

# Shillington Lower School

## Newsletter

26th February 2021



Our Value this Month  
is:

Self-Discipline

### **World Book Day—Thurs 4th March 2021**

It is that time of year again and it has come around quickly! Although this year is quite unique, we will still be celebrating World Book Day throughout the day as a school.

Dressing up as your favourite book character is always a fun part of World Book Day and this year you still can (if you want to)! We'd love to see your costumes so send your teachers a picture or show them on your afternoon live lesson.

Morning live lessons will be replaced with a whole school assembly with both schools at 9.30am. A link for this will be sent out next week

There is also a live event on the World Book Day website <https://www.worldbookday.com/event/words-pictures-bring-reading-to-life/>

On the day you will be sent a quiz to do and some very special videos from some members of staff. Your teachers will also have WBD activities planned for you for the day.

We look forward to celebrating this day

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### **Red Nose Day—19th March 2021**

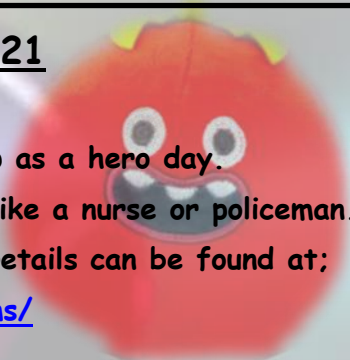
The theme this year is Heroes.

We're having a non-uniform day or optional dress up as a hero day.

This could be a superhero, a sports hero or a real-life hero like a nurse or policeman.

Donations to be made straight to Comic Relief via text. Details can be found at;

<https://www.comicrelief.com/legal/sms/>



## Pixie News

Wow! What a busy few weeks we have had. We have been busy celebrating lots of festivals; Valentines day, Shrove Tuesday and Chinese New Year. The children have enjoyed tasting and trying lots of different foods. We had pancakes for snack and a Chinese banquet - we even used chopsticks to eat our noodles! We explored Chinese writing and wrote our own symbols.

During our Outdoor Explorer sessions, the children made love heart bird feeders to hang in their gardens and enjoyed painting the nature around them on large paper between two trees on the school field.

Following on from the children's interests Pixie class have been looking at 'Dinosaurs'. Our role play area has been transformed into a Dinosaur world to explore, we have made dinosaur fossils from clay, washed muddy dinosaurs and freed baby dinosaurs from frozen eggs.

All of the staff have loved seeing the photos sent in from home and can't wait to see all the children again very soon.





## Rainbows News

It was lovely to see all the Rainbows again after a week off! I hope you managed to rest and complete your homework task of having fun every day! Rainbows have been working so hard and I am especially pleased with all the reading and writing we have been doing! We have also been measuring things this week, looking at days of the week, and exploring how long a minute is! We have also started to explore what life cycles are and looking at nature.

The Rainbows team is very excited to welcome you all back on the 8th March. We have lots of brilliant things in store. I am very excited to tell you we will be watching tiny caterpillars grow into beautiful butterflies right in our own classroom! We will also be doing lots of planting and growing and looking after our garden.

10 more sleeps to go Rainbows... not long now!

## Unicorns News

After a much needed half term break the Unicorns are back and raring to go! Our learning this week has been focused on pancake day where we looked at recipes, weighed and measured ingredients and of course tasted yummy pancakes! We have also been learning about Chinese New Year - we read the story about the animals having a race and completed activities including food tasting, making masks, dragon dancing in PE and also had a go at writing some Chinese numbers in maths.

Next week we have lots of exciting Maths and Book day activities planned. There will be quizzes and lots of learning linked to maths and writing. We also cannot wait to welcome back the rest of the class—we are counting down the sleeps until they get back!

## Dragons News

As always, Dragon class have been working super hard! In maths we've learnt how to use a ruler to measure length, we even had a measures treasure hunt. We then completed an ordering task during which we discovered that dinosaurs were very long indeed!

In English we've focused on our reading, we played some reading games and completed some comprehension challenges. We've been confident enough to read out loud to our friends during our Teams sessions.

In Science we carried out an experiment live on Teams. This was great fun and we learnt about how our pulse rate changes when we exercise.

## Centaurs News

In Centaur Class we have been reading 'The Day I Swapped my Dad for 2 Goldfish' and the children have been writing their own version of the story, swapping a family member. Some of the children have recorded themselves reading their stories which have all been fantastic and very professionally read. We have continued to learn about Europe in our Geography lessons and have learnt about the different features and flags of some countries. The children have linked their Art and Science together by making sculptures out of foil and newspaper and looking at the different shadows they make. This week the children have also continued their learning about internet safety and have been designing their own board games linked to this.



## Phoenix News

Phoenix Class have been very busy with their learning and have continued to amaze with their hard work and determination!

We have completed lots of work around fractions—identifying equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting. We have used lots of practical resources to help us, including fraction walls and sweets.

In English we have been reading our new book, 'Weslandia'. We have focused on writing with description and next week will create our very own exciting civilisations.

In French we have been focusing on our family and have learnt to speak about family members in sentences. We also enjoyed taking part in some fun coding games for our computing session this week.

Thank you so much to Miss Radford who has generously donated these maths games to school after winning a voucher for Orchard Toys. We can't wait to start using them!

