

Summer Newsletter 2022

Dear Families and Friends of Sherbourne,

It's the Summer!!

What an amazing year we have enjoyed at Sherbourne, one of the highlights for us has been **welcoming our parents** back into school for learning conversations and Annual Reviews to share the brilliant progress our children are making. Our staff have been very proud to share the amazing learning that has taken place and it has been great to see our community back together in person. Our Family Open event in July was a huge success with so many families visiting school to meet staff, see our school site and get information about a range of services and approaches to support their children.

Sports Day was of course another highlight enjoyed this year with the highest number of families visiting throughout the morning. Families joined us to enjoy witnessing the determination, joy and sense of community that we feel every day here at Sherbourne. It was a day that made us all very proud of our children and young people. Once again, we have taken part in many creative projects over the last year and many have been mentioned in our end of term newsletters. This term has been no exception. A group of our Primary pupils performed a dance to the theme of **Romeo and Juliet at Coventry Cathedral** two weeks ago. Their performance had been created with the support of two members of staff, Ange and Megan who had taken part in a CPD programme by the Royal Ballet to encourage and support the development of dance in schools. Families came to watch their children in this amazing venue and the children were simply brilliant, performing to over 300 people. The development of their confidence, ability to listen, to follow instruction and work together were all key to such a successful and magical event.

Work Experience was another success this year and it was wonderful to see some of our post 16 pupils go out on placements after COVID. Coventry Rugby hosted four of our pupils as did the Coventry Food Bank, one pupil went to Woodside Ave Pre School, Arlington Automotive hosted four pupils and one pupil supported in our Science Dept with Animal Care duties for a week. All of the reports were exceptional and one of our pupils will be going on to do an **Internship** in September at Woodside Ave Pre School after the success of her placement. Well done to all of our amazing pupils and a huge thankyou to the businesses and community partners for enabling this to happen.

World Class Schools accreditation which was awarded to Sherbourne over a year ago has continued to be a national forum that recognise our successes. Three pupils received pupil of the month awards for their personal achievements this year. We are rightly very proud of this achievement. Congratulations to Amaan, Tarunpreet and Destiny for being recognised as the World Class pupils that we know they are. This month we received further great news that Destiny has also received the runners up prize for "Character of The Year 2022". **The annual Sherbourne Challenge** which had been adapted over the last two years due to COVID was back as a residential experience this year. As always, the pupils rose to the challenge conquering Croagh Patrick, a rugged mountain in the West of Ireland as well as walking the equivalent of a marathon.

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Our pupils were simply incredible and when it became really tough they supported each other, dug deep to conquer their fears and made the staff team so proud of all they achieved. More proud moments were felt last week when I had the pleasure of going to the **Albany Theatre** on a warm Monday evening to watch a group of pupils from across school perform in Jack and The Beanstalk. Their performance was part of a city-wide project in partnership with Armonico Consort a critically acclaimed UK choir and instrumental ensemble. A huge congratulations goes out to our pupils for performing so confidently and a very big Thank you goes to Alyson for being instrumental in supporting this brilliant creative project.

My final highlight of the year was the Summer BBQ when a record numbers of families came together with staff to enjoy the sunshine, food and refreshments. The evening was a great success with many brothers and sisters, not to mention one Nan taking on the climbing wall and the zip wire to complete their evening. My Thanks to all of the staff who ran stalls or activities on the night and to those that also brought their own families along to join in the fun.

As we look back at all of our successes we have to say a huge Thank you to our staff, some of whom we have to say goodbye to at the end of this term. Our first farewells go to James and Josie, two of our hugely valuable TA's in primary. James is going off to study and Josie has successfully gained a promotion as a HLTA. We wish them both lots of luck in their future careers. In our secondary dept we are saying goodbye to Mollie who is moving down south and has successfully secured a post at another special school. Charlotte who has been a key member of KS5 is also leaving us to throw herself into motherhood after welcoming the lovely Amelia into the world earlier in the year. We also bid farewell to Bhupesh, who clocks up thousands of steps daily as one of our wonderful care enablers. Bhupesh will be going to UHCW and we wish him all the best. The contributions these staff have made is significant and we wish them much happiness in their new roles.

Another goodbye is to Emily B, a wonderful teacher in Primary has successfully gained a place at BCU to study for her PHD. Emily who has been with us since 2020 will be really missed by her pupils but we know she is going to smash her doctorate and we are really proud of her achievements. Another brilliant teacher who has gained a promotion and secured a SENCO role is Emily W. Emily has been at Sherbourne since 2016, starting as a graduate TA before successfully gaining a place on our School Direct programme with the University of Warwick. Emily has proven herself to be an outstanding practitioner and we will miss her very much at Sherbourne. Finally, Rebecca (Becks) a teacher of pupils with PMLD in Primary who has been a really important part of Sherbourne since 2015 will be leaving us to take up a post back home at a special school where she can be nearer to her family. Becks has been instrumental supporting so many pupils and their families and will be very much missed. Please keep in touch – we wish you all the very best!

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Moving into our kitchen a farewell goes to Sukhi who has been a key part of our kitchen team for many, many years. Sukhi has been an absolute pleasure to work with and we wish her all the best on her retirement. Our Wedge Workshop pupils also said goodbye to Graham our NOCN instructor this week who is retiring from his post to take on his own building project. Graham had developed both the practical and the social skills of some of our pupils since 2017 and he has been so highly valued by everyone he has worked with at Sherbourne. Good luck Graham!

Our office team have also been saying goodbye to two key staff in school this week. Whitney is leaving us to complete the final year of her degree. We wish Whitney so much luck with her studies and we know she will be graduating before we know it. The wonderful Denise is also saying farewell to us and looking forward to a well earned retirement after being part of our admin team since 2009. Prior to being in the office Denise worked at Sherbourne as part of the Access Team, her contribution to the school has been huge and we wish her much happiness in the years ahead with no registers to chase up or letters to proof read!

My final goodbye is to Alyson – an amazing HLTA who has been a part of our school community since 1994! Everyone who has worked with Alyson will know that she is worth her weight in gold, both in school and on the numerous residentials she has worked tirelessly to support. Her knowledge of the pupils, her experience and her skill set are vast and leaves us with a huge gap in school when she retires on Friday. Alyson is looking forward to going off on her travels later in the year. We wish Alyson much happiness in her retirement and from all of the staff and pupils past and present, a huge thankyou to an amazing woman.

Finally, I hope you enjoy reading through our Summer newsletter and learning about all of the wonderful achievements of our pupils. Thank you to all of our families for your continued support and to the amazing Sherbourne staff team for all of their hard work, their positive approach and their dedication to our pupils.

I hope you all have the most wonderful Summer and I look forward to September when we will welcome new members of staff and pupils to the Sherbourne Fields community for another positive year.

Best wishes and stay safe!

Shivann x

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PRIMARY NEWS

Primary have had such an eventful term this summer, full of many trips, events and activities. The brilliant weather has allowed to take full advantage of the outdoor opportunities we have both on site and through trips. The primary agriculture group have worked incredibly hard and now have a wide range of vegetables growing within our allotment including potatoes, garlic and lots more. It has also been amazing to see lots of our children taking part in the rock climbing and zip line. Lots of our children have had to be really brave and conquer their fears.



It has also been lovely to have some of our parents and friends of the school in to speak to our children about their jobs. This has given our pupils a great insight into the world of work and has inspired our children to think about their future.

Last week we held our annual primary camp night for some of our Year 6's as they move up to our Secondary Department. We had such a brilliant night. All of our children fully embraced the camping lifestyle and tucked into their homemade pizzas from the pizza oven and toasted marshmallows from the camp fire. For some pupils, it was their first night away from their family and they should be so proud of their achievements.

I would like to congratulate both our dedicated staff and wonderful young people on such a brilliant academic year, the progress made across the school has been remarkable and our children never fail to shine. I would like to wish you all a brilliant summer holidays, rest up and I look forward to working with you all again in September.



Matthew Blowers
Assistant Headteacher (EYFS & Primary)

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YELLOW CLASS

This term the children have had fun joining in with the sensory stories 'The Three Little Pigs', and the 'The Gruffalo'. In Maths they have been role playing going to the shops and to the café as well as working on making groups of one and lots.

During our topic sessions they have continued to learn all about the different seasons, what grows in the garden and how plants grow, as well as how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. The children have especially enjoyed the sessions when some of the older students have been down to play with them and support us on walks around the school.



Suzanne Balmond
Class Teacher

BLUE CLASS

Blue Class have had another fantastic term, it's been a pleasure to see how they have developed. This term has been jammed packed with activities, experiences and laughter! All the children have made significant steps of progress with their learning. In Summer 1, the children were learning about the great outdoors! The students became graffiti artists, learned about the seaside and created their own sensory woodland model.

This term's topic has been, 'The Commonwealth Games!' All the activities and experiences were based around countries in the Commonwealth or a sporting theme. The children have really enjoyed taking part in our sporting games, and their competitive nature has come out! The children have taken part in cricket, hockey, netball and rugby to name but a few. The children have had the opportunity to experience the different culture of some of the Commonwealth countries, including experiencing different foods, music and dancing.

On a personal note; it has been an absolute privilege and honour to be Blue Class' Teacher over the past 5 years. The students, class team and families have been sensational. The children have truly blossomed, and it is lovely to think I was able to play a small chapter in their lives. I will miss them greatly!

Have a wonderful summer holiday!

Rebekah Drewry
Class Teacher

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RED CLASS

It has been a fantastic term and a fantastic year. We have had so many brilliant breakthrough moments with Rayan, Theon, Hamza and Dylan with their speech and language skills. All are beginning to use their voices to tell us things, ranging from "hello" to "ready, steady, go" and we are really impressed.

Zaidon is communicating brilliantly with his symbols, while Mary and Dominic are continuing to access their curriculum with enthusiasm and intent. Maria has been practicing her head nods and her closed grip to handle objects which has been wonderful to see. That is this term, but what a year it has been. The staff team in Red Class feel incredibly privileged to have spent a year alongside these wonderful children on their learning journeys. It has been a very special group and we will cherish all of the great memories that will be left when the year comes to a close.

Have an amazing summer holiday, Red Class! You all deserve it.



James Maxim
Class Teacher

ORANGE CLASS

Orange Class have had a brilliant summer term taking part in various exciting activities. During our Science topic we have been looking at plants. We had lots of fun going to the Garden Centre and buying all the things we needed to plant our own seeds and watch them grow. We sold our plants at the summer BBQ!

Orange Class have also enjoyed a walk around the wedge to explore the impact of different plants and animals in our environment for our Geography topic. We had a great time looking at all the different plants; animals such as birds, butterflies, dogs and even a horse!



Finally, Orange Class were very brave and went down the school zipline! We worked on our turn taking to make sure all our friends got a turn and we did a great job. It was so much fun!

Caroline Daley
Teaching Assistant

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WHITE CLASS

What a fun packed term White Class have had. We have certainly enjoyed the year and finished it off with a bang! We have been taking part in lots of exciting activities. Firstly, we have been learning all about rules and how they help to keep us safe. We took part in different activities to practice following rules in different environments, we went on the zip line, we walked to the shops, we visited the animals at Sherbourne and we visited the park.



We have worked closely with some of the older children this half term. The older children have helped us. They supported us when joining in with a variety of different activities. White Class loved these sessions. It was so much fun to work with other people from around school.

In Science we have been learning about different materials. We conducted lots of different experiments, one of our favourites was making a boat for gingerbread people. We finished our Science topic and the year with a fantastic trip to the Think Tank; we all had an incredible time.

Enjoy your Summer White Class! It has been an amazing year!



Rebecca Gane
Class Teacher

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PINK CLASS

Our Summer Term has involved learning all about how we can look after our environment better. We have been learning how to recycle our rubbish effectively, and how we can reuse materials. We have looked at different animal habitats and how important it is that we look after these.

We are very fortunate to have lots of animals on site and have been able to experience first hand the habitat of the honey bee, and compare the manmade habitats of birds, fish, chickens and rabbits to those that they build themselves in the wild. Our work included looking at the purpose of a nature reserve and our PHSE topic was about the role of charities and fund raising so we decided to raise money for the Warwickshire Wild Life Trust, we enjoyed making and decorating animal biscuits that we then sold to staff. On our end of term trip to Brandon Marsh we handed over the money we had raised.

We wish Isaac, Valeria and Stephen all the best as they move to our secondary department in September. We hope that all of Pink Class have a lovely summer break you all deserve it, we are very proud of all your hard work and the progress you have made this year.



Jo Smith
Class Teacher

GREEN CLASS

Green Class have had a fantastic summer term. We have continued enjoying our learning in the outdoors which has been made even better by all the beautiful weather we have had. We have been using standard and non-standard units of measure in our Math lessons and have been trying to get our head around some tricky rhyming words during English.

We have continued to develop our gross motor skills in our PE lessons and thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Perkisound where we got to experience creating music in the outdoors.

Well done on an incredible year Green Class we are all immensely proud of you and wish you the best of luck for the next academic year.



Katie Warden
Class Teacher

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PURPLE CLASS

Purple Class have been working hard and immersing themselves into learning about people from different cultures and those who may have different abilities. We have dived into the diverse life of artist Frida Kahlo, creating a chronological report of her life and even had a visit from the famous Frida herself! We have visited a digital art gallery to experience how artists can showcase their work to the public as Frida did in New York.

In Maths, we have been learning how to create and interpret statistical data such as pictograms and bar charts and how we can use these skills in jobs in the future. We have also been exploring fractions of shapes and objects and how to create fractions using our snacks and favourite foods that we get to eat afterwards!



In Science we have been making lots of predictions and creating experiments to test those predictions, learning about circuits, conductors and insulators and how to read thermometers. We have also been identifying, labelling and sorting different materials and finding out how everyday objects such as a chair can be made of more than one material.

We've been meteorologists in Geography, observing the weather and recording our own weather forecasts. We recently looked at how rubbish can affect our world and different ways we can look after it.

Purple Class also took part in a fantastic performance at Coventry Cathedral where we were able to perform our Romeo and Juliet dance piece. We have also taken a trip to the Reel Store and also one of our local churches.

It has been a lovely term within Purple Class and the staff team are so proud of the children's achievements. We want to wish you a fantastic summer holidays and look forward to welcoming you back in September.



Emily Woodcock
Class Teacher

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GREY CLASS

Grey Class have had a great summer term. In English, we have learnt all about newspapers. We have written our own news report and even performed our own news show. We have also enjoyed listening to and creating humorous poems. We particularly liked listening to 'Chocolate Cake' by Michael Rosen and we even made our own silly food poems. In Maths, we have been practising our positional language and have used this to move Bee-bots around the classroom.



We impressed the teachers when we were able to quarter and half amounts! In humanities, we have been learning all about our local community. We have visited the library, park, wedge cafe and the bowling alley. We were able to follow all the rules of the places we visited, the teachers were so proud when we ordered and paid for our own food at the cafe.

In RE, we have been learning about different celebrations. Our favourite celebration was Holi, we loved throwing powder paint around the playground. Grey Class have had an amazing year and all the children have worked so hard.

Well done Grey class for all of your fantastic learning, we hope you have an amazing summer.



Emily Baker
Class Teacher

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KS3 NEWS

Class 3/1

This Term Class 3.1 have enjoyed studying the text 'Positively Izzy' and exploring the characters in the text through a variety of role play activities. In Maths they have learned about BIDMAS and they are able to answer mathematical problems using the method. In Humanities we have thought about food conservation and come up with some ideas about how we can ensure we are not wasting food at home and at school. In Prince's Trust we explored Healthy lifestyles, how to keep fit and healthy and the best foods to eat to achieve a balanced diet. We ended the unit by making a healthy dish and eating it together. The class have enjoyed trips out to local shops, charity shops and to lead sporting events. Well done to you all on a fantastic Summer Term!

Linzi Savage
Assistant Head - Key Stage 3



Class 3/2

Class 3.2 have had a very enjoyable summer term! In science we have been looking at the Solar System; researching the planets in our solar system, exploring the moon landing; and the race to get into space and to the moon. In English, we have been working on and reading 'Positively Izzy' by Terri Libenson. We have been hot seating, inferring and analysing characters from within the text. It's a great book that was enjoyed by all! Mathematics has been fun and challenging. We have looked at measurement, tally charts, bar charts and BIDMAS. Class 3.2 have been very active this term and this has included developing our rugby skills at the 'SEND Active Tag Rugby Festival'. We have all improved our rugby skills and learnt to understand the benefits of supporting our peers, and opponents, with great sportsmanship.

A great end to the year all!

Travis Beswick
Class Teacher



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Class 3/3

This term in Humanities, the students have been exploring different eco-systems. They were lucky enough to experience our new onsite apiary, the students enjoyed wearing the bee suits and learning all about how honey bees produce honey.

They also explored Coundon Wedge and worked collectively with the key stage to make a bug hotel. Class 3.3 also got to experience the climbing wall, all students worked together to encourage their peers when climbing and as a team they climbed a total of 56 meters. Well done all!

Emma Durrant
Class Teacher



3/4

We have had a brilliant summer term here in Class 3.4. Within our Humanities lessons, we have been looking at sustainable food options. We couldn't believe how far some food travels to our supermarkets so we looked at ways in which we could eat from a local food source. We have also really enjoyed studying the story 'The Wizard of Oz' within our English lessons. We placed ourselves in the shoes of the characters and thought about what we would ask of the Wizard if we could meet him. The group have shown great maturity within My Religion and Culture whereby we learnt about the values and respectful behaviours we should use when we visit different places of worship. We put this into practice when we were lucky enough to visit the Gurdwara. Finally, we love being active and we thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Edgbaston to play table cricket, we got all the way to the final and we were even lucky enough to meet some England cricketers!

Matthew Blowers
Assistant Head - EYFS & Primary



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Class 3/5

This term, in English, Class 3.5 have been developing their understanding and use of grammar by focusing on the characters from the classic novel, 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz', by L. Frank Baum. The class created an interactive storyboard using descriptions of the characters from the book, and compared this with the depictions in the original film from 1939. We all learnt that Dorothy's shoes were actually silver and not the familiar ruby red as in the film. Pupils were able to use statements and questions in order to describe a chosen character and selected their own adverbs and adjectives to create character profiles. However, their favourite activity was when we used a 'hotseat' to question each of the class, in role as their chosen character, and then tried to guess who they were. I was really impressed with the well-observed characterisations and the questioning from the class, everyone certainly demonstrated a fantastic understanding on the characters and use of descriptive language. Well done all!



Jo Franklin
Class Teacher

Class 3/6

This Summer term Class 3/6 have been preparing for their Orchestra performance, which was a great success. The whole class worked fantastically as a team and showed off their new musical skills on stage in front of parents and friends. We are all so proud of your performance!

In English we have been reading the story 'The Wizard of Oz,' discovering new characters and we particularly enjoyed recreating the storm. In Science we have been learning all about space and even launched our own rocket! We've been hard at work in Maths conducting surveys and recording our results using tally's and creating pictograms.

As we are coming to the end of another brilliant year, it is lovely to reflect on the huge progress the students have made. Some lovely friendships have been formed and although we are all moving onto new adventures, we know you will all continue to show us how amazing you are!



Kayleigh Totten
Class Teacher

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Class 3/7

Class 3/7 have had a busy term especially in Design and Technology. We started the topic by looking at preparation and what we need to do before we start cooking. We looked at hygiene and handwashing routines. We experienced the spread of germs by painting purple paint on to our hands. Our purple handprints went everywhere. We began to understand how easily germs can be spread around all surfaces. Some of us even managed to get it all over our faces. We followed the 7 steps of hand washing. Over the following weeks we continued to clean the surfaces and wash our hands before we prepared food.

We have all got much better at washing our hands by ourselves. We used different cooking utensils and tried a variety of fruits. Making banana smoothies was fun and so was tasting them. We did some experiments to find out how food changes when you introduce heat. We used lots of different foods for the experiment. Ice to water, changing bread to toast, melting chocolate and making jelly. We all loved the melted chocolate which we changed into cornflake cakes.

Sue Wookey
Class Teacher



Class 3/8

Class 3.8 have loved exploring different places in Coventry as part of My Religion and Culture. The group have visited the War Memorial Park enjoying the exercise equipment and had a picnic. We then went to the new sensory subway and explored the amazing space taking time to listen to the music and enjoy the peaceful tranquil space, students had a go on the climbing wall and showed how determined they are. Looking at our city we went to the Belgrade Plaza area and enjoyed a drink and snack and looked at all the different buildings and discussed how the space differed from the park and subway we visited.

As always, we made the most of the surrounding area of school and have visited Coundon Wedge rambling in PE and in Outdoor Learning. Students have been focusing on how to be safe when out and about, staying as a group, listening skills and communication. Students paddled in the brook, stroked the horses and explored all the different routes around school working on directional language.

The class have showed real resilience and determination when getting out and about and have thoroughly enjoyed their exploration of Coventry.



Carla Swaffield
Class Teacher

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This has been another busy term for Key Stage 3, we have enjoyed a variety of trips out in the community which have been linked to our curriculum and helped pupils develop a deeper understanding of what they are learning. Some of our pupils also embarked on a residential trip to Plas Dol y Moch in North Wales, we were all very proud of them for taking part in the adventurous activities.

Pupils have also had many opportunities to attend sporting events both in and out of school. We have had Wasps Rugby coaches in to train with some classes, wheelchair rugby sessions, table cricket sessions as well as many pupils attending SEND active events. Well done to you all on your sportsmanship and courteous behaviour during these sessions. 3J and 3K have worked hard throughout the year developing their own Orchestra, they have learned what an orchestra is, how to play many different instruments, they have written lyrics and practiced the skill of following the conductors lead, it all culminated in a performance which we were delighted to be able to go and watch, congratulations to all involved it was brilliant.

This Term saw the return of Key Stage 3's History week in collaboration with President Kennedy school. This is a week when we focus on a historical era or significant event and learn as much as we can about it; this year was about the Ancient Egyptians. All of the pupils took part in the event, they engaged well and developed friendships with the pupils from President Kennedy School. I think our Year 7 and 8 pupils are already looking forward to next year's History Week!

As well as these events pupils have continued to gain experience on our climbing wall and zip wire and some have ventured in to our Apiary for a lesson on Bee Keeping. Best wishes to our Year 9's moving in to Key Stage 4 next year, it has been a challenging three years but you have taken it all in your stride and continued to make fantastic progress both academically and personally. I know you will continue to thrive throughout your time at Sherbourne.

I wish you all a restful and sunny summer holiday



Linzi Savage
Assistant Head - Key Stage 3

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KS4 NEWS

Another extremely busy term for Key Stage 4 bringing us all to the end of an action-packed academic year. Over this term there has been a wide range of curriculum enhancing visits and learning opportunities for the students. These have ranged for the "Sounds Wild" project that has been led by SoundAbout for bridge group and our PMLD classes which has been superb; with the students showing lots of engagement and enthusiasm throughout all of the interaction sessions.



Many of our students also participated in this year's Sherbourne Challenge which saw a group of our KS4 and KS5 students fly over to Ireland to complete a marathon length walk and also to climb Croagh Patrick in County Mayo. As I accompanied the students on this challenge, I can personally say how proud I was of each and every one of them for their determination, resilience and drive to succeed. At times the mountain almost beat us but with their motivational words of encouragement to each other as a team we managed it. I was very proud of the maturity and conduct throughout, with many people commenting on how well behaved and well mannered all of the people were, a credit to the school and their families.

It was also a time that saw the second group of KS4 students participate in the Sherbourne Fields Angling project, in association with the British Disabled Angling Association. This time we decided to keep the location local to allow the students to see how close they are to beautiful locations, which are situated just outside of Coventry. With the support of the Leamington Angling Association we were granted permission to Jubilee Pools in Ryton. The students progressed amazingly quickly, first using a simple pole and float onto using more advanced techniques of rod and reel. There were some lovely, memorable moments that hopefully the youngsters will remember for years to come. It was very pleasing to witness the children learn both a new skill and to gain a greater understanding of the world around them by being closer to nature for an afternoon.

At this time, I would like to wish all of the students that are either leaving to attend college or indeed progressing onto their next stages of education here at Sherbourne the very best of luck. It has been a great year, where so many amazing things have happened.



Andy Lewis
Assistant Head - Key Stage 4

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Class 4P

As part of our living and life skills course Class 4P wanted to understand the impact of individual responsibilities on the community and so invited Community Police Officer Holly into school to find out about her role and impact upon local areas within Coventry. She answered many questions to help us understand why she became a Community Police Officer and how she makes a difference to local people when support is needed. She had always wanted to have a positive impact within her community and once her children were all in school she took on this important role in a Coventry suburb. She told us how most of the time she helps the public by reassuring them and being seen around the city as much as possible to keep everyone safe from harm.



She told us she loves her job with a passion as she can make a difference and protect the vulnerable in our society. From young children to pensioners, she knows the importance of trust and feeling able to support each other when help is needed. In order to work in the Police Force, we learnt that she needs to take a fitness test each year, and that they have a gym at the station to help them stay healthy for the job.

She showed us a range of equipment she uses in her job, the best being her patrol vehicle which we were able to sit in both the front and the back. We got to turn the siren and lights on as well as learn how different dogs support the Police in keeping our streets safe from crime.

She recommended being active when we can to keep each other safe in any way we can, specifically with caring for our environment and making sure we knew what to do if we needed help or if we needed to help someone else. It was a great opportunity for us to see that her role makes a real difference and we should all do our bit around our area to keep it safe, clean and happy for one another. Thank you for your inspirational talk officer Holly we all appreciated you giving up your time and being open about your role in our local community.



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Arts Across Sherbourne

In Art this term our Key Stage 4 pupils have been developing their project work further around their theme, 'Me, Myself & I'. We have continued to look at artists that connect with our own ideas and developing work. Some lovely work has been produced inspired by photographs they have taken of stone sculpture still-life. They have used computers to manipulate their colour studies and experimented with drawing techniques in pastels, water-soluble pencils and ink to express themselves. We have been building up our 'portfolio' ready to display our work and make decisions about the outcomes we will produce next term.



Our Key Stage 3 pupils have been observing real objects first-hand rather than secondary images. They were able to produce some wonderful continuous line drawings where they kept their mark-making drawing tool on the paper without lifting it. 'blind' drawings where they only looked at objects viewed and not their actual drawings. We also worked on marbles that were reflective and looked at shadows and high-lights. Once we had recorded the colours and shapes we scanned our drawings and changed them with effects on our computer program. We then used an exciting background we had built up with inks as our

After Half Term all of our Key Stage Two and Three pupils began making dishes from around the world. We learnt facts about countries the United Kingdom has links with in Europe and the Commonwealth as we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by exploring hot food and our wider international community. We have learnt how to prepare nutritiously rich food that has been good for us to make together even when sometimes the flavours have been new and unfamiliar. Around the world we went making spaghetti bolognese, Chinese stir-fry, French Provençal omelets and potatoes, curry from the Indian subcontinent and Spanish peasant potato salad. We used all of our senses to engage with foods and used our developing skills to prepare and make a range of hot foods. It was truly amazing to see how well everyone worked together to create some tasty world cuisine.



Paul Connelly
Class Teacher

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4Z

Class 4Z have had a busy term, we've taken part in many activities both inside and outside school. The year 11 students in the group have been fishing on a Monday afternoon and over the past few weeks have been to Jubilee Pools near Ryton to learn how to fish. They have thoroughly enjoyed this as it has given them the opportunity to learn a new skill and have fun together. Another exciting event for those in Year 11 was attending the Prom at Coventry Rugby Club. They all looked fabulous in their suits and dresses and danced the night away. Some of the students in the class were involved in a performance of Jack and the Beanstalk at the Albany theatre, they enjoyed collaborating with other students from the city and gave a fantastic performance to a sellout crowd.



We had a lovely picnic at Coundon Wedge as an end of term treat. We explored, played games and relaxed in the sun. It was great to spend time together outside of the classroom, to share jokes and chat about what we are looking forward to next year. We all enjoyed sports day and cheered each other on.

Everyone has been working hard in their Maths and English lessons. Many of the class have completed end of term assessments for these subjects and have shown maturity and resilience. The staff working with them are all so proud of how well they completed these.

The year 11's are all excited about moving into Post 16 and the year 10's about moving into their final year in Key Stage 4.



Zoe Civzelis
Class Teacher

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Jack and The Beanstalk Performance

On Monday 11th July a group of ten students from across school took part in a stage production of Jack and the Beanstalk at the Albany Theatre.

A total of eight schools joined together to act, play instruments and sing. The students had participated in four workshops led by Patrick and William from Armonico Consort, a performance company. They enabled the students to compose their own song and script for the market scene. It was a sell-out performance and the audience's applause was rapturous.

"Excited" "Loved the blue cow" "Proud" "Excellent" were just a few of the comments.

Well done!

Alyson Bentham
HLTA



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4AD

Class 4AD have been working really hard during the Summer Term. We have been carrying out a wide variety of sensory activities linked to our topic Lights, Camera, Action. We experienced role playing the different siblings and their magical powers from the Disney film Encanto. In our English lessons we focused on Dolores' super hearing when taking part in our sound baths. We carried out a range of different sound baths using different instruments and in different environments.

In our Maths lessons we focused on Julieta's healing food and we baked a wide range of our own healing foods such as honeycomb, healing cupcake and lemon healing muffin. We also explored the patterns and textures of the many animals Antino can speak to. Within our World Around us lessons we focused on actions and we used switches to control the bubble tube, lava lamp, fairy light, vibrating cushion and fan.

This half term we have been learning about Environment & Travel and when reading our Treasure Island sensory story. We took a trip aboard a pirate ship in our immersion corner, made our own bottles of rum, explored a range of teas when making our treasure map and carried out a range of sensory treasure hunts. Within our sensory pac lessons we have been relaxing on the beach exploring sand, splashing in the waves, exploring spades and cooling ourselves down with fans. Well done Class 4AD for all your hard work. You are all superstars – you have all been a pleasure to teach and I wish you all the best for next year but now it is time to relax and enjoy your summer holiday with your families.

Amy Downey
Class Teacher

4KM

This term we went on a trip to “The Reel Store” in Coventry City Centre. The Reel Store is the UK’s first permanent immersive digital art gallery. The theme was Space and the students experienced immersive digital art that had been filmed from NASA’s satellites. The students loved it and enjoyed the sensory experience and calmness from being in the space.



In our world around us lesson we have been experiencing and role playing going on holiday and traveling on a plane. Not all of our students have been to the airport or on a plane to another country, so we set it up in class. The students were supported to make their own passports and pack their suitcases for their trip to Spain. We arrived at the airport and checked in, we then boarded the plane and experienced the take off and landing. The students loved the noises from the plane.

We have had a lovely and busy term in Class 3/4KM and now time for a rest. Enjoy the summer everyone and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kate Mulcahy
Class Teacher

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4RD

This term, our class have been taking advantage of the lovely weather by exploring the area local to the school including: visiting the wedge, the river Sherbourne, going to the local shops and litter picking for 'World Around Us'. In English, students have enjoyed working on the books *Coraline* and *The Jungle Book*. They have done some great symbol and phonics work with these. In Art we have made lovely crafts and artwork based on these texts.

In Maths, we have focused on numbers and colours with range of numeracy stories (*Jack the Builder*, *All Sorts*, *Double Ducks* and others), and students loved using musical instruments for a fun counting story (*Monster Musical Chairs*). The class have been working hard with their communication books to identify objects and people, and even combine symbols to make simple phrases. We have enjoyed some music sessions with 'Sounds Wild' over the past few weeks with Will and Karen too. We even had fun on the Zipwire last week!



Ross Daly
Class Teacher



THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Over the summer term the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh groups have been focussing on the volunteering section of their award. Both groups were happy to support our primary classes with fun and engaging activities such as: parachute games, arts and crafts, nature hunts and walks on the wedge.

During the month of May, 19 Key Stage 5 pupils completed their expedition and camp at Rough Close, building on their outdoor rural and team building skills. It was great to see how much progress the group have made when the staff observed them erecting their own tents with minimum support!

After a competitive sports session of rugby, football and Frisbee games led by Meg and Theo we collected firewood, lit a camp fire and began cooking our tea. As the sun set and it began to get dark we decided to explore the area by going on a night walk using our new headtorches. The camp was a huge success and for some pupils it was the first time that they had stayed away from home! Our amazing staff continue to support the groups to learn new skills, overcome obstacles, challenges and build on their confidence and resilience.

Thank you all for a great year!

Angela Collins
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

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KS5 NEWS

This half term all of our Post 16 students have continued to work hard to add to their coursework portfolios. Some students also completed their Maths, English and ICT exams; we are awaiting the final results to come through. We are confident they have put in the hard work and effort to gain the results they deserve. These will be built upon next year, either at college or here at Sherbourne.

Students have been on many trips and visits including City of Culture exhibitions, sporting trips, visits in and around local area as well as one of the Hospitality groups visiting Rutland Spa Hotel to gain valuable insight into the running of a hotel and restaurant. Leading on from that, three pupils from this group attended the parents Open Evening where they served drinks and refreshments and talked to parents about what they have been learning on their course. They were a real credit to the school, and made us very proud.

As part of their transition from Sherbourne, our leavers all experienced a day at their new education setting in order to become used to the buildings and staff. They asked lots of questions and had lots of information shared with them; those who visited Hereward College enjoyed seeing familiar faces. Our Year 14 students also completed a week's work experience placement; - it was so lovely to hear the positive feedback given by the employers.

To round off the year and celebrate everyone's achievements we had Prom, our annual 6th form BBQ and our KS5 End of Year production. On all occasions, the pupils represented the school well and behaved wonderfully. They were all lovely opportunities for the students to make memories and enjoy themselves after a hard year of work before we said goodbye to this year's leavers at our leaver's assembly.

I would like to wish those moving on from Sherbourne every success for their future! I hope all other pupils, including those moving up into the 6th Form, have a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing you in September and all the achievements we know you will continue to make.



Jodie Lynch
Assistant Head - Key Stage 5

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Ks5 Prom

Students in Year 11 to Year 14 were invited to attend this years Prom which was held at Coventry Rugby Club. It was an absolute pleasure and privilege to attend alongside staff from across the school.

All students looked absolutely amazing in their smart clothes and beautiful dresses. Both students and staff enjoyed a meal together and danced the night away. I was so proud to see the students confidently enjoying their evening, dancing, talking to each other and ordering at the bar. It was a fantastic evening and many wonderful memories were made.



Jodie Lynch
Assistant Head - Key Stage 5

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FUTURE PLANS

July 2022, we say goodbye to 17 students. We are confident we have given you the skills and knowledge you will need to succeed and wish you the very best of luck with your new adventures and opportunities that may come your way.

This year;

- 10 Students are moving onto Hereward College to either undertake the Foundation Pathway or Explorer Pathway.
- 1 student will be completing a supported internship which hopefully lead on to full time employment; we have our fingers crossed for you!
- 1 students will be attending the new adult education provision at Gosford Hub.
- 2 students will be having a full-time social care package.
- 1 students is moving onto City College
- 1 student will be completing a Countryside Skills course.

"I've had a great time here at school, I want to thank all the staff for everything that they have done for me. I like trying new things and challenged myself. I've enjoyed all my lessons. I was the first ever student of the month, I have qualifications in Maths, English, ICT, Duke of Edinburgh and many more. I've made lots of friends, who mean a lot to me. I've been attending Sherbourne since 2006 my love for Sherbourne will never die, thank you to all the staff for believing in me and supporting me. Thank you for helping grow up into a man. Love you all,
Amaan"

"My time here at this school has been very fun. I remember when me, Kyle, Amaan and Josh did Work Experience at Coventry Rugby Club. Work experience has been one of the best things that I have ever done because I feel that it has helped to grow my confidence and it was a great experience.

I am going to miss the teachers at Sherbourne and the friends that I am with all the time here. Thank you to everybody for helping me."
Thanks
Lyam"

"My time at Sherbourne Fields School has been amazing since I joined in September 2014. I have met friends for life like Tarunpreet, Lyam, Amaan and Abu-Bakar. All the staff have been incredible and supported me for the last 7 years. I have achieved so much here; I am going to go to Hereward to do an ICT course. My teacher has been amazing; she has helped me improve my Math's especially my time target - I have got a whole lot better this year, so I just what to say a big thanks. Thankyou once again Sherbourne you have been the best school in the world.
Kyle"

"Since joining Sherbourne Fields I have worked with incredible staff who have provided me with an amazing experience and helped me develop my confidence and communication skills. I have also made many good friends that I will have for life, Kyle, Amaan, Lyam, and Abu-Bakar. My favourite memory of school is being in the orchestra, taking part in performances and feeling really happy. I have enjoyed I.C.T and Independent living courses that have developed my skills that I will use in the future, I am now more confident to explore my future. I am extremely thankful to the school for helping to get my eye-gaze and how much this has helped with so much, from talking to my friends and being able to complete my work, even win awards! I'm also really grateful for my power chair that has enabled me to drive around independently. I will really treasure my time at Sherbourne Fields and will miss it dearly. I am going to college and I'm looking forward to it."
Tarunpreet"

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WORLD OF WORK - PRIMARY

Primary have been exploring the world of work, learning about different jobs people do. We have learned that these are some of the jobs people do to earn money to look after themselves and a family. We have enjoyed meeting a Dance Teacher who talked about doing a job you love and were shown some fantastic dance skills that inspired some children to want to be a Dance Teacher when they grow up. We learned that ballet shoes called 'pointe' shoes had wood inside of them and sometimes had to be hit with a hammer to break them in.



We were also visited by a Service Engineer who works for a German company called Vulkan, who services and repairs couplings on the engines of over 90 ships worldwide. Some of the ships and yachts he has worked on includes Sir David Attenborough and the Queen Elizabeth. He showed us photos of the famous cranes called 'Samson' and 'Goliath' that helped to build the Titanic. He showed us large and small torque wrenches and how he uses them, allowing the children to take part using the wrench on our own tables to tighten the bolts. Dexter inspired many of the children to say they aspired to travel the world, become an engineer and make some money!



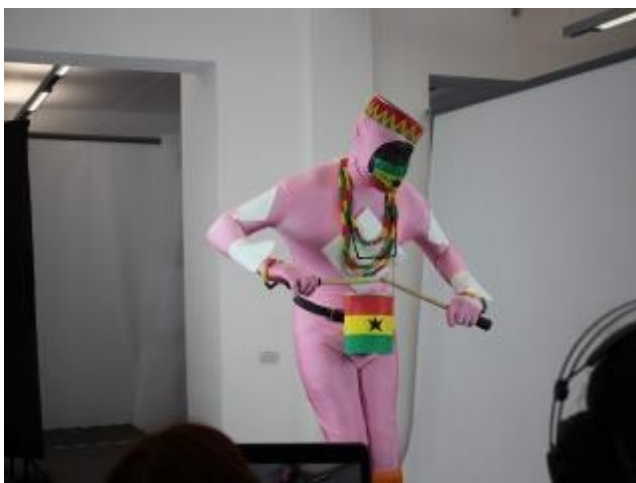
Cindy Lynch
Class Teacher

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CREATIVE BRIDGES

Josh and Manraj have enjoyed performing their fashion show, inspired by Daniel Lismore.

They have designed and made their own costumes, as well as creating their own music. They have enjoyed working with other schools to plan and perform their fashion show. Great job guys, well done.



Jayesh Mardania
Teaching Assistant

ASDAN Round Up

This term we have completed a number of different investigations using the following headings: length and height, mass and weight and capacity and volume. We also identified Pictograms and created our own pictogram based on teacher's favourite foods.



We have been volunteering our time to improve our local community. We have litter picked, baked for the teachers and cut back the willow arches.



Matt Hancock
Class Teacher

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KS5 End of Year Performance

For the first time in three years we were very excited to have the chance to put on an end of year performance in Key Stage 5. A group of students worked with staff to put together an original story called 'Lost the Plot'. The play featured a group of students having to go on a journey through different types of story to find out all about them in order to make a presentation for their teacher. We enjoyed exploring a range of genres including Fantasy/Make Believe, Comedy, History, Action and Horror. We put together a scene for each story type and chose a suitable song (with a few minor lyric adjustments!).



Students made all the props and scenery and began rehearsing the show in the final weeks of term. As if three years wasn't a long enough wait we had a further 2 day postponement due to the extreme heat at the beginning of the final week of term. We were finally able to share the performance on the morning of Wednesday 20th July to a fantastic audience. The students did magnificently well to be flexible and go on stage to perform confidently to the watching crowd. They were buzzing with excitement afterwards and happily accepted the deserved praise from their friends and family members who had been watching.

Well done everybody!



Sam Kendall
Class Teacher

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Work Experience

This term a number of our year 14 students headed off to the work experience placement. Four of our young people went to Coventry Rugby Club and worked alongside Ciaran and learnt a whole host of new skills in the hospitality sector. Two students worked exceptionally hard at Coventry Food Bank where they packaged food parcels and sorted out delivery donations. A further four students went along to Evtac Automotive where they were busy all week-long packaging and sorting car parts to ensure quality control was being met. Two of our students worked independently on their placements. One spent a week in a pre-school where she assisted with caring for the children and ensuring the learning environment was safe and clean. Another student stayed on site in the role of Science technician for the duration of the week. He helped Andy prepare for lessons, helped take care of all the animals and was a great role model to our younger pupils.



It was an absolute delight to visit all students whilst on placement. All employers spoke so highly of our students and what amazing work ethics they all had. I was extremely proud of all of our students and was so pleased to see what a positive experience they were all having. Well done all of you!



Marie Geary
Class Teacher

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Wedge Workshop & Cafe

Hello from the wedge corner cafe and a big thankyou to all the students that have worked so hard in the cafe this school year, the skills they have gained include money handling, customer relations, completing orders, teamwork and time management, also a big thanks to our users of the cafe who are always polite when placing orders.

Sadly we have to say goodbye to some of our students and wish them well for the future and we look forward to welcoming new students to the cafe team. We hope you have a great summer break from the Wedge corner cafe.

In the workshop this summer term the students have been finishing off their coursework and working very hard making items to sell at the summer BBQ. Teamwork is very important and our students should be commended for their efforts as this has created a fantastic atmosphere in the workshop. Sadly we have to say goodbye to three students who have been a pleasure to work with and look forward to meeting the new starters joining our team. We hope you have a great summer holiday's from the workshop team.

Paul Doolan
Teaching Assistant

Family Liaison and Transitions Advisor

We have started up our parents coffee mornings again and it was lovely to see parents and carers getting to know each other and enjoying a coffee together.

We will continue to have coffee mornings every half term 9.30am -11.30am and will be inviting guest speakers in to join us. Here are the dates for next year, we would love to see you and everyone is welcome:

Wednesday 21st September
Friday 18th November
Wednesday 18th January
Friday 17th March
Wednesday 3rd May
Friday 16th June
Wednesday 12th July

We also had a sleep workshop which was delivered by a Cerebra Sleep Practitioner. The session went really well and parents said how beneficial the support and guidance was to them.

We hope to invite Cerebra back into school next year for another session and will send out the dates to you.

Carol Lucas
Family Liaison and Transitions Advisor

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Next term events at a glance...

Monday 5th September	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 6th September	New September Starters (Reception & Y7 Pupils only)
Wednesday 7th September	All Children Return
Friday 21st October	Break up Half Term 3.15pm
Monday 31st October	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 1st November	All Children Return
Friday 16th December	Break up for Christmas 12pm
Monday 2nd January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3rd January	All Children Return



Fundraising

One of our parents Ms Groom is taking part in the London Thames Path Challenge to raise money for the school. So far she has raised **£1,155** – which is incredible but hopefully we can help her raise a lot more! If you would like to sponsor her please [Click this link](#)



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