversation?

Attendance

The award for last week's attendance goes to Penguins with 99.7%.

Dates for your diary

Number Day

Friday 2nd February.

Children's Mental Health Week

Beginning Tuesday 6th February.

SLT Drop in session

Thursday 8th February, further details to follow.

Lunar New Year

Beginning Saturday 10th February.

World Book Day

Thursday 7th 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.

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

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>

