

Shillington Lower Newsletter

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Our value of the month : **Simplicity**

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2019



Our Value for March is **SIMPLICITY**

- **Appreciating plain and simple things in life**
- **Enjoying the natural world**
- **Behaving in a loving and caring way which costs nothing**

In school we will consider the joys and beauties of nature at springtime. We will ask the question “What really makes you happy?” It is often the most simple of actions such as a hug from Mum or a smile from a friend. We will examine simple playground games like hopscotch, chase and skipping pointing out that it isn’t always necessary to have expensive equipment in order to enjoy yourself. Children will be encouraged to share smiles and kind words, a simple way to bring happiness to others. One lesson to learn is that the more you complicate your life the bigger muddle your life becomes.

Thought for the month: The simplest things in life are free and fun.

At home you could take this opportunity to go out on a family nature walk and really open your eyes and look and talk about what you see. The trees and spring flowers are particularly beautiful at this time of year so encourage the children to use their senses and describe the feel of the tree bark and the fragrance of the spring flowers and shrubs. We are sure you would all enjoy this very simple experience.

Shillington Superstars

Rainbows

Holly

Tate

Unicorns

Thea

The Whole Class!

Dragons

Rosemary

Ellen

Centaurs

Loui

Corbin

Phoenix

Harry

Joe

Exciting Writing

Rainbows

Jack

Alice

Unicorns

Elliott

Teddy

Dragons

Ayla

Ethan A

Centaurs

Jett

Healey

Leo

Pixie News

Continuing with our topic growing; Pixie class explored flowers and what they need to grow. We painted daffodils and made our very own shape flowers.

This week we have visitors in the form of tadpoles! The children have loved our daily visits to see how the frogspawn has changed. We have been concentrating on number recognition in numeracy, the children have really enjoyed playing the frog number game on the laptops.



Rainbows News

The past couple of weeks have been very exciting in Rainbows. We have been learning more about different life cycles. We have been taking good care of our little visitors. We have lots of lovely tadpoles swimming around our water tray! Over the week, the change in the frog spawn has been really interesting to watch. It has been fascinating to write and draw about too. We have focused on doubling and halving the past couple of weeks using dominoes, Numicon, challenge cards and lots more!

Unicorns News

In Unicorn class we have been really busy over the past couple of weeks celebrating World Book Day where we really enjoyed activities based on 'ZOG' by Julia Donaldson. This week we have been working hard in maths looking at greater than, less than and comparing different amounts. We have also been working on counting in 2s. We have really loved computing this week where we had to create an algorithm for building a duplo model. The children then swapped and had to follow somebody else's instructions.

Centaur News

Since our last newsletter Centaurs have been busy celebrating World Book Day by completing a range of activities based on the book 'ZOG' written by Julia Donaldson. Our English work for ZOG resulted in some fantastic 'zig, zag' story books which have helped us to learn when and how to use inverted commas in our writing. The children were challenged with writing a story that told of what the main character learnt in each year of school and how they felt about it. We were all very creative and even had a story about what a Velociraptor learns at school!

We have also challenged ourselves during World Maths Day by focusing on how to solve word problems and researching the achievements of women in the field of Mathematics. We learnt about Ada Lovelace, Sophie Germain and Emmy Noether. Why not ask the children what they can remember about our research!

Dragons News

It was World Maths Day on Tuesday of this week so we completed a tricky puzzle all about socks! Some of us also learnt about Mary Cartwright - she was a famous mathematician who helped develop radar technology during WW2. In topic this week we learnt about the Maasai people of Africa. We then went outside and made our own model Maasai houses using sticks, leaves and mud. It was great, messy, fun!



Year 2 making their model Maasai mud huts.



Phoenix News

We have had a great week in Phoenix class. We saw some fantastic costumes for world book day and created some amazing 3D dragon eyes using clay. In English we have been researching facts about the Siberian Tiger. We then recorded this information and edited it on the iPad using iMovie's.



Diary Dates

21st Mar	Mixed Socks Day—Down Syndrome Awareness Day
29th Mar	Years R-4 Mum's & Maths Session 8.45—9am
1st April	Pixie Class Mothers Day Stay & Play 2.30pm—3.15pm
2nd April 5pm	Year 2 SATs Information Meeting for Parents
22nd—24th May	Year 4 Residential trip to Grafham Water

Term Dates

2018 - 19

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3rd January 2019 - Friday 5th April 2019

(Half Term 11th - 15th February 2019)

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 - Friday 19th July 2019

(Half Term 27th - 31st May)

(School Closed Monday 6th May 2019)

Please note there is no training day at Shillington on 3rd June

Term Dates 2019—2020

These are the dates agreed with our cluster of schools for 2019—2020

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4th September 2019—Friday 20th December 2019

(Half term: 21st—25th October 2019)

(Inset days: Monday 2nd and 3rd September and Monday 28th October)

Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 7th January 2019 - Friday 3rd April 2020

(Half term: 17th-21st February)

(Inset day: Monday 6th January)

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April 2020 - Friday 17th July 2020

(Half term: 25th-29th May)

Please note there is no Inset day on Monday 20th April 2020 as shown on Central Bedfordshire

Thank you to everyone who donated towards Comic Relief 2019—we managed to raise £115 towards supporting vulnerable people and communities in the UK and Internationally.



On Thursday 21st March we are supporting World Down Syndrome Day.

We want to get the world talking about WDSD—How can you help? By wearing #LotsOfSocks!



We are inviting the children to come into school wearing mixed socks for the day to raise awareness. (There is no donation required on this day).

Please do not park onsite when dropping off children in the morning if arriving after the gate has closed unless you are eligible to park in the disabled parking area. Our driveway needs unrestricted access at all times.

Thank you for your co operation.



You may be aware that our uniform suppliers, Tesco are no longer providing this service. Our uniform will now be supplied by My Clothing Ltd who will supply the same garments in the same way as our previous suppliers.

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