Shinfield Infant & Nursery School

Spring Term Newsletter 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone has had a good weekend.

I am afraid my New Year Resolution to get newsletters to you every Monday seems to have melted along with the wonderful snow last weekend! This is largely due to the many other COVID– related communications and issues that have come our way and have to be dealt with and communicated to everyone. It is hoped that 'normal service' will resume with this newsletter.

Best wishes,

Amanda Turner, Headteacher

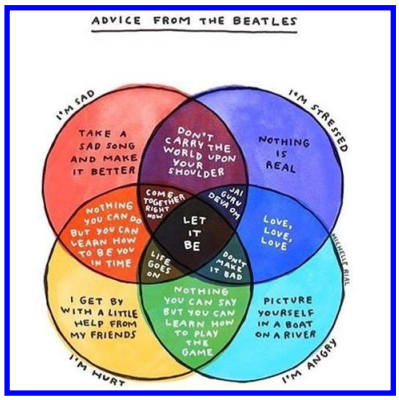
COVID-19 updates from school

The updated COVID-19 school risk assessment is available on the school website. This contains information that may help answer many questions asked by parents about the school procedures.

Lateral Flow Testing has been started for the staff team this week, all very ably organised and set up by Mrs Scott and Mrs Mott from the office team. The staff will be taking self administered tests every Monday and Thursday morning and so we will hopefully be able to pick up on any asymptomatic cases. So far the test results have been negative.

A member of F2 staff has tested positive on Saturday 30th January. As they were last in school on Tuesday 26th January, there is no further course of action for the school and the F2 bubbles will continue as normal.

The Nursery will remain open to children of critical workers and vulnerable children until we are able to arrange a safe area for the Nursery team to work in smaller bubbles. This is for the safety and well-being of the children and staff in Nursery.



Here is a thank you from Miss Lendrum, who has been running Teams calls with children working at home:

I am very proud of the way the Year 1 children have adapted to online reading/ phonics sessions. They are not an easy task for young children and they have coped extremely well. All the parents/carers have given great support to the children. This has made my job much easier and more enjoyable. Thank you so much to all of you. Keep up the good work. You are amazing!

Miss Lendrum

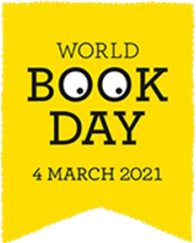
World Book Day - Thursday 4th March

Although World Book Day will be celebrated in a different way to normal, we are still planning a celebration of books. That week we will be asking children to make their favourite book character and take a photo of themselves with their character. There are lots of ideas on the website if you need some inspiration: https://www.worldbookday.com/fun-craft-favourite-characters/

There will also be a way of purchasing books to support school and we will be sending out the usual £1 book tokens. Look out in the newsletter for more information nearer the time.

In the meantime, continue to enjoy sharing stories and have a look at the World Book Day website for more ideas of things to do. https://www.worldbookday.com/

Mrs Feeney

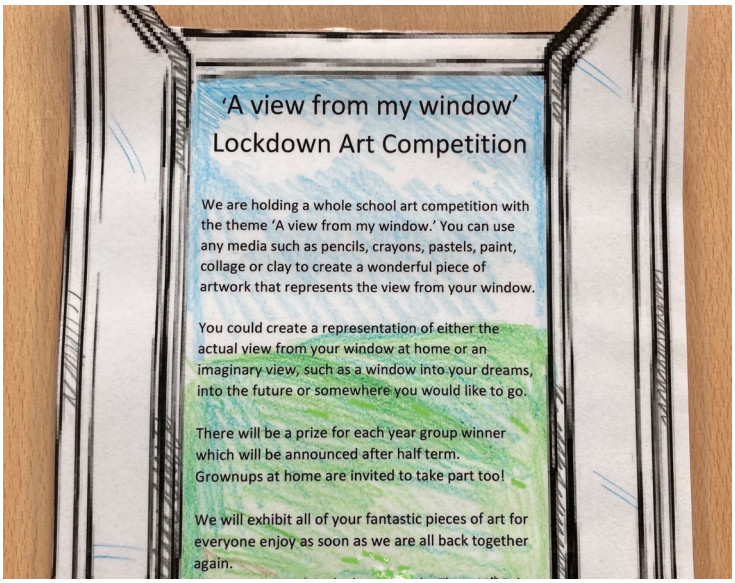


‘A view from my window’ Art competition

Thank you so much for the wonderful entries so far for our school art competition.

The box will be out at the front of the school until Thursday 11th Feb to put your artwork in.

All age groups welcome to enter, so please keep the wonderful art coming!



Second Hand Uniform

This is on sale from outside the school office at very reasonable prices. Please come any time between 9.30 and 2.30pm. There is an honesty box for payments inside. Cash payments only, or cheques made payable to Shinfield Infant and Nursery School. If you would rather make a bank transfer, please contact the school office.

Lockdown Reading Award for F2, Year 1 and Year 2

This home reading award is open to all F2, Year 1 and Year 2 children at home and at school. All they have to do is show that they have done some reading at home, be it any or all of the following:

- Reading their school reading book (and changing it when the books are left out)
- Having a go at ‘Reading Eggs’ - we hope they enjoy it!
- Reading online to one of the teaching assistants—parents and carers can book appointments online using the links in the home learning information on the website
- Telling their teachers about a good book they have read at home

The closing date is Friday 5th February

Picture News

Picture News last week was about Joe Biden and what makes a good leader? The Year 1 children decided, having thought about the senior leaders in school, that a good leader needs to be kind and helpful. Year 2 thought that leaders needed to be respectful, brave and be able to do inspirational speeches as well! Mrs Lauchlan was thrilled that Year 2 remembered Wilma Rudolph, Martin Luther King, David Attenborough and Harriet Tubman, and could say why they were great leaders. Please see attached information to discuss with your own children.

Allocation of devices for remote learning

Many thanks to Winkworth, Lenovo and some parents for their kind donation of laptops and other devices. These have been lent to children in the school who do not have a device for home learning. If your child is struggling to access the home learning please speak to the class teacher for further advice and support. Any further donations of devices for home learning would be most welcome. Please contact the school office with details.

Virtual Holiday Camps

Please see the PDF posters attached for Virtual Feb Half Term Holiday Camps and Virtual Extra Curricular Clubs. Get Active Sports are providing some very affordable, remote live entertainment for children to encourage staying at home. Children will be able to interact with others their age and the qualified sports coaches running the session. From running these sessions in the past, Get Active say these sessions have not only been great in keeping children social and active, but very useful for parents working from home.

GOLDEN GOOD BOOK

Well done to all of these children for their work of the last two weeks! Can some spot their work below?

Birch Class: Alan, Haneen, Amalie and Heath

Maple Class: Ruby, Amandi, Addison and Lucy

Willow Class: Luca, Genevieve, Omer and Orestis

Apple Class: Grace, Joshua, Ronav and Theo

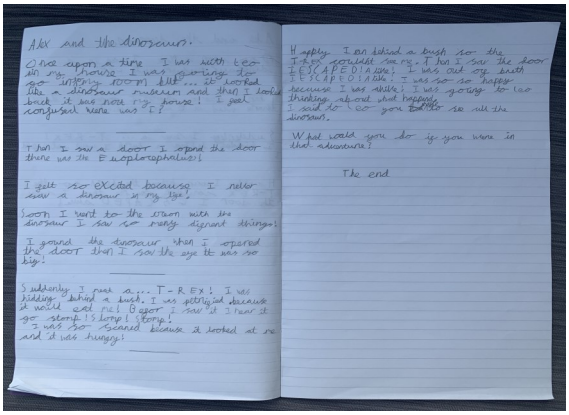
Cherry Class: Danny, Jaxon, Elliott and Maya

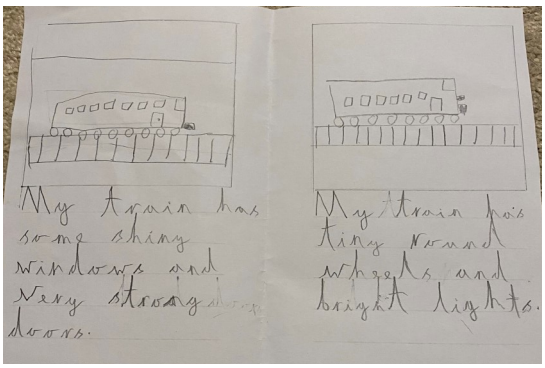
Plum Class: Hazara, Callum, Ainhoa and Vihaan

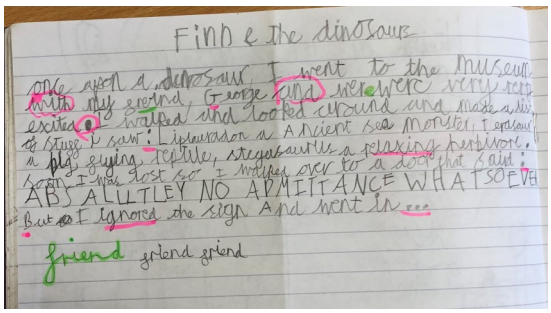
Ash Class: Albert, Finn, Kanyenna and Valentina

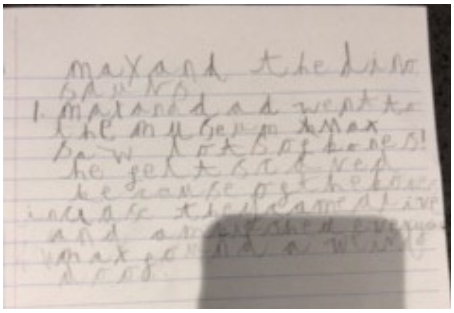
Elm Class: Amber, Reece, Vaughan and Nadia

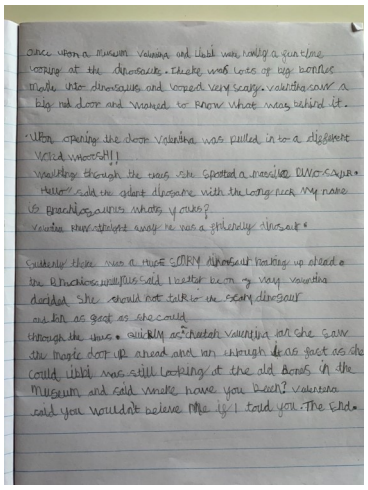
Oak Class: Max, Maisie, Alex and Emily.

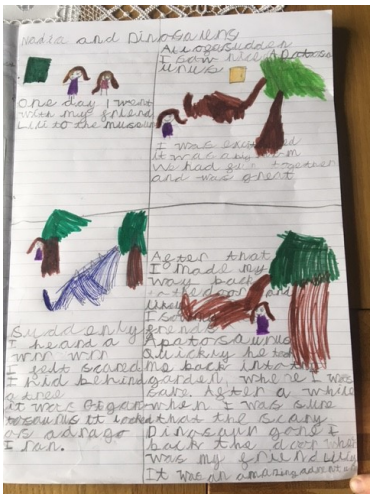


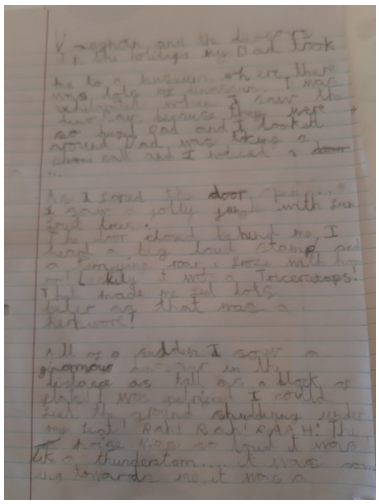


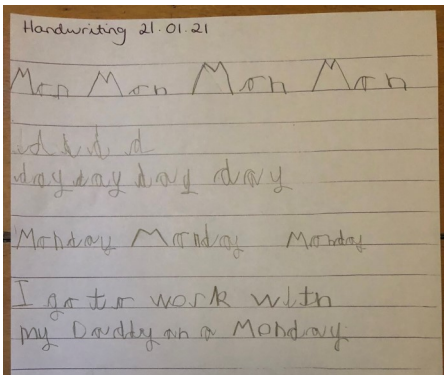


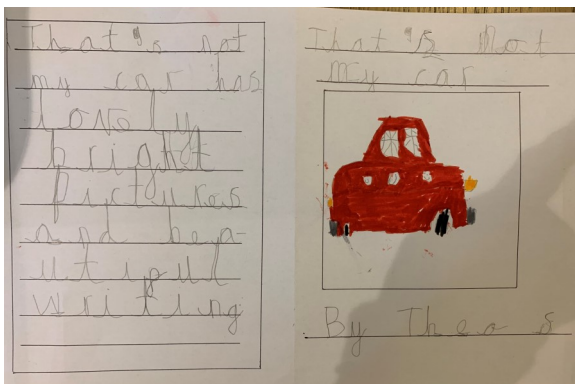












Wow' word challenge!

Once a fortnight we will be introducing the children to two new words. We would like them to explore the meaning of the words in different ways and will be featuring some of the children's most original ideas in the school newsletters. We will have a 'Wow' word wall in school as well to celebrate fun and interesting interpretations of different words.

To start the 'Wow' word challenge our first words are **murky** and **lush**-

What do those words mean to you? Have a look at these interpretations….

murky

lush

Encourage your child to use the words in sentences at home so that they become part of their vocabulary.

Have fun playing with words! Please send any pictures to- nlauchlan@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk