



# Shevington Vale Newsletter



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## Health and Safety

Please take care when dropping off and/or picking up your child from school. There was an incident last week where a car mounted the pavement and left a mark on a child's shoe who was leaving school. We have asked our local community support officer to come to Runshaw Avenue at these times to help advise and monitor the situation.

Please do not use the car park to cross into school – please use the paths at all times to ensure the safety of our children.

## Twitter

Please follow us on Twitter. We often post feeds during the day which may allow you to see your child learning in school (if we have your permission to do so). Each class now has its own Twitter feed. Search for us at @ShevingtonV

## Thank you

Thank you for the lovely comments about our new school sign on the outside wall.

## Ancient Greece

Our Year 5 Topic is Ancient Greece. This half term we have been exploring Greek theatre masks to develop individual designs. Using our sketches of facial expressions, we are now manipulating cardboard to create 3D masks, hopefully resulting in a wonderful display for all to admire.

## Open Afternoon

Thank you to all our visitors who came to see us on Open Afternoon. The comments about our children were really appreciated. The school was busy and we know that you were all impressed with what you saw!

## Save Mesnes Park

This term Y4 have been focusing on "Save Mesnes Park" as it is in critical danger of becoming a large housing estate. Y4 have been doing lots of activities to save it including a ballot box and letters. We went to Mesnes Park itself for our trip and we got attacked by a swarm of pigeons. The ballot was yes to save it and no if you are not bothered.

The scores were Yes – 169 No – 14. As you can see its pretty clear Yes has won. We also had a visit from Mrs Hudson the chief planning officer from Wigan Council. We asked her questions and took notes of the answers.

*Elliot, Rory and Tommy*

## Kits for Kids

Today was our first Young Governors fund raiser. We were raising money to help our school purchase a new strip. Everyone came to school dressed in football shirts, rugby tops, dance uniforms and a whole range of other sporting tops. Each child donated a pound and all the money raised is kindly being matched by the Friends of Shevington Vale. We also collected old and once loved kit that people didn't want or use anymore. We filled five huge bags! All of these were collected by the Kit Aid charity and will be sent to some of the world's poorest children. A fantastic day for a fantastic cause.

## Reception Cinema Trip

On the 18<sup>th</sup> January we went to the cinema to watch the Good Dinosaur. We went on a coach and we met Millbrook Reception class. My best bit was the end because Arlo found his family.

*Eleanor*

## Internet Safety Day

On the 9<sup>th</sup> February it was Internet Safety Day. We held a special assembly where we looked at how we can make the Internet a safer place for everyone and what to do should we see something we do not like. Each class carried out special tasks and all their hard work is on display in our computer suite. We were helped hugely by Kermit the Frog who gave personal experiences of using social media. An excellent morning where a lot of important messages were delivered.

## Pet Day

On Wednesday Year 1 children had a pet day as they have been learning all about pets as part of the class topic 'Amazing Animals'. They have been finding out about what pets need using the class pet shop and how to care for animals and keep them happy in the vet's role play area outside. Leo's dad brought Leo's pet rabbit into school in the morning. Her name was Pit Stop. The children got to stroke her and ask Leo lots of questions about her habitat, breed and diet. Milly brought her brother Rory's pet guinea pigs, Biscuit and Cookies. She told the class how to care for them and how they exercise. The children enjoyed stroking them and having the pets in the classroom for the day. Harvey brought his pet tortoise, Timothy, and the children were very interested in hearing all about him. They wanted to know why he was not hibernating and what he liked to eat. The children really enjoyed having pets in school so a big thank you to all the parents who made it possible.

**Have a safe and happy half term. School opens on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**