

Sherwood Primary School

NEWSLETTER

18/10/2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It's a bumper newsletter this week; as our young journalists have been in action. Thank you to our Year 6 Newspaper club for sharing the first copy of 'Pupil Voice'. This is written for Sherwood children, so please provide your child with the opportunity to read with you/to you.

ART AND DESIGN AT SHERWOOD

I met with Mrs Brown (Art and Design Leader) this week to review the standard of our children's Art and Design. I was blown away by the quality of the children's sketch books, creativity and their appraisal of the work of others. I'm sure you'll agree!

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

We aspire for all children to be in school every day and achieve 100% attendance, unless they are unable to attend due to illness. Our target for every child is **97.5%**. This takes into account 4-5 days of absence in an academic year when children may be too unwell to attend.

Our children have benefitted from high attendance to date. We finish the half term with a whole school attendance figure of **97.8%**. Thank you for your support, the impact is evident in all aspects of school life and the confidence of our children and standards of learning across the Curriculum.

REMINDER

A reminder to all that next week is half term. We welcome children back to school on the 28th October. We hope all children and families enjoy a restful and well-deserved break from school. School closes today at 3.20, 3.25 and 3.30pm. BASE at 6pm.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our calendar for next half term has now been updated. Lots to look forward to in the lead up to Christmas and Diwali celebrations just around the corner!

Yours,

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UNIFORM UPDATE

Following a request from several of our children, we are now permitting children to wear sport grip socks for indoor dance and gymnastics lessons in Key Stage 2. This is not required in KS1 as children wear their black pumps for these lessons.

Grip socks must be designed for sport, dance or yoga and in keeping with uniform colours please: black, white, grey, red or blue. Slipper socks are not appropriate. Thank you.

PARENT AND CARER EDI MEETING

Please join us on **31/10/24 at 2.30pm** for our next Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Parent Forum. We are discussing our new persona dolls that will be introduced to our children next half term. We need your ideas and input to give our new dolls a cultural identity and story. Everyone most welcome. Thank you!

HOCKEY UPDATE

We are delighted to share the news that our Hockey Team have finished top of the Champions league and will be promoted to the Premier League next season. Congratulations to all our players.

The Team also played in the Preston Super League Tournament this week and finished second. What a result! Another trophy for the cabinet!

PARKING REQUEST

Please can we kindly remind parents and carers **not** to use the staff carpark when dropping off to School for **Netball, Jujitsu, Gymnastics, Dance or Tennis Clubs?** This presents a significant risk to our families, staff and children when the carpark is congested. The carpark is only permitted for families using **BASE**. Thank you.

PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

Parent consultations meetings with your child's class teacher take place next half term. Booking opens on School Spider at 6pm today. We offer the option of Face to face or an online consultation. Please see our calendar for details.

(Booking slots open 18.10.24 @ 6pm through School Spider)

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The closing date for applications for September 2025 are:

31 October 2024 for secondary applications

15 January 2025 for primary applications

Apply online at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you for supporting the book fair in School. Together we spent £1522.74 at the book fair which equates to a fantastic **£913** worth of books for our school. Thank you all that came along and I hope your children have enjoyed reading their new books at home.

SHERWOOD OPEN EVENING

Booking is now available for our Annual Open evening. This is an opportunity to visit school with children who are due to commence Primary School in September 2025. Please [click here for details \(Our School – Admissions – Open Evening\)](#).

YOUNG ENGINEERS

Any budding engineers, please take a look at the free local workshop on 26th October 1-3pm based in Ashton.

[YOUNG Engineers Preston | Preston | Facebook](#)

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

Family Advice Communication Education (FACE) offer a wealth of support and guidance for families – from School Based Avoidance, Anger Management to managing screen time. Please click below to view the most recent newsletter and overview of support available ([School website – Parents – Support for Families and Children](#)).

Support for Families and Children

Files to Download

[Family Advice Newsletter November 2024](#)

[FACE Family Advice Zoom Sessions OCT NOV 2024](#)

[One stop shop Advice and Services](#)

[Positive Minds](#)

Sherwood Student Voice

A newspaper written BY pupils FOR pupils.



WELCOME EYFS

It's our first term back after the summer holidays! Last year was a good year and we are hoping for another great school year.

We are pleased to welcome our new Foundation children to our school. We hope that they have settled in these past weeks.

We spoke to a few children, to see their first impressions of the school.

Q: Do you like Foundation?

A: Yes. (*Heidi, Aylin and Priansh* – Foundation pupils)

Q: Would you recommend the school?

A: I would [*Heidi*] Yes [*Priansh*]

Q: What do you like about Foundation

A: I really like playing with my friends (*Priansh*)

Seeing my friends every day! (*Heidi*)

Singing and doing phonics (*Aylin*)

Our children have come to school with huge smiles and lots of enthusiasm. Not to mention a great start with foundation. Everyone is settling in quickly and enjoying their class

Some of the Year 6 children have been helping with the Foundation children at lunchtime. We asked Lilah from Year 6 if she thought the Foundation children have settled into the school life?

She told us that she really does because they have got straight into the routine that Sherwood do at lunchtime.

We can wait to see how they continue for the rest of the school year!



The Adventure Trail



As some of you may have seen, the Juniors have had a new feature added to their playground: The Adventure Trail! It features 6 obstacles and a quiet area with a small book shed. We asked 4 children from year 3 to year 6 what they thought about it and here's what they said:

Question: How are you enjoying the Adventure Trail?

Lily Ridley: I'm enjoying it because they put the new climbing part, and I like climbing. I also love how you can push yourself on some of the obstacles.

Question: What do you think could be improved?

Alex Corey: I think we should add some more nature features.



Question: What is your favourite obstacle?

Zainab Ali Shah: I like the timber stack because you can climb and I love climbing.

Question: How do you rate the Adventure Trail?

Maria Salem: 9/10 because it is a great way to be adventurous and try something else and it is extremely fun.

We are pleased to see that the children are enjoying the Trail and are finding it incredibly fun. We are also happy to see that they are following the rules and the timetable created for health and safety.

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Book Drop 2024!

At Sherwood, we are lucky enough to receive a brand new book every year -our annual Book Drop! This year's books all touch on the theme of disability – opening our eyes to characters with different needs. This year's books are:

Year 6: *The Letter With The Golden Stamp* - **Onjali Q Rauf**

Year 5: *Can You Feel The Noise?* -**Stewart Foster**

Year 4: *Birdsong* – **Katya Balen**

Year 3: *My Other Life* -**Polly Ho-Yen**

Year 2: *The Boy in the Jam Jar* -**Joyce Dunbar**

Year 1: *The Visible Sounds* -**Yin Jianling**

EYFS: *What Happened To You*-**James Catchpole**

First Impressions

We interviewed children in Year 1,2 and 3 to see their first impressions of the books.

Year 1: Eliza

Q: What was your favourite bit?

A: It was when she danced.

Year 2: Leena

Q: What was your favourite bit?

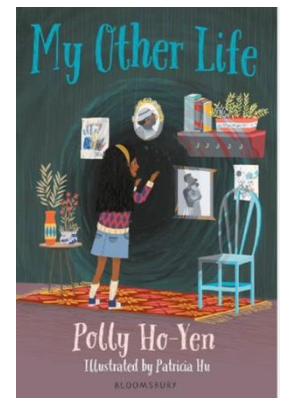
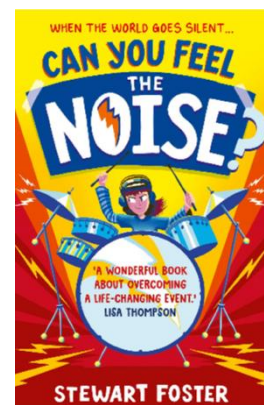
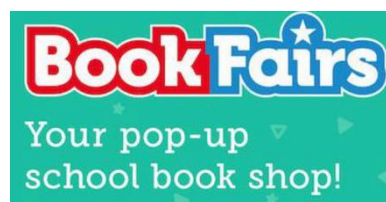
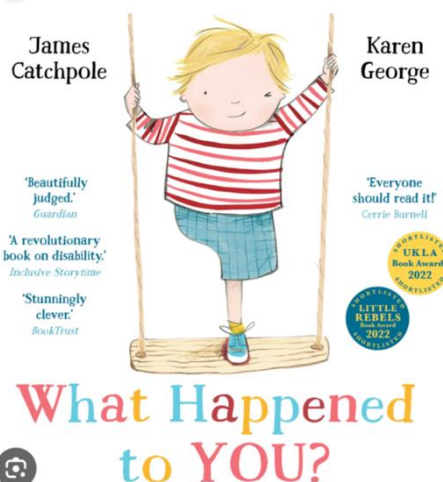
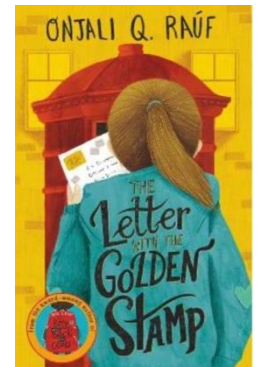
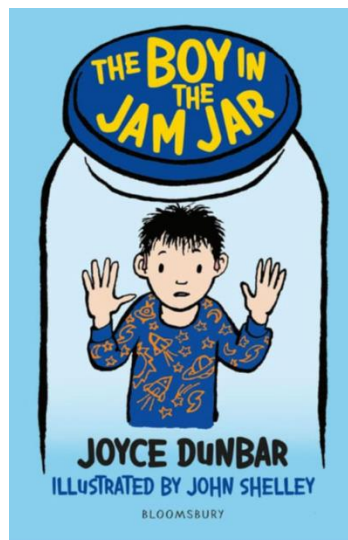
A: When Dylan got stuck in the Jam Jars.

Year 3: Aggi

Q:What was your favourite bit?

A: I liked the blurb.

We have also had the Book Fair this week – some great offers and amazing book choices!



Democracy at Sherwood

Every year at Sherwood we have moments of democracy and respect. In fact, just a few weeks ago, people have been voted from years 3-6 as different roles including: Digital Champion, School council, Sports Council, Eco Warrior and Reading Champion. Digital champion is a new role, created in 2024

A very special role, which is highly praised, is House Captain. All year 6s that want the role, make a video outlining why they are the best for the role, and then every other pupil in their house team votes for their 2 desired candidates.

School Council reps make a box for other classmates to put suggestions in, then the School Council will discuss the suggestions in meetings with Mrs Lumb.

Eco Warriors meet with Mr Stanton to discuss things we can do to make our school eco friendly to save energy, paper and keep our planet clean.

Sports Council reps discuss all physical education activities such as football, tennis, gymnastics, basketball etc. They also manage equipment on the playground and for PE.

Digital champions - It is a very new role so we don't know its full scope but we know it revolves around digital aspects like iPads and laptops, alongside online safety.

Harriet Johns – 6SH reading champion:

"I like being Reading Champion because I really like reading and it helps people get to know words and how to be able to have a mindset to write their own story."

Ella Wardman - 6KS digital champion: "I love being a digital champion because I have a lot of experience with digital aspects such as websites like scratch, BBC MICROBITS, Tinkercad, charanga and more. I love playing games online on my iPad and my phone and learning about the dangers of online games."



Sherwood School Values

In our school, we are taught to use all of our values both inside and outside of school. Whether it is showing respect by not talking to the person next to you when they have not finished their work or when you think you will get in trouble, but you still tell the truth and be honest. These are two of the most important values that we have at our school.

We asked some Sherwood Pupils about our School Values.

When have you persevered in life?

Lottie Year 4

Respect people's religions. Be adventurous while you can. In maths, when I can't do a question, I persevere and finally I will get it.

Where do you use values?

Chloe Year 3

I use them at home, in school and outside of school. I can name them all. Honesty, respect, adventure, perseverance, independence and aspiration.



What does honesty mean?

Alex Year 5

I think it means never lying and telling the truth no matter what pressure you are under. You should always be honest, no matter what the situation is. You may think if you don't tell the truth, you are making it easier for yourself but really you are just carrying more weight on your shoulders.

What is perseverance?

Beth Year 6

When you are kind to people, you listen to them. You look at them when they are talking to you. You don't talk back to a teacher. When I was at Tower Wood, I had to persevere because there were some really hard activities.

What is the most important value?

Ellie Foundation

Adventure.



Fair Trade



How does Fair trade work?

Fair trade is when people who make the things that we buy, are treated fairly and paid properly for their hard work.

Fair trade is essential for people working in poorer, less developed countries.

History

One of the earliest founders of the Fair Trade movement was Edna Byler. In 1946, Byler, who was an American businesswoman, visited a women's sewing group run by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Puerto Rico.

She began selling the group's crafts to friends and neighbours in the United States.

In 1962, her project was adopted by the MCC as the Overseas Needlework and Crafts Project.

Did you know?

When you choose Fairtrade chocolate, you know that farmers in African countries such as Ghana and Ivory Coast are getting a fairer price for their cocoa.

Fair Trade Facts!

Farmers and workers are guaranteed the Fair Trade Minimum Price for their crop. It means they are more likely to be able to cover essential costs, including food, education and healthcare.

Fair Trade helps farmers and workers access more training and better machinery to improve their chances of running a successful business.

Fair trade also tries to ensure the environment is taken care of and that products are made in a way that doesn't hurt the Earth.

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