

Academic performance 2017/18

This week you will have received your child's annual report. This sets out the progress they have made in the core subjects of reading, writing and maths as well as identifying highlights from their wider curriculum work and how they are developing as learners.

A revised national curriculum was introduced from the beginning of 15/16, and this significantly raised the expectations for what children would be able to do by the end of their respective year group. In the reports, we identify whether your child is at this 'expected' level in the three core subjects. If the child is not confidently demonstrating all the skills for their year group, they will be identified as 'working towards'. Where this is the case, teachers and team leaders will agree actions to help the pupil fill the gaps in their learning.

A small number of children may also be identified as working at 'greater depth within the expected level', indicating a deeper understanding in, and application of, a particular subject. At the end of KS1 and KS2, children are required to be assessed to a national standard (commonly referred to as SATs.) As shown in the tables below, the school remains above the national average at both levels and in its phonics screening.

KS2 SATs Results

| Subject | Shaldon % of pupils achieving the expected standard | National % pupils achieving the expected standard nationally | Shaldon average scaled score | National average Scaled Score |
|---|---|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Reading | 87% | 75% | 107 | 105 |
| Writing | 90% | 78% | n/a | n/a |
| Mathematics | 87% | 76% | 105 | 104 |
| Spelling Grammar and Punctuation | 87% | 78% | 107 | 106 |
| Combined Reading, Writing and Mathematics | 84% | 64% | n/a | n/a |

National tests and assessments in Reception and Year 1.

Reception – 87% achieved a Good Level of Development (nationally 2017 71%)

Year 1 – 100% of our pupils passed the phonics screening (nationally 2017 81%)

KS1 SATs Results

| Subject | Shaldon % of pupils achieving the expected standard |
|---|---|
| Reading | 90% |
| Writing | 93% |
| Mathematics | 97% |
| Combined Reading, Writing and Mathematics | 90% |

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We return to school on
Wednesday
5th
September
2018

Finally, the staff of Shaldon School would like to thank you for your support of the school and we wish you a wonderful summer break.



July 2018

Shaldon Primary School

A YEAR IN PHOTOGRAPHS

Dear Parents,

At the end of each academic year, our final newsletter looks back at some of the highlights from the last eleven months in school. I hope our *Year in Photographs* provides you with a good idea of the range of learning experiences that children have been involved in since September 2017.

As well as the specific examples in the newsletter, I would also like to reflect on a number of highlights for the school as a whole. We were very proud to have been a finalist at the TES School of the Year Awards, which recognised the strength of our rich and varied curriculum.

I am also very proud of how the children have embraced our focus on 'metacognition' - understanding how to become more effective and independent learners by evaluating their work, using time and resources effectively, and developing self-confidence. Walking around the school, it has been wonderful to see children in all classes instinctively applying these skills to their learning.

It has also been a year where the benefits of being in our Multi-Academy Trust (The Academy for Character and Excellence) have really come to fruition, be it through the support we received during some challenging times, or in seeing children from Shaldon and the other member schools bonding at the inaugural Trust music concert in June.

Our mission as a school is to support children to thrive and make a positive difference to themselves, others, and the world around them. The world that the children will face when they ultimately leave education will be very different from the one that exists today. Our ongoing work to support character development is all about helping them to succeed, to be happy and to indeed make a positive difference, regardless of the challenges they may face. This is our passion and will continue to drive our work in school as we move forward.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the teachers and all staff at the school, to our wonderful volunteers, supporters, and to the FOSS committee for all their support and hard work this year.

I would also like to thank all parents and carers for the support you have given to your child in their learning this year. I hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing summer break.

Best wishes

Jonathan Coe

Head of School

OUR CURRICULUM

As a school, we continue to take pride in providing our children with a broad and balanced curriculum, allowing them the opportunity to develop and excel in all areas. At the heart of our experiences, we are always developing our core values and our virtues to support our work on character. We have also worked hard this year to incorporate the development of metacognition which has included- self-management, self- confidence and self-evaluation. This has been highly supportive to the children as learners: providing them with valuable tools for the future.

Our curriculum is carefully planned to develop ideas that will inspire, enthuse and engage the pupils to enhance their learning to the full. We develop their knowledge throughout these experiences but most importantly give them the skills they need as learners to succeed and embrace challenges. We begin our journeys with a 'hook' which inspire the children from the onset; this could be a trip or visits from experts. We always work to create outcomes that are meaningful and most of all purposeful.

This year began with a focus on the value of excellence, the virtue of honesty and the metacognition skill of self-management. In KS1, this was delivered through geography. The children learnt the skills of map reading and had opportunities to design their own in supporting the new reception children to learn about their new school. This was followed by DT where children became designers in designing, planning and making the brightest star. The outcome was that each and every child's star was then displayed at their nativity play: making a stunning display. In KS2, learning was focused around history where they learnt skills needed to become a historian. These journeys included comparing entertainment in the past to the present day, a study of the Vikings and looking as far back as the ancient civilisation of the Egyptians. They gave opportunities for visits to museums, partaking in dance lessons, Viking days with feasts and raids and a creation of our very own museum.

Our focus changed in the spring term to friendship, kindness and self- confidence. In KS1 this was woven into a journey led through history- discovering all about toys and games played in the past. Self- confidence was developed in the children through the teaching of games to KS2 pupils. KS2 moved onto geography looking closely at our local environment –our coast. Plastic became a huge talking point for years 3 and 4 while year 5 studied sustainable fishing and the wonders of our local clay. Their outcome was to create presentations to present to children of the same age from Redhills Primary School, a member school of our Academy Trust.

The summer term focus was aspiration, patience and the skills required for self- evaluation. In KS1, they became authors and illustrators taking on the skills needed to be successful while KS2 pursued a design and technology route: following a space theme leading to designing their own orrery and working with clay to develop skills needed to create a beautiful pot for one of our outdoor spaces. The campaign against plastic continued with the banning of plastic straws on the Key Stage 1 milk cartons that enter our school and the making of a recycled sculpture which stands outside the ODE café, Shaldon, sending a strong message about plastic to all those who visit.



CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP

Each term, we focus on a particular artist, introduced through our whole school assemblies. This year, the children have been introduced to the works of Salvador Dali, Laura Wheeler and Robert Weigand.

Through our Family Groups, the children have been encouraged to think about themselves as Global Citizens, how they can become the best versions of themselves and make a positive difference to others and the world around them.

It has been wonderful to see these ideals and values embodied through the children's community work. The children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 regularly visit and spend time with elderly residents at Teignbridge House. They spend quality time together, play games, do arts and crafts or simply just talk and learn more about the residents' lives. The Pen Pal project is also a great success, and the children have shown just how caring and interested they are in the lives of others, through their letters and cream tea gatherings. We would like to say a special thank you to the adults who have made these projects happen: Helen Rushton, Janet Gorge, Chloe Myers, Charmaine Povey and Tracey Rowland. We would also like to extend our thanks to The Helen Foundation for helping fund this project too.



Year 6 have also shown true community spirit in their volunteering at the Botanical Gardens, and the sense of citizenship and global responsibility does not stop there! As part of their Learning Journey, Year 4 have been learning to understand the impact of plastic use in the environment and discovered ways in which they can help to combat its detrimental effect. They took part in a beach clean and their efforts were even broadcast on BBC Radio 4.

We continue to have an excellent relationship with the local diocese and very much enjoy members of the church coming into our assemblies once a month. We feel very fortunate to be able to continue to use the church for our Harvest and Christmas celebrations, and it is always wonderful to see school, parents and members of the local community united for these events.

School Council

Our school council have continued with their fundraising efforts during the year and have collected donations for many charities including Devon Air Ambulance and Children in Need. As part of the school's Sport Relief day, the school council single

handedly ran a number of activity stations during their lunchtime such as mini hurdles and shooting hoops.

Moving forward, the children recognise that the stage on the playground is not being used to its full potential. They feel this is an area that can be further developed to encourage opportunities for every child to experience and explore drama through play and will be looking at this in the Autumn Term.

Fundraising

£490 – Children in Need

£182 – Sport Relief

£17 – The Royal British Legion, Poppy Appeal

£342 – South West MS Centre

£202 – Devon Air Ambulance

£7,900 – Tall Ships Expedition



FOSS

We are extremely grateful to FOSS for continuing to raise funds for the school through a number

of events, which is vital for us to develop and improve. This year's events include the Christmas Fair, Summer Fair, class cake sales, and three school discos. They also introduced a Christmas Card fundraising scheme and there have been 3 successful collections for Bag2School recycling. The easyfundraising scheme has gathered momentum with additional support, and a new commission based fundraiser has also been introduced for name labels (STIKINS). They have also provided refreshments at Sports Day, the Youth Speaks Final and the Leaver's Assembly. In total, the income from these fundraising initiatives total just under £6000 (a full balance sheet will be available at the FOSS AGM in September). Such commendable effort for a group of volunteers who juggle busy work and home lives too.

FOSS has continued to work with the school leadership team to deliver exciting improvements to the school environment. The most notable addition for this year has been the purchase of 12 iPads. The focus of FOSS spending will continue to be in the area of outdoor learning and play, but will also be directed to the replacement of the school minibuses.



Music is an integral part of our school and over the year the children have listened to a variety of music from Haydn to Hummel, Abba to Ed Sheeran. In their class Music lessons, they have appraised, explored, composed and performed music from a wide range of musical styles.

The following music teachers visit the school, on a weekly basis, to give instrumental tuition to individual children and small groups.

- **Piano/ Keyboard with Helen Sargent**
- **Guitar with Ginnie Cutler**
- **Violin with Tom Deam**
- **Brass and Clarinet with Lisa Price**
- **Cello with Helen Wills**
- **Drums with Chris Prentice**

We offer subsidised or free music lessons to children who are entitled to these.

Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival celebration was focussed around the Botanical Gardens, with a special theme on virtue of gratitude and the wonderful beauty that surrounds us.

Year 6 acted out the history of how Homeyards and the Botaniclas were an inspiration and secret passion of Maria Homeyards and how she and her workers created and built the gardens and houses, planting many varieties of trees and shrubs to create a beautiful space for us all.

String Concert

Kip Pratt, the Teignmouth Learning Community Musical Lead for Primary Schools, came into school for 10 weeks of the Autumn Term and taught Year 5 the joys of playing the violin. They performed to parents and friends in an end of term concert, playing a variety of musical pieces, demonstrating their plucking and bowing techniques. It was a concert to be remembered.

Festive Musical Gathering For Penpals

Our Year 6 pupils were delighted to invite their elderly pen friends into school for a musical concert and a chat over mince pies.

The concert included some excellent soloists who displayed their talents on a range of instruments, including Grace on trombone, Bailey on Cello, Jack, Ava, Ivy, Jeannie and Esther on

piano, Erin and Esther on violins and Dom, Alannah, Alfe, Jack, Mathilde, Chloe and Beth on guitars, leaving the audience captivated.

Carols at Christmas

The school choir sang a selection of carols and songs at Shaldon Methodist Church in December. It was the start of their Christmas Tree festival and the church was full of wonderfully decorated Christmas Trees.

The choir were invited to sing at the annual Shaldon 'Carols on the Green' celebration, entertaining family and friends from the local community. Members of the choir also visited Teignbridge House to entertain the residents with Christmas songs. The residents were delighted to listen and join in, tapping out a beat and joyfully singing well known songs and carols.

Christmas Celebration

The whole school celebrated Christmas in St. Peter's Church. They sang carols to the audience on the theme of a traditional Christmas celebration. Children recited the Christmas story in their own words, supported by poetry and musicians.

The Christmas story was rewritten by Ivy Cheng from Year 6 and a winter poem was written by pupils in Year 5. The classes energized the story by singing the carols clearly, vivaciously with strength and uplifting the congregation with the collective carols, creating a strong sense of community within the school and village.

The choir also sang angelically with their 2 part version of Candlelight, Silent Night.

Teignmouth Music Festival

Year 5 took part in a day-long music festival along with other local schools at Teignmouth Community School. The children participated in brass workshops during the day, before rehearsing collectively with the other local primary schools, in preparation for the evening performance. All of the children had learnt the songs, 'Can't Stop the Felling,' and 'Something Inside so Strong,' and they raised the roof with their singing in the evening. Our Year 5 pupils had prepared the song 'Happy' to sing to the audience, and sang it with gusto in two parts. They then put their newly-learned brass skills to the test and did us very proud with two very accomplished performances.



Teachers Rock® Youth Choir

Pupils from our School Choir joined with 125 young people from across the South West in March for the first massed rehearsal of the Teachers Rock® Youth Choir. In just 45 minutes, the talented singers were performing Reef's 'Place Your Hands,' and Coldplay's 'Fix You,' alongside 60 educators from Teachers Rock® satellite choirs across the South West. It was a superb transformational learning experience for our new youth choir.

In June, they met again to rehearse and film a music video, All of the children sang, learnt sign language and street dance to Phil Heeley's song 'Dream Your Dream.' A fantastic effort was put in by the children and teachers alike.

Brass Concert

During the Spring Term, Mrs Price visited Year 5 and taught them a variety of brass instruments, from big baritones, to French Horns and pocket trumpets. During these additional music lessons, the children blew raspberries and buzzed on mouthpieces, learning the correct playing techniques to be able to play all brass instruments. The 10 week course culminated in an informal concert to family and friends, where the children played classical and blues music, in small solo groups and as a whole class.

Singing and Composing Workshops

During the year, Kip Pratt, the lead Music co-ordinator for the local primary schools visited different classes within our school to work with them to sing and create new songs and musical pieces. The children created their own musical compositions in small groups and as whole classes to the accompaniment of his ukulele and class musical instruments.

Informal Concert

In March, many of our school musicians took part in our school informal music concert for parents and carers. Everyone was entertained by a multitude of songs and pieces, given by performers on guitars, the piano, a cello, a trombone and some violins. The children were from Years 3-6. It was a very varied and enjoyable programme. We have so much musical talent within the school and it is an honour to be able to showcase these strengths.

Academy Choir Concert

Year 4 joined with pupils from schools across our Multi Academy Trust for the first trust choir concert, singing songs on the theme of 'Working Together.' Each school rehearsed 2 songs and a joint academy song, all of which were based on the material of work songs. It wasn't just singing.....there were actions that illustrated what the songs were about and live music, performed by Kip Pratt, Elfyn Jones, Joe Pratt and Mrs. Price.

Our pupils sang about the Shaldon ferry with enthusiasm and strength, and performed a beautiful Tongo fisherman's call and response song with spine tingling emotion, with half the class in front of the audience and the other half at the back echoing the first group.

Chetham's School informal music workshop

At the end of June, four incredibly talented young musicians from Chetham's Music school visited our Year 3 class. The musicians entertained us with their amazing skills on the trumpet, violin, orchestral percussion and voice. Their virtuoso playing wowed the children, who responded with many enquiring questions. Following on from their workshop with our Year 3 class, the musicians then performed in the evening at the Shaldon Music Festival.

Parent Assemblies

Throughout the summer term, every class invited their parents, families and friends to join them at our Celebration Assemblies. Each class performed a song they had prepared in the assembly.

VISITS & VISITORS

Although we recognise that academic success is important, we also believe that for education to be successful, it must prepare children for life. We make every effort to bring our topic work to life by working with a wide range of relevant experts in the hope that it will ignite an interest. We want our pupils to aim high and know that the world is their oyster.

Some of the visitors we've had this year...

- Dr Alan Desmond - Consultant Gastroenterologist
- The Rotary Club of Teignmouth
- Tim Starkey - Artist & Illustrator
- Matt Ridgway - Ridgways Shoes
- Cllr Paul Burgess - Mayor of Teignmouth 2017/18
- Rev. Annie Church
- Rev. Catherine Wagstaff
- Devon Air Ambulance
- His Honour Judge Stephen Climie
- Beach School South West
- Colin Lizius - Photographer
- Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service

Some of the trips we've been on this year ...

- Teignmouth Port
- National Marine Aquarium Plymouth
- Teignmouth Fire Station
- Laura Wall's Art Gallery
- Shaldon Post Office
- Teignbridge House Care Home
- Exeter Synagogue
- FabLabs Devon
- Organic Arts Farm
- Homeyards Botanical Gardens
- Teignmouth Morrisons
- Torquay Museum
- Norman Lockyer Observatory
- Early morning 'catch the sunrise'
- Teignmouth Pavilions
- Shaldon Bakery
- Sticky Paws Dog Groomers
- Exeter University

Outdoor Education

Years 2, 3 and 4 all enjoyed a range of on and off-site activities and through these challenges and experiences improved their teamwork skills.

This year we introduced a one night residential for Year 3 which provided just the right level of adventure for the children.

Year 5 have also been away and had an excellent time at Pixies Holt, climbing, weaselling, rock scrambling, teambuilding and for some, experiencing being away from home for the first time.

Year 6 spent three days living in a purpose built camp in the woods on the Dart Estuary with very few home comforts, but learnt valuable life skills and following an incredible fundraising effort, the class also completed a three day Tall Ships sailing expedition, coming away more confident in their own abilities and closer as a group of friends and classmates.



PE & SPORT

We have had an exciting and very successful year once again and Physical Education and Sport continues to play an important role in school life at Shaldon. Miss Young provides a high quality PE provision across the school. The children have access to a range of after school clubs which prove very popular. The children who want to pursue a certain sport further are signposted to clubs in the community and many children are enjoying and understanding the importance of activity outside school.

Our affiliation to the Dartmoor School Sport Partnership (SSP) is key to providing access to higher level competition, inclusive festivals and gifted & talented sessions. The beauty of having two minibuses means that we can take several teams particularly to Teignmouth Learning Community (TLC) events which enables many of our children access to positive competitive experiences.

This year all the children from Year 1 – 6 have taken part in festivals, including Netball, Aesthetics, Gymnastics, Funfests and Striking & Fielding. These are great learning opportunities where the children can have fun and work alongside children from the other local schools. In the Autumn Term we offered a Skipping workshop where all the children were able to develop and improve their skills in this easily accessible and high intensity fitness activity.

All Year 6 pupils have completed Level 1 and 2 Bikeability awards, providing them with the skills and knowledge to ride safely. Reception children have been learning to use our new balance bikes which is a great way into learning to ride a two-wheeler. Once they can adjust their weight with confidence the next step of turning the pedals is easy!

Another area which we view as highly important from a safety perspective, is Swimming and KS2 have benefitted from instruction at the Teignmouth Lido during the Summer Term. We also held another great school sports day with lots of happy enthusiastic children really getting into the spirit of this annual event. Blue team were the winners overall and Yellow team claimed the team spirit award.

Sports Results this year:

Year 3/4 Cross-country team – 1st in SSP

Year 3/4 Tag Rugby team – 2nd in SSP/NARFC tournament

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team – 1st in SSP/NARFC tournament, 12th in Devon Games

Year 3/4 Netball team – 1st in TLC tournament, 3rd in SSP Finals

Year 5/6 Netball team – 1st in TLC tournament, 3rd in SSP Finals

Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics – 6th in SSP tournament

Year 3/4 Gymnastics teams – 1st in TLC tournament, 2nd in SSP Finals

Year 5/6 Gymnastics team – 3rd in TLC tournament

Year 3/4 Mini Tennis – 1st in SSP tournament, 8th in Devon Games

Year 3/4 Dartmoor 3 Ball – 1st in TLC tournament, 3rd in SSP Finals

Year 5/6 Dartmoor 3 Ball – 1st in TLC tournament, 3rd in SSP Finals

