

# Shacklewell Newsletter

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL

## Headteacher's Update

Welcome back to the new term - it has been brilliant to see the children maturely settle back into school. The first few weeks have been really focused on their writing, with teachers and leaders exploring different ways to bring the pupil's work to life. This has led to some really excellent pieces!

The summer term is always a joyous one, filled with whole school events, end of year celebrations and planning for the next academic term. Please see below for some key dates;

- **Sports Day Years 1 - 6 - Finsbury Park - 12th June**
- **Sports Day EYFS - Hackney Downs Park - 19th June**
- **Identity Showcase Years 1 & 2 - 1st July - 9:15am & 2:15pm**
- **Identity Showcase Years 3 & 4 - 2nd July - 9:15am & 2:15pm**
- **Identity Showcase Years 6 - 3rd - 9:15am & 2:15pm**
- **Identity Showcase Years 5 - 4th July - 9:15am & 2:15pm**
- **Shacklewell Summer Fair - 6th July - afternoon**
- **End of Year Reports - 15th July**
- **End of Year Parent Meetings - 17th July - 3:45pm - 7:00pm**

We will provide individual updates about each event but it is useful for you to get them in the diary now!

## Summer I

### Monday 29th April

1.30pm - 3.30pm: Year 3 visit to St Barnabas church

### Wednesday 1st May

12.10pm - 12.40pm: Year 2 Come Dine With Me

1.30pm - 3.00pm: Year 6 transition workshop

2.00pm - 3.00pm: 1S library visit

2.00pm - 3.00pm: Year 4 Come Learn With Me

### Thursday 2nd May

Year 4 Re:SET workshops

### Friday 3rd May

Year 4 Re:SET workshops

Shacklewell Families Bake Sale

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

## Identity Project

Following the successful unveiling of our beautiful artwork on identity in the top hall, we are excited to progress to the second phase of our project. In this phase, children from Year 1 to Year 5 will have the opportunity to explore diverse forms of self-expression. Each Friday afternoon at 1:30 pm, they will divide into smaller groups and spend an hour working with various adults to explore activities they've chosen themselves, which they believe will help express their identities. The range of activities includes weaving, painting, singing, poetry writing, and photography, among others. After six weeks, the children will return to their classes and design a showcase for the entire school as part of our end-of-summer celebrations. We are all looking forward to seeing the innovative ways they choose to express themselves!



## Our New Menu

We're excited to share that our school dinner menu has undergone a fantastic transformation and received an enthusiastic thumbs-up from our students! Launched at the start of this term, this initiative aims to introduce healthier, more varied, and tastier food options, promoting improved eating habits among our students.

Our catering team and school leaders have worked hard on enhancing children's understanding and appreciation of their meals. To this end, we've introduced Friday breaktime taster sessions for new menu items. Additionally, Chef Aziz has created engaging tutorial videos for the 'Chef's Specials,' which are presented during school assemblies. Our digital leaders are also contributing by developing a quick satisfaction survey for students to complete post-meal, allowing us to collect immediate feedback on the new offerings.

We also invite families to experience our new menu firsthand during our 'Come Dine with Me' sessions. If you're interested, please contact the office to reserve your spot. We look forward to having you join us and share in this exciting culinary journey!



## Year 5 Update

This week, our Year 5 students have really enjoyed their cycling training. Those involved have shown remarkable progress, demonstrating their new abilities both on the school grounds and during road sessions. These vital life skills will support the pupils to be more confident cyclists. In addition, four children in Year 5 have been selected to be Junior Road Safety officers and have enjoyed their introductory session with the Hackney Road Safety team.

## Shacklewell Families

We have two Shacklewell Families events in the next week or two;

- **Nationalities Bake Cake - Friday 3rd May 3:30pm to 4:00pm- KS1 Playground**
- **Second Hand Uniform Sale - Tuesday 7th May 8:45am to 9:15am- Outside School Office**

I am sure that you will all show your support for these two events, which will be enjoyable ways to strengthen our community links and raise money for the school. Please be reminded that Gilly, Su and Elina are actively looking for more support so please use these events as an opportunity to find out more about getting involved.

*Read more about the week in school on the News section of the [website](#).*