

# Shacklewell Newsletter

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

## Headteacher's Update

It has been great to be back at Shacklewell this week after an incredible week away with the Year 6 children- see overleaf for further details.

Continuing our series of assemblies focused on neurodiversity, today one of our Year 6 pupils spoke to the whole school about ADHD. This follows previous child led assemblies which explored autism, Tourettes and ODD. As a result of these pupils' raising awareness, more children in the school now understand and empathise with their peers.

It has been great to see so many families in school this week for Come Learn With Me, Come Dine with Me and the Reading Breakfasts. This week has also seen lots of children getting out of the classroom to explore their learning. The children in Year 4 had a fascinating time at the British Museum exploring the Anglo Saxon galleries. The children in Year 5 also visited the British museum this week to examine the many Ancient Greek artefacts in the collection. More locally, Year 3 got to explore the Hackney School of Food and Year 1 visited St Barnabas to deepen their understanding of Christianity. Next week is a busy week too so be sure to check the key dates.

## Spring 2

### Monday 18th March

2.00pm - 3.00pm: Year 3 Come Learn With Me  
Reception trip to Butterfield Green

### Wednesday 20th March

12.40pm: Y3 Come Dine With Me  
2.30pm - 3.00pm: 5S library visit

### Thursday 21st March

9.00am - 12.30pm: Hackney School of Food visit for 3W

### Friday 22nd March

Nursery Stay and Play  
3.00pm: Reception Family Friday

Remember to check the [calendar on the website](#) for the whole half term's key dates.

## Science Week

This week has been British Science Week and we have been celebrating in style at Shacklewell. Through our usual science lessons the teachers have been exploring this year's theme of 'Smashing Stereotypes' and raising the profile of marginalised figures in science. In addition, on Wednesday afternoon all the children in school got hands on with some fun investigations. The idea of these sessions was to prompt the curiosity and fun inherent in science learning. Some of the highlights included the children making lava lamps, bouncing vinegar soaked eggs and experimenting with invisible ink. We were also able to take part in an individualised science broadcast from Imperial College all about laser clocks.



## Parent Council

Next Friday at 9.00am is this term's Parent Council meeting. As a vital part of the school's communication with parents it is so important for as many families as possible to attend. If you would like to add anything to the agenda please contact Gemma, the parent council chair, via the Year Group WhatsApps or on [spc@newwavefederation.co.uk](mailto:spc@newwavefederation.co.uk).

## Parents' Evening

Parent's Evening is just around the corner, on Wednesday 27th March. Please ensure that you have booked to meet with your class teacher. You can do this via the MCAS app or by calling the school office who will be more than happy to help.

## Pupil Podcast

Today the Eco Council recorded their first podcast episode all about sustainability. They will spend next week editing, ahead of the big launch next Friday. A huge thank you to Shacklewell Families for their support purchasing the equipment.



## Year 6 Residential

The Year 6 residential took place on the 4th - 8th March 2024. The children had a phenomenal time at PGL Osmington Bay. Lots of focus before the trip was on how high the children would climb and who was going to conquer their fears. However the enduring memories were forged in the quieter times - chatting to new people at dinner, trusting each other whilst making fires and endless games of Uno. The range of experiences was truly excellent and the staff who went with the children were so impressed with their mature attitude and kindness to each other. The children really showed that they are ready for the transition to secondary school.



*Read more about the week in school on the News section of the website.*