



## Shotley Bridge Primary School Newsletter End of Summer Term 2019



**Poland Trip** 39 KS2 children recently visited Gdansk in Poland. They immersed themselves in the culture of the city visiting historical monuments, Gdansk’s World War 2 museum, Malbork Castle (one of the biggest medieval castles in Europe), the city’s zoo, the city beach and the city’s parks. The children travelled on aeroplanes, trains, trams, buses and walked over 20,000 steps a day. It was an amazing trip and the children represented their school, their families and themselves impeccably.

**The Big Play** This year we took part in Durham’s Big Play music day. Our brass instrumentalists and violinists were joined by individual children with their own instruments to play together. Y6 children accompanied on glockenspiels and the whole school from Reception to Y6 sang along to a song created by the children. The children had lots of fun and we hope the day has inspired children to enjoy music and to take up instruments.

**Sporting Events** The summer term has been packed with after-school sports clubs and in-school/inter-school sporting events, competitions, leagues, festivals and taster sessions. There are so many awards and certificates for KS2 children that a sports award assembly is taking place on the last day of term. Parents/carers of children receiving awards will be invited to this.

**School Achievement** Well done to every child in school. You have all achieved so much over the course of the year. In September I will provide a full breakdown of the statutory achievements that schools report on including Reception attainment, Y1 Phonics screening results and Y2 end of KS1 attainment. Here is a brief summary of Y6 SAT attainment. Once again percentages are very high, far higher than national and local results.

	% SBPS Y6 achieving Age Related Expectations	% SBPS Y6 exceeding Age Related Expectations	National % achieving Age Related Expectations
Y6 Reading	82%	44%	73%
Y6 Writing	97%	33%	78% in 2018. No 2019 yet.
Y6 Maths	85%	33%	79%
Y6 SPaG	90%	49%	78%

**Move Up Afternoons and Transition Events** All children, including Y6, have spent time in their new classrooms with their new teachers. Thank you to Y2 to Y3 parents who attended their transition meeting.

**Summer Fair** Thank you to all parents, children and staff for another successful Summer Fair. Despite the downpours children had lots of fun and an amazing total of £1593.94 was raised which will go towards funds for our next projects. Previous monies raised have gone towards the climbing structure at Snows Green Road and the birds-nest swings at Benfieldside Road. Children will decide early in the autumn term what they would like to raise funds for next.

**Community Defibrillator** Thank you so much to Mrs Shearer for all of her organization and for bringing the cardiac recovery car to the summer fair. This raised £100. Thank you also to the Neal family who have contributed £180 and to the charity Cardioproof for donating £180. Other local businesses have pledged money, as have individual parents. Mrs Shearer is organising another restart a heart day on October 16<sup>th</sup> for all the children in school to raise awareness and to raise funds with the ultimate goal of funding a defibrillator and powered cabinet located on the Snows Green Road site school wall. More details will follow in autumn but well done for everyone involved for kick starting this fabulous fundraising to benefit the community.

**Sports Day** The rain stayed away and we had another fabulous sports day. Congratulations to Green team who accrued the highest points and won the sports day trophy again. Thank you to all the families and carers who came to support and to enjoy seeing their children compete.

**Whole School Trip to Beach** Fingers crossed that the sun shines and we have another lovely whole-school trip to the beach.

**Lumiere Durham** Our school will be involved in this year's Lumiere. The project we will participate in is called Bottle Festoon. We ask that children start collecting plastic drinks bottles over the summer holidays. Not milk bottles/cartons. Not tetrapak type ones. Not chemical ones. Just plastic drinks bottles. Preferably 2L ones. Full details will follow once we meet the artist in September.

**Some goodbyes** This term we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Young who has taught in Shotley Bridge for eleven years. Mrs Young has had a huge impact on so many children, families and colleagues and will be greatly missed by all. We also say goodbye to Miss Quinn who has done an excellent job in her first year of teaching in Y2 Class 6. We wish both the best of luck for the future and say thank you for everything they have brought to Shotley Bridge.

**Next Term** The new school year begins for children on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**Finally** Thank you to everyone who has made another year at Shotley Bridge Primary School such a wonderful one. Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 children you are going to be wonderful role models for your school in September. Y6 you have been a credit to school. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Headteacher, many of you for all seven years of your primary school life. You are all ready for the next step in your education. We all look forward to hearing about your adventures and achievements in the years to come. Have a fantastic Summer Holiday everyone.

Mr M Bell