



# SHADSWORTH JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY 20TH JUNE 2025

### A Message from Mrs Hetherington Annual Shad Dance Festival 2025

It's that time of year again! The children (and staff) are very excited about the theme this year which is 'Mrs Hetherington's Favourite Tracks'. I've only seen a glimpse of their routines but they are looking good already with still another week to practice. This event is always well attended and as it is being held on the playground (weather permitting!), we can accommodate plenty of supporters to cheer them on. Tickets can be purchased through our online payment system at £1 each or you can call into the office to collect some. Can 4G retain the trophy or will one of the other classes steal the limelight on the day?



### Celebrating Apprenticeship Success!

We are proud to share that Miss Farrington was recognised at the Blackburn College Apprenticeship Awards Ceremony, held on Wednesday 11th June. Miss Farrington received an award that highlights her outstanding commitment, enthusiasm, and dedication to learning throughout her apprenticeship journey.

Her hard work and positive attitude have not only earned her this well-deserved recognition but also make her an invaluable member of the Shadsworth team. We are delighted to celebrate her achievement and look forward to seeing her continue to grow and succeed.

**Congratulations, Miss Farrington!**



## Upcoming Events

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5 'Linking Schools' visit to St James' C of E Primary School

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

DANCE FESTIVAL

More details to follow!

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Year 5 'Linking Schools' visit to St James' C of E Primary School

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Year 4 Trip to Martin Mere

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 2pm

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



“Attendance is not optional”

There is an expectation that children are in school every day

## Overall School Attendance Target

95%

Actual Whole School Attendance 16/6/25 - 20/6/25

90.97%

## ATTENDANCE

3W	3VW	4G	4B	5W	5J	6H	6C
93%	90%	92%	93%	90%	94%	87%	89%

## LATE ARRIVALS

3W	3VW	4G	4B	5W	5J	6H	6C
5	4	8	2	4	2	9	4

## STARS OF THE WEEK

3W - Theodore H

5J - Esmae B

3RW - Marcel L

5W - Levi J

4G - Leighton S & Ella K-D

6C - Zuriel U

4B - Mijama O

6H - Daisy S-S

Forest Room - Dexter H

The Hive - Ayaan G



# Learning

## Year 3 News

What a sizzling week it's been in Year 3! Despite the heat, we've been hard at work and having lots of fun along the way.

This week Maths, we've been busy collecting data and learning how to represent it in tally charts, pictograms, and bar charts. The children have done a fantastic job presenting their findings clearly and confidently!

Our imaginations have run wild in English as we've been inventing our own monstrous creatures! We've been writing detailed descriptions of their appearance, personality, and behaviour. Some are scary, some are silly—but all are brilliantly creative!


In Music, we've been using 2Sequence on Purple Mash to create our own simple melodic patterns, using just two or three notes. The children really enjoyed experimenting with sound and rhythm!


In Science, we've been learning all about our bones—how many we have, what they do, and why they're so important. There's been lots of great discussion and curiosity about the human skeleton. Well done, Year 3, for staying focused and enthusiastic during such a hot week!





## Year 4 News

This week, Year 4 have been a whirlwind of activity, learning, and laughter!

 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - Both classes have thoroughly enjoyed exploring Charlie and the Chocolate Factory this week. We've been hotseating some of the main characters and asking deep questions to understand their thoughts and actions. Who knew we had so many convincing Veruca Salts and cheeky Charlies in our midst?

 Maths – Outdoor Measuring - Out came the trundle wheels this week as we headed outside to measure the playground. Children worked in teams to measure distances accurately and convert between units. It was wonderful to see maths in action beyond the classroom walls!

 Science – Habitats and Adaptations - Our science lessons have taken us on a journey through deserts, rainforests, oceans, and beyond. Pupils have been researching different habitats and the animals that live there, learning how creatures adapt to survive in extreme conditions. Our budding biologists have shown fantastic curiosity and teamwork!

 Dance Rehearsals - We're practising hard for our upcoming class performance next Friday! The energy,



# Learning

## Year 5 News

Another busy week in year 5, here are the highlights:

In English, children have been writing their non chronological reports about the Lake District. They have produced some lovely reports using sub headings and persuasive writing. One of the sentences children wrote was about Alfred Wainwright from Blackburn who produced a guide book of walks in the Lakes.

In Maths, children have been practising ordering fractions with different denominators. They used their knowledge of equivalent fractions to solve some very challenging questions.

In Science, children have been observing our caterpillars in class and they can't believe how quickly they are growing each day. Did you know a caterpillars only job is to eat, eat and eat again.



## Year 6 News

It's been a busy (and hot) this week in Year 6!

After the HUGE success of last weeks fundraiser, the children have been thinking of ways to spend their money!

In maths, the children have focused on their angle skills; measuring different angles, drawing angles and solving problems involving prior angle knowledge! They have also been looking at a range of different problems, working on their resilience for when they move on to Year 7!

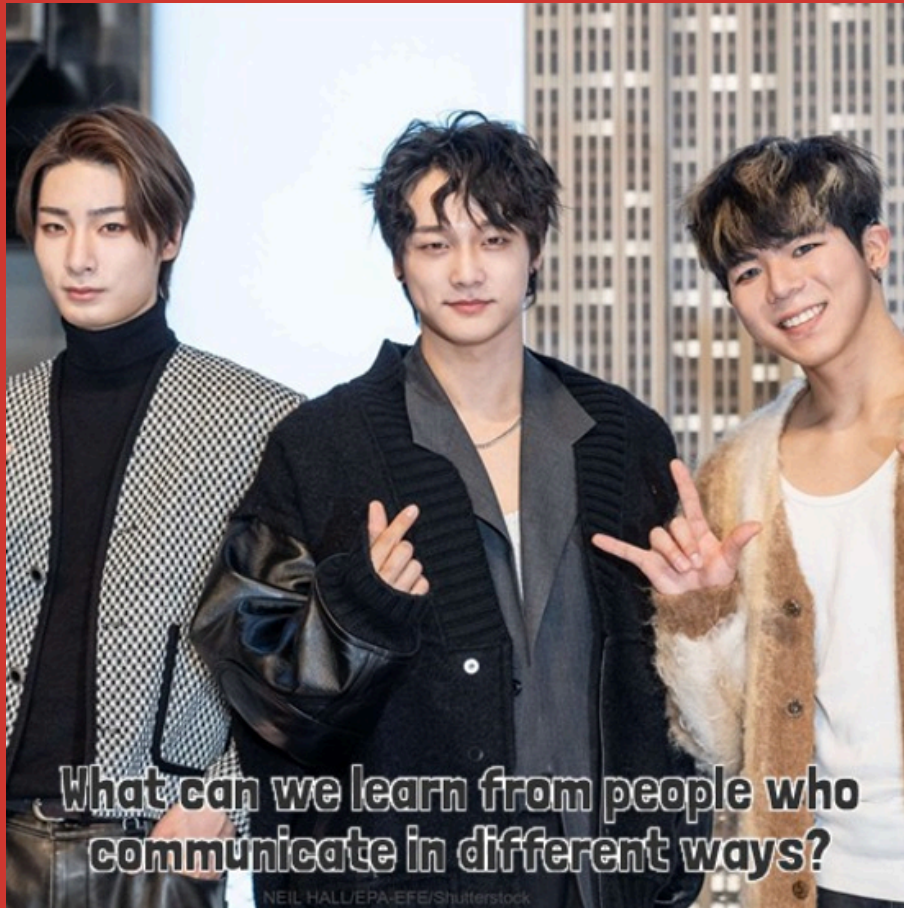
In English, they have written diary entries from different points of view- a character who loved their day out and another character who loathed it! They put lots of literary features into their writing, including humour.

Next week Year 6 will be partaking in a dodgeball challenge on Monday and Wednesday afternoon. If the weather is still hot, please make sure they bring a cap to help protect them from the sun!



# LET'S GET TALKING

Talking together helps your child develop communication and relationship skills with others and builds their vocabulary



What can we learn from people who communicate in different ways?

Big Ocean is a new K-pop band from South Korea, and all three of its members have hearing loss. They use things like vibrations, flashing lights, and sign language to help them perform music together. Even though the band can't hear the songs like most people, they work very hard to stay in time and show emotion through movement and expression. Big Ocean want to raise awareness about deaf culture and make K-pop more inclusive, by using Korean Sign Language in their performances.

## Things to talk about at home ...

- What impact do you think a band like Big Ocean could have through their music?
- Where and when might we use sign language?
- What are some different ways we can communicate with others? Ask someone at home to share their thoughts.