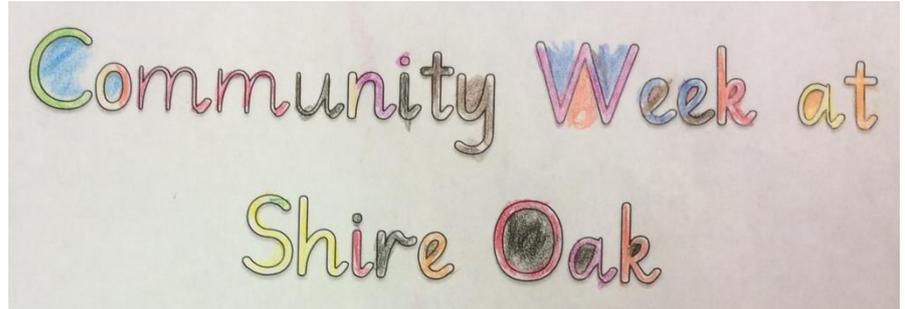




Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

I am delighted that this week's newsletter has been written by the children. It includes many recent events, including those that took place this week during our **Community Week**. Thank you to everyone who wrote a report, I am sorry not all of them were included!



Community Week 6th to 10th July
What is community?

Community is a gathering of people connected by the same place or idea.

Community's I belong to: Shire Oak School, Beavers, Manchester United Football Club, Archery club, Drumming Club.

By George, Year 1 (initial statement shared writing by Y1)

Sports Days (Y5 & Y6, Y3 & Y4, YR, Y1 & Y2)

On Monday 6th July 2015 Y5 and Y6 had their Sports Day on the school's field. Both of the classes sat on their house team mats. The first race was the hurdles. From my team (Giraffes) Raygan came third and Jacob came first. The most hilarious race was the three-legged-race. Every single pair fell at least once. Even though every pair crossed the finish line and they had no chance of winning, Siraj and Ibrahim from the Rhinos team still kept going until they crossed the finish line themselves. Everybody thought they were going to give up since they were only half way through the race track but they carried on until the finish.

By Patty, Year 5

On Monday 6th July 2015 it was Sports Day for Y5/6. The events were hurdles, sprint, sack, egg and spoon, bean bag on head, three legged race, javelin, skipping and relay races. So Y5/6 took turns for every event. Luckily the weather was fine, a bit cloudy. The races that I did were javelin and relay. I enjoyed all of the races. My favourite event is javelin. The Sports Day started at 9:30am, it started off by hurdles. We were in our house teams. The house teams are Lions, Leopards, Elephants, Rhinos and Giraffes. It all went quite alright.

I enjoyed Sports Day I hope there are more Sports Days next year too.

By Farwa, Year 5



On the 6th of July Year 5 and 6 competed on a special day called Sports Day. Sports Day is where Shire Oak do something athletic, some of the things were skipping, egg and spoon race, bean bag race. The bean bag race is where you get given a bean bag and you have to balance it on your head and try to get to the finish line without dropping it.

Year 6 was excellent they all played fairly not whinging about who came first, and Year 5 did the same. This year was different to last year because last year we had stickers and we were supposed to stick them on ourselves but the only problem was we used to lose them but this year we stuck them on a piece of plastic on a blue board and that was much better.

When we were about to start the egg and spoon race they let them have a little warm up before we started so they went. Kera was in first, someone was close but he wasn't close enough to win so Kera came first we all clapped for her and she walked off with a smile on her face.

By Aaliyah, Year 5

Shire Oak Sports Day

The 5/6 sports day took place on Monday 6th of July in which all the teams tried their hardest to take the satisfaction of winning.

Nerves were high as the sports day kicked off with the hurdles. In the race there were brilliant displays of skill and determination. There were lots of quality races- one being the year 6 sack race in which Jake was sure to win but suddenly he took a fall which left him lagging behind. The three legged race was bound to end with most people on the floor, but you might be surprised at the year 5 race as only one or two pairs fell over although in the year 6 race it was the opposite with most people falling over.

As the results were counted up it was lions who won with elephants and giraffes behind. It was a great way to finish off year 6.

By Jonas, Year 6

On Monday 6th July in the afternoon it was Sports Day, I was in Leopards. We did very well, I did the sprint race, the relay race, the 3-legged race, the sack-race, the discus and the obstacle race.

I worked in the community of my team, Leopards. We only got 3 shiny first medal stickers but we got about 15 second medal stickers. We have to wait for KS1 to do their Sports Day before we can hear the final results.

By Theo, Year 4

Yesterday we did all tips of rases. I did the egg and spoon the reley and the javelin. I came secund in javlin and I was happy. Mummy and Daddy wer proud of me.

By Stan, Year 2

Girls' Rugby Tournament

On Friday 6th March Shire Oak's girls rugby team played Low Town Primary School in Pudsey.

We went on a minibus to the place. When we got there we warmed up. A lot of the girls complained because the shorts were too short and the tops were too big but for all the kit was way too small. Low Town started with the ball we charged them down and pulled off all their tags. It was really funny because the youngest girl in Low Town kept running the wrong way and scoring tries on our side. Finally it was our turn with the ball and Tilly sped past them. I stood and was back up in case one of the girls got scared or could not run fast enough. Then the whistle blew and it was half time.

After half time Mr Martin was ref. We all felt a little made because he kept giving bonus points to the other team. But even though there was not a real winner we still won 12-8 but it was only a friendly match.

Altogther I thought the match was really good and at the end we did 3 cheers for Low Town!!!

By Hannah, Year 6



Mixed rugby with Queenswood, Woodlesford and Iveson (Year 4 and Year 6)



Trip to HEART

During Community Week all children involved in the Drawing and Talking held by Ms Virgin went to paint a mural in the HEART Café. They went round in two groups and looked around for inspiration and got a drawing idea!

The small groups looked for ideas at what the other murals were themed as and their ideas went off with a bang! Jungle themes were everywhere and the planning paper was full of spidery drawings.



They started to put their ideas to work with the paints and waterproof coating. All the children made a start and are keen to see the finished project of their masterpiece.

By Ellie, Year 6

The Little Princess Trust

My mum told me about girls donating their hair. My mum heard of a charity called The Little Princess Trust which provides wigs for boys and girls who lost their hair with cancer treatment.

I did it because I thought that everyone needs help in their lives, so I gave help to a boy or girl in need.

People don't realise that having no hair feels scary and lonely because everyone stares at you and thinks you aren't someone who belongs there. If you have no hair nearly everything can be totally different than before. Children don't like going to public places so people can stare at them. Girls look at models and the beautiful hairstyles and imagine themselves having the hairstyles. Girls and boys need to always wear hats to protect their heads from either the sun in the summer or the cold in the winter. Some children avoid looking at others or using mirrors and feel sad or even lonely. They don't like playing certain games and doing sport especially ball games to avoid getting their head hurt. They look at friends and think they belong with friends with the same dilemma.

It takes at least 5 people to donate their hair to make 1 wig and the minimum length of hair donation is 7 inches or 17cm.

By Melita, Year 3

Adventure and Risk Groups in Year 5

Adventure and Risk Famous Five Group

With Mr Bache, Year 5 have been doing a project. My group, Famous Five, went to Ralph Thoresby with another group, The Journey. We joined in a science lesson on Monday 29th June in the afternoon.

We all got a Haribo and Kera, the receptionist, and the science teacher, Dr Morrell, had a big conversation about which thumb they sucked! After that we went upstairs. Dr Morrell unlocked the door. Her assistant came from behind the group and entered the science lab. Dr Morrell started talking about Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. There were 5 chemicals water, vinegar, bleach, lemon juice, and I can't remember the last one. We tested the different pHs with those liquids.

Finally we mixed Jellyfish sting with vinegar to get the neutral pH which is pH7. We all managed to get it to a pH7. After that we left.

By Oscar J, Year 5

Adventure Risk Super Wave Kids

Archie, Farwa, Jessie and Dwayne are in the Super Wave Kids' Group who, with Mr Bache also, are sorting something out. We are doing an adventure for Spring Bank Primary School. Mr Bache split the class into 6 groups – The Journey, Freedom Escapers, Super Wave Kids, Awesome Adventure Kids, Shock Wave and Famous Five.

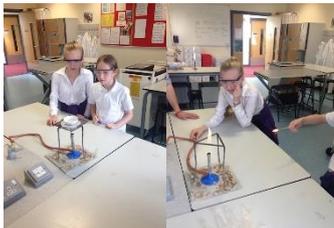
By Braydon, Year 5



Science trip to Ralph Thoresby

On Monday 29th June two groups in Year 5 went to Ralph Thoresby High School to do some science. First we got on a minibus, I was sitting next to Patty so I kept asking her, "Are we there yet?!" When we finally got there we entered the building then we went in the office and the lady at the office gave us a Haribo which was very nice of her.

We climbed up some steps to the science room where there stood a lady who explained to us what we were going to do.



The lady said: "Hello Y5 today we are going to turn salt water into fresh water and learn how to cure a jellyfish sting." So then we put on some safety glasses and protective gloves, then we squirted water, vinegar and lemon juice and then added some other liquids, after a couple of seconds the liquids changed colour! It was so much fun! Then we got some salt water and boiled it then it turned into fresh water!

By Evie, Year 5

Diving Competition

On Monday 29th June, me and my friend Elsa did a diving competition at John Charles Sports Centre.

Once Elsa and I got changed into our swimming costumes, we went on to poolside to get ready. Once we warmed up Elsa took to the side of the pool and did a tuck jump then walked up the stairs to the 1 metre board, she did a graceful pike fall. Unfortunately I belly flopped into the water on my pike fall. The most scary thing I did was jump off the 3 metre board, my stomach felt as if it was going to come out of my mouth. It was as if I floated down to the water's surface. Finally I jumped off the 3 metre board, 3 times then back on the 1 metre to do an appalling pike fall. After all the jumps and falls we did, Elsa and I were bruised all over.

At home I told my mum about the dives, she was really impressed and gave me an ice cream. Elsa and I really enjoyed the competition and we will do one again.

By Freya, Year 5

Year 5 and 6 Sports Festival

On Thursday 15th June 2015 Year 5 were doing an Athletics Tournament.

We were at Becketts Park. The first race was long distance race it had a big impact on Amelia but she did very well. Then it was Archie who did the race, he did incredibly well and passed the finish line and came seventh in the race. Then it was javelin – girls'. Farwa was playing she came third and surprised everyone in the whole arena. It finally came to the relay! Leo's team came up first. The gun shot out, the race started, Archie ran as fast as he could towards Leo. Leo tripped up and lost the lead and passed it to Adam ASAP he ran to Ashton, Ashton got to the finish line and came seventh. Then it was the other boys' team. It started with Dwayne and he ran really fast. Then it came to Braydon, he ran as fast as he could. It came to myself, Siraj, and I ran so fast I didn't know I could run that fast!

By Siraj, Year 5

Year 2 Swimming

In Year 2 we go swimming every week and we learn to dive, and have fun. And to swim under water. We go under water from the hoops. We get to float on top of the water we learn to swim under water backwards. Since we all have started swimming we have got better and better. We love going swimming!

By Chanelle and Logan, Year 2

Heather Sharpe, storyteller

On Tuesday Heather came to Year 2 and told us the story of Kahoolan. It comes from Ireland and a taxi driver told her it. First she lit the story lantern and the story light. After that she told the story poem. The story is about a giant who is fierce and also a giant, who is so afraid of him that he only needs to hear a shudder and runs off across the mountains. We liked it because it was funny, sometimes a bit scary and made you imagine.

By Lily Rose, Peter and Erin, Year 2

On Tuesday morning a very funny and imaginative lady called Heather Sharpe came in and told us a few short stories.

Heather's job is to be a story teller so first she told us a wonderful story about a man and a strange sea creature that lived in an extremely dangerous lake. The base of the story was about a man called Scriff who thought he was so hard and strong that he believed he could do anything.

To make money Scriff caught fish from the lakes around Yorkshire and made people buy them so he ended up with piles of money, but it didn't end there. He carried on catching fish for a while and decided to go into the most dangerous lake. Apparently the lake Scriff was going to face was so deep you could never reach the bottom. Scriff wasn't scared.

When he got out his boat and put his dog Sid with him he got his fishing net and started fishing. He found something like jelly in his net and after a while he found it was a mermaid. A blue and green slimy mermaid that was as delicate as an egg.

I think that Heather Sharpe is an amazing storyteller who brings something new. She knows a lot of cool facts and stories that really make people fascinated. I really enjoyed listening to her because of her funny accents that really bring you into her story.

By Coco, Year 4

End of Year Production

A Glint of Gold

Over a few weeks year six have been thoroughly practising their end of year production. Since their topic has been the Ancient Egyptians, their play will be based on the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb.

'A Glint of Gold' will be performed on Wednesday 15th July and will also involve year five in minor parts. Hopefully many parents and carers will join year six for a truly magnificent performance!

The class have been working extremely hard remembering all of their lines and the, hard to pronounce, Egyptian names. Fatimah, a member of the class and a handmaiden in the production, stated "It'll be great to see the finished product, as I know we've all been working to breaking point."

The rehearsals have attracted heaps of attention from staff and pupils. Great comments have been received and everyone has been hugely enthusiastic!

By Tilly M, Year 6

A Perfect Production

At the moment Yr5/6 are working on their Egyptian production for the end of the year. So far it's had a brilliant start and it's getting quite close to the performance.

There are many parts: the three main are Lord Canarvon-Ethan Meskin; Howard Carter-Jonas Wragg and King Tut-Lasharde Richardson. All lines are almost perfect with a few people needing to be louder. Lasharde said 'It's so hard to remember all my 35 lines!' The singing is amazing and the solos are pitch perfect.

With a week to go, the prop department is busy preparing masks, props, clothing and much more! Everyone is being measured up for their final outfit. Even some of the teachers are getting kitted out for the big day!

Wednesday is going to be a long day with a performance in the afternoon and evening. It's sure that there will be some tired faces and many proud faces from the parents. Amelia Drake (playing Lady Evelyn) said 'It will be a great success!'

Everyone is looking forward to the final performance on Wednesday and all wish good luck to Yr5/6.

By Annie, Year 6

Y6 'GLINT OF GOLD' PRODUCTION UNDERWAY

Year 6's last year is coming to an end at Shire Oak; it is a sad time but luckily they give us an end of year production.

Year 6 have been practising most mornings for the big day. The play is about the story of Howard Carter finding Tutankhamen's tomb, but is there something or someone watching him? There will be lots of music and loud voices as year 6 are joined by year 5. Together, they are sure to be brilliant as the two classes unite as one.

The songs are happy, moving, loud, soft and some tunes may sound familiar - as last year's 'world cup hall of fame' song has the same tune as the old god Egyptian counting song. Miss Earl, one of the year six teaching assistants, who is part of the costume making says "I can't wait to see us".

The year six teacher Mrs Mitchell says "I'm really excited that the year 6's have worked together and it's coming together nicely"

Their play will hopefully be a success by the way it's coming along and because of the hard put into it.

By Lasharde, Year 6

Leeds Rugby Partnership

P.E WITH DAN

Over the last 6 weeks Dan Hardy, a Leeds Rhino coach, has been coming in to Shire Oak to do some P.E with us instead of doing P.E. with the school teachers all of the time, Dan chooses to come in and so some PE with us.

It has been extremely fun with Dan and we have practised lots of different rugby activities, including some new skills using a rugby ball. My favourite was when I caught the ball which had been thrown sky high!

Madison, who is in year 6, said, "It was brilliant having Dan. It was great fun and every week we learnt something new."

By Fatimah, Year 6

Shire Oak Rugby World Cup Tournament

This year children at Shire Oak Primary School have held a rugby world cup tournament for ks2 and so far it has been intense. After several weeks we have 4 matches left, including the final and the semi finals-everyone is buzzing! Jago, who created it, says it was great success and thanks to my colleagues Max, David and William for helping me organise it. In about 2 weeks it will be the final of the tournament which everyone is looking forward to.

By Vishal, Year 6



"In Reception Class we have made an art gallery and everyone can come to see it and our Mummies and Daddies and Crown Ups. It looks really special."

Well done to all the children who contributed to this newsletter. We didn't manage to fit everything in or get them written in time to meet the deadline, so other recent events have included:

Headingley Open Gardens – thank you to everyone who visited and to Jill Dickinson for organising us!

Y6 trip to the Discovery Centre – some quality learning about the Ancient Egyptians.

Y1/2 Trip to Filey – a wonderful, sunny day with ice creams, playing and a lovely picnic. Thank you to all the staff who came and to all the children for behaving so well and joining in so nicely.



Listening Yurt – thank you to Susie Hopkins, Leeds Church Institute and volunteers from St Michaels, St Chads and governors for helping us with this event. The children enjoyed the water feature, the installation about life in Leeds and the questions and prompts to help them think about journeys, internal and between places. They all felt the Yurt was a special place and valued their time there.



Elephants Tea Party – we have been doing lessons on bereavement and how to talk about loss. The children have been impressive in their thoughtfulness and sensitivity. We finished with a special assembly and then our Elephants Tea Party celebration! Elephants never forget is the saying, and we will remember people we love too.

End of Year Music Concert – thank you to Mrs Koyuncu and the YMES teachers for organising our musicians to play for us all. We were very impressed with the performances on violin, drums, guitar, piano/keyboard and trombone.



Eid and Ramadan Assembly – well done to the children who shared their learning or talked about their celebrations. Especial thanks to Uwais who came back from Abbey Grange High School to demonstrate the call to prayer and read a hadith.

Have a great weekend.

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Did you know?

The children have now all met their teachers for next year in a special transition afternoon.

Reception – Mrs Hannah Black (with Mrs Christine Bennett and Miss Lyanne Turner)

Year One – Mrs Sue Bennett and Mrs Susie Hopkins (with Ms Sue Strange and Mrs Mandeep Atwal)

Year Two – Miss Teju Sonuga (with Miss Jayne Corner and Miss Leah Smith) Teju is new to our school but has been working on handovers with our current staff. We are very pleased she is joining us.

Year Three – Mr Ian Martin (with Mrs Brenda Farnhill)

Year Four – Mr Chris Marshall (with Ms Abi Readman)

Year Five – Mr Alun Davies (with Ms Sue Nicol and Mrs Judith Swiers)

Year Six – Mrs Sara Mitchell and Mrs Heather Flanagan (with Ms Kate Earl and Mrs Sue Marlow)

Miss Jess Miller has returned from maternity leave and is working part time covering classes for PPA, etc. (Planning, preparation and assessment time)

Miss Chloe Grey is going travelling around Australia for the year.

Miss Sarah Coulter is completing her teacher training this year.

Mr Robert Straw is likely to be starting teacher training this year.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 14 th July	Y5/6 production dress rehearsal for the other classes
Wednesday 15 th July	Afternoon and evening production of Y5/6 show
Wednesday 15 th July	Sports Day reserve day (in case of inclement weather)
Thursday 16th July	School disco? We will have a disco before Christmas.
Thurs 16 th & Fri 17 th July	Bikeability for Year 6
Monday 20 th July	Leavers' Service 11 am St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Monday 20 th July	The Pier Boys drama by Alive and Kicking (children only)
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of the school year – Year 6 will probably go bowling.
Monday 7 th September	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 8 th September	First day of the school year 2015-2016
Friday 23 rd September	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children. Child Protection refresher training.
Monday 4 th January	TRAINING DAY – subject to confirmation
Thursday 24 th March	TRAINING DAY – subject to confirmation
Wednesday 22 nd June	TRAINING DAY – subject to confirmation. Assessment and report writing.

* means added or changed since last newsletter

We take the safeguarding of children very seriously at our school and we appreciate your help with this. If you have any concerns or observations regarding **health and safety**, please contact Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Liz Craven.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding **child protection** issues, please speak to Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Hilary Whitehead.

If you have questions about your **child's progress** or **how to help them** with the learning they find difficult please speak to your child's teacher or make an appointment to see them via the school office.

The governors are always interested in hearing the **views of parents**. If you would like to speak to a governor, then please email the chair, Janie Percy-Smith percysmithjanie@gmail.com (Janie is also in school most Tuesdays if you would like to talk to her.)