



## **Newsletter – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**

That's the end of another lovely week at Shawlands. We started the week with a group of Y4 pupils visiting Barnsley College to 'study' e-sports and to look at how people make a career designing and even playing online games. Today we have our annual fire-safety talk by the Fire Service for our Y3 students and another group of Y3 students are attending a bowling event at Barnsley Bowl. Yesterday, of course, was one of our favourite days of the year - World Book Day. We were so impressed by the creativity on show with the T-shirt designs the children were wearing, and classes enjoyed visiting different classes for book-themed activities with some different teachers.

### **Book Fair**

Thank you so much to everyone who has visited the book fair this week, it is always very well supported and helps us to buy some brilliant new books for class book shelves as well as for assemblies and the library. The total so far is £1,345 which means you have raised a whopping **£747** for books for school, which is absolutely amazing!

A huge thank you also to Miss Brain, Mrs Kaye, Miss Lindley, Miss Billington and Miss Clarke who helped run the book fair before and after school – we all really appreciate the extra time they have put into making it run smoothly. Thanks also to Mrs Gates for organising the whole book day as well as helping with the book fair.

You can still buy directly online up until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March and get free delivery to school at <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/shawlands-primary-s70>

There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and **every £1 you spend will earn 20p for our school** in Scholastic Rewards.

### **Red Nose Day**

Next up, we have Red Nose Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. We are running it as a non-uniform day, with children asked to bring a donation if they are able to. During the afternoon we will be having our RND Talent Show with each class putting an act in to represent them. In the morning we have a real treat lined up – weather permitting for every class in school to take part in! Following that, on Thursday **23<sup>rd</sup> March**, it is World Maths Day. To mark this event, we are inviting children to come to school either as a Times Table Rock Star, or to wear clothes with shapes, patterns or numbers on them.

### **School Photographs**

On **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March** the photographer will be in school to take individual and siblings within school photos. If you would like a photo taken with any out of school siblings, families can arrive at 8.30am on that day. Also, on Monday **19<sup>th</sup> June** there will be class photos taken.



## **Online safety**

As we mentioned last week, we are helping several children and families with issues caused by online apps.

Some parents have mentioned not knowing much about the apps to be aware of, so below is a list of apps which are currently thought to pose a risk if used unsupervised by young people.

- Snapchat
- TikTok
- Instagram
- Discord
- Vine
- Youtube

The NSPCC website contains some really useful information on helping keep your child safe online <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

One tip I have shared from my own personal experience, is to check your child's phone at random times, as they can become very good at working out when their phone might be checked and can delete apps beforehand, and then reinstall them the next day!

Finally, since introducing the On Time and Ready to Learn dojos, we have seen a big improvement in punctuality. This is so helpful, as teachers start teaching their first lesson at 9am promptly, so if children are sat down on time, they aren't missing any learning at all.

Attendance has also been very high this week and children are very excited by the huge new Attendance Cup which will be presented to the class with the highest attendance in Monday's assembly. If they have 100% it will come filled with nice things.