

SHERINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers,

Last week, our year 6 pupils re-told the story of Beauty and the Beast, a story in which kindness, compassion and individuality triumphs over superficial beauty. In an age where our young people are increasingly exposed to the notion of a standardised perfection-through social media and ‘celebrity’- Beauty and the Beast is a story more relevant now than it has ever been. It’s a story we should keep reminding ourselves, and our children, of.

This term, we’ve had many notable successes to celebrate.

Our Early Years provision has had the EYFS Quality Mark successfully renewed. In feedback it was stated that *‘Practitioners are passionate about providing the very best learning opportunities.’* As part of the process, the assessor visited the wider school and found that *‘Staff are exceptionally committed throughout the school and work well in partnership to meet the needs of each pupil in an inclusive, nurturing and positive learning environment.’* Thanks to Ms Peterson for leading on this.

Through Ms Cole’s leadership, we have been awarded the British Council’s prestigious International School Award at the highest level (Accreditation). This award is given in recognition of the work done at Sherington in international education – bringing the world into the classroom. The recent languages afternoon (at which parents were welcomed into classrooms to talk about their language and culture) formed a small part of the evidence for this. It also raised the curtain on our inaugural Diversity Week. Thank you to all who took part.

We also celebrate the hard work of staff and pupils with our great SATs results. KS2 data is still provisional at this stage, and verified percentages for pupils working at greater depth won’t be available until next term.

Thanks must go to our entire Y6 team for their dedication and unfailing commitment to ensuring that our pupils receive the best possible teaching. It is this which enables all our pupils to perform to their very best. Indeed, all teachers share in this celebration, especially those who have taught our Y6 pupils in previous years.

Verified results from EYFS, phonics screening check and KS1/2 SATs will be available on our website in the autumn term.



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KS2 Results 2018-19	At Expected Standard (School)	National Average At Expected Standard	At Greater Depth (School)
Reading	77%	73%	48%
Writing	85%	78%	33%
Maths	88%	79%	53%
Spelling and grammar	88%	78%	60%
Science	88%	83%	N/A
Reading, writing and maths combined	77%	65%	30%

At Sherington, we understand the importance of the rich curriculum that we continue to offer our oldest pupils in their KS2 SATs year. The screening of Y6 pupils' films at Greenwich Picturehouse in early July saw our 8th Oscars. Thanks go to Mr O'Leary and Mr Parry for this red carpet event. The technical aspects of the pupils' film making were greatly enhanced this year. It is one of the highlights that our returning pupils invariably talk about. Another is the Year 6 production, and this year's Beauty and the Beast was no exception. The professionalism with which the pupils performed was breathtaking. Special thanks to Mr Hinchliffe and Ms Cole for directing and producing such a brilliant show. Thanks also to Mr Paterson for his collaboration; the painted props were exquisitely done.

Friends of Sherington did another marvellous job in planning the Summer Fair. It's a huge task and we appreciate the work involved. It was a tremendous success and it was great to see so many families in attendance. We took particular joy in watching the band ExS (our ex pupils) take to the stage and delight the crowd. A big thank you to Mr Veacock for leading them. We were fortunate to have perfect weather for the fair, as we did for Sports Day, led by Ms McHugh. As ever, there was great family participation. Thank you all.

Arts Week was received very positively again this year. Many parents commented on the choreography and choice of music to accompany the dances. This is all down to Ms Steatham, our dance teacher. The power - and sentiments expressed - in the pupils' singing was also tingling. Thanks to Mr Everitt and Mr Hinchliffe for leading on this over the course of the term as well as on the day.

All of our musicians have had the opportunity to perform this term: Year 3 First Access Music assembly, for our pupils just starting out on lessons; ensembles for our more experienced musicians; Senior Band for those at the top of their game. Glee has shown strength of character - working with



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a temporary tutor over the term and achieving results of the highest quality. Many thanks to Mr Veacock, Mr Woodhurst, Mr Saadoun, Mr Smith and Ms Linnell for all of their work on our musical showcases.

We are fortunate to have been able to recruit governors over the last year or so who have expertise and skills that are extremely valuable to the school. Ross Bailey, our Chair of Governors, is writing to you separately, but I'd like to thank the board for the support and challenge they provide on a voluntary basis.

At this time of year, we also say many 'goodbyes.' Teachers leaving us this summer are Miss Watson, Mr Everitt and Ms McHugh. We wish them all the very best in their new schools. From the support staff we bid farewell to Ms Self, Ms Jani, Mrs DeFreitas and Mr Jamison. Joining us as class teachers in September will be Ms Davis, Mr Potter and Ms Schmidt. We are also delighted that Miss Portman will be returning to lead our music provision. A list of teachers and classes for September is attached. We bid a fond farewell to our year 6 pupils and for some, their families as well. We wish all of Year 6 a smooth transition to their secondary school, one which we hope they feel well prepared for.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 4th September.

I've identified the break as an ideal opportunity for me to work on the virtues of transcendence and humanity. I hope that you all have a wonderful summer, spending time with family and friends.

Best wishes,

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