



**Shakespeare**  
Primary School

# **SCHOOL MAGAZINE**

## **2018/2019**



# BEFORE AND AFTER

It is easy to forget what our school site looked like before the new school was built. These 'before and after' photos (each photo taken in the same spot) show the transformation the new Shakespeare School has had on the derelict land that was here before.







# MESSAGE FROM MR GORTON

Welcome to another edition of our annual Shakespeare Primary School and Nursery magazine. We always hoped this year was going to be a special one and in so many ways it has turned out like that. Time and again this year when people have visited our amazing new building and met our fantastic children they have had brilliant things to say. The end of the year feels like a good time to remember and share some of those comments with you.

Her Majesty's Inspector of schools said:

**'The atmosphere in lessons and around the school is marked by politeness, kindness and mutual understanding.'**

**'The strong relationships you and your staff have with parents are a real strength of the school.'**

**'Reading suffuses the life of the school. Reading is taught well.'**

The Inspector of School Buildings for the Government said:

**'In 15 years of inspecting school buildings he had never seen such a well designed and built primary school.'**

The Healthy Schools Assessor said:

**'An overriding strength of the school is the drive to ensure that all pupils are given the best possible opportunities academically, socially and emotionally.'**

The Director of Children Services Leeds said:

**'The needs of children are clearly at the heart of everything that happens at Shakespeare. I was delighted to hear that children feel safe. It is clear that Shakespeare serves its local community extremely well.'**

The Education Manager at Leeds Grand Theatre said:

**'Every group was engaged, asked brilliant questions and were really enthusiastic. It was an absolute pleasure to work with them.'**

All these comments reflect the combined care and hard work of children, parents and staff. I feel very fortunate to be able to work alongside such talented and dedicated colleagues for such a supportive and ambitious community for the benefit of hundreds of amazing Shakespeare children.

It is a pleasure to once again share the children's year with you.

*Julian Gorton*

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# WHITBY 2019

Bright and early on Monday morning lots of nervous parents gathered to wave us off on our adventure. We went straight to Dalby Forrest Go Ape and spent two hours swinging through the treetops and whizzing down zip wires. Our growth mindset skills came into good use as we set foot into the unknown, very high up. Children and adults alike metamorphosised from nervous tiptoes to fearless flyers gliding handsfree down the zip wire. The trees were alive with cheers of encouragement and achievement. Monday evening was spent settling into our rooms at YHA Whitby and completing a two hour guided night walk of the town.

After the best night's sleep in Shakespeare Whitby history (all in bed and quiet by 10pm) we were up and out first thing Tuesday, after our fossil lesson. The cliff top walk was windy but worth it with stunning East Coast views as we walked to comb the beach of Saltwick Bay. Our finds were plentiful with lots of Ammonites and Belemnites making it to the surface.

Lunch on Tuesday was a quick one followed by an ice cream and a rather choppy boat trip. Not always the best combination but we loved it - especially all singing and dancing to Dancing Queen on the way back to shore.

Finally, at 4pm on Tuesday, the moment arrived to spend our pocket money. Slime, fidget spinners, books and much more were purchased from the gift shops of Whitby town. Our last evening meal followed and we then all settled down together to watch (and sing-a-long to) The Greatest Showman, enjoying hot chocolate and biscuits in the interval.

Wednesday was once again full of sunshine and smiles as we packed up and drove to Robin Hood's Bay. Our rock pooling was as successful as our fossil hunting with lots of children catching shrimp, crabs and sea snails. The trip wouldn't be complete without a visit to the fish and chip shop before heading back on the coach.

New skills learnt, friendships strengthened and tummies full - all in all a great way to spend the final week of our first half term of Year Six.





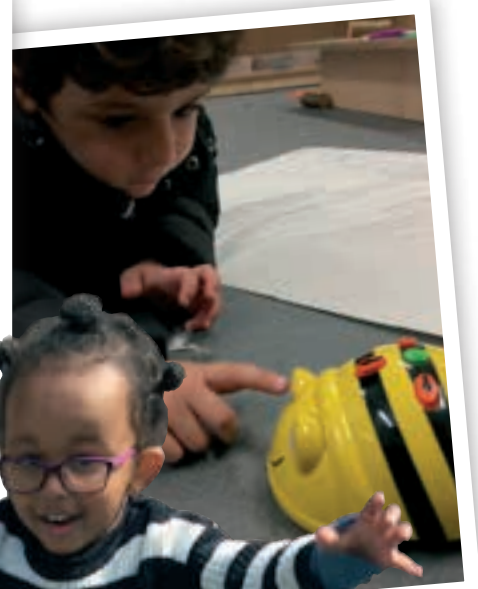




# NURSERY (2 - 3S)



It has been a busy year in the 2-3's Nursery - the children have loved exploring the new spaces in our brand new school and have made some wonderful new friendships along the way. The children have been interested in the natural world around them and recently we have been thinking about all the bugs, insects and plants that share our environment. Throughout the year the children have loved spending time in our reading corner, sharing stories with their friends and the adults. We enjoyed going on a bear hunt in the first term, reading about the Very Hungry Caterpillar and using mark making and creative play to reflect on our experiences. Our new movement area has provided lots of opportunity for us to develop our physical skills. We are looking forward to another exciting year ahead!

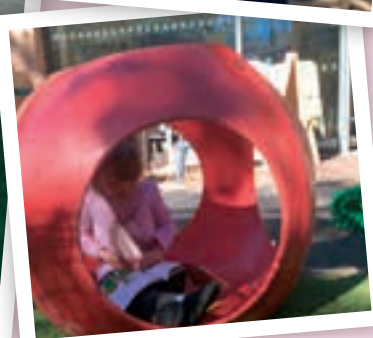




# NURSERY (3 - 4S)



The Nursery children have had another amazing year learning lots of exciting new things. We have made so many new friends, learned countless new skills and most of all we've had plenty of fun along the way. In our learning projects this year we have learnt all about our families and our extended families, we've learnt about different countries from around the world and the foods that people eat, shiny and non-shiny materials in a science based project and our favourite yet: all things super in our superheroes project. Outdoor learning, our shiny new bikes, climbing and running as fast as we can are all part of everyday learning and we have enjoyed playing and learning outside come rain or shine. All the Nursery children have flourished into fabulous little people.







What a fun-filled year we have had in Class RC! We love to learn through a balance of adult-led teaching and child-initiated learning where we can explore, enquire and investigate. We love to work together with Class RH and Class RJ as one big Reception team. Our favourite thing this year was getting our class chicks. We watched them hatch and loved to cuddle them as we cared for them and watched them grow. We have had many exciting learning projects this year including, 'Why Do Elephants Have Trunks?', 'Up, Up and Away', 'What's Your Emergency?', 'Tell Me a Story' and 'What Keeps Me Healthy?'. Our favourite learning project was 'What's Under the Sea?' where we learnt all about scary sharks and had fish and chips outside for lunch. The children in RC have developed into independent, confident and motivated learners with a passion for challenge and an instilled love of learning.



This year has been full of exciting new challenges and experiences, like when all seven of our chicks hatched and we got to hold them! We loved watching our chicks grow.

This year the children have shown a huge interest in their communities. We were very enthusiastic when the police officers came to visit us and explained how they help us. The children dressed up in uniforms and worked together to solve the mystery of the missing snack table!

It wasn't the first time a character from a story got our classroom messy and it wouldn't be the last! Later in the year, giants climbed down the beanstalk and left lots of muddy footprints on our carpet. Not to worry though, we used it as an opportunity to do some measuring.

My favourite memory from this year is having fish and chips (made especially for us by Chef John) on the steps and in the sunshine. Thank you RH!







We have had a very exciting year in RJ full of challenges and exciting new ventures. In all our projects we have had many first-hand experiences to further stimulate our learning. During 'Why do Elephants have Trunks?' we had a visit from Animals In-Tuition where we got to handle and learn about wild animals. Our other exciting projects included, 'Up, Up and Away', 'Tell me a Story', 'What's your Emergency?', 'What's Under the Sea', and 'What Keeps Me Healthy.' We work together with class RC and RH as one big team and have made lots of new friends this year. All of the children have grown into confident and independent learners and we have made some wonderful memories to cherish.





What a fantastic time we have had in 1LH this year, full of exciting and captivating learning projects! Here are the highlights of our dramatic year...

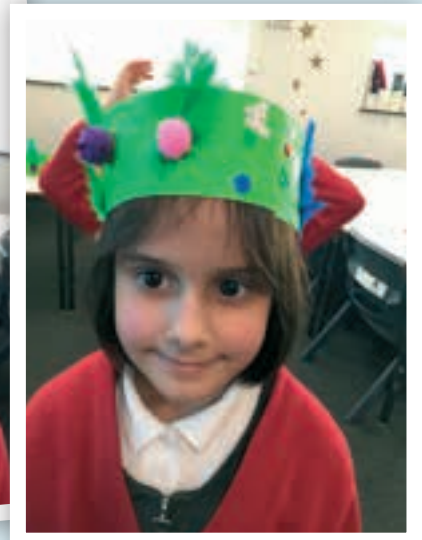
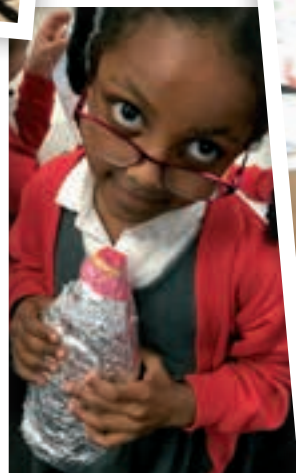
A dinosaur visited our school and accidentally left behind her precious egg. We hand crafted the City of London before dramatically burning it down to the ground to re-enact the Great Fire of London. Samuel Pepys visited Year 1. An alien crash landed their space craft in our playground! The Rio Carnival took place with dancing, music and delicious Brazilian food. Finally the children's favourite event by far was our amazing trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park where we saw tigers, lions, bears and many more wild animals.







We have had such a wonderful year in 1MH filled with laughter, learning and moments we will never forget. In our playground this year, we have found an alien spaceship crash and a slimy dinosaur egg! How exciting! We've enjoyed every one of our learning projects but one of our favourites was definitely 'Rio de Vida' as we were able to parade our fantastic headdresses around the hall, dance to carnival music and eat the most delicious Brazilian food! We couldn't keep away from the brigadeiros! Our trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park brought the biggest smiles to each and every one of our faces. Being so close to the lions, monkeys and giraffes was amazing but the zip-wire in the park seemed to steal the show! Thank you for such a lovely year 1MH.





The children began the year with our Dinosaur Planet project, exploring a dinosaur nest that was found on the playground and building their own box craft dinosaurs. The next project was Bright Lights, Big City, where the children recreated Pudding Lane, building houses and watching as they burnt to the ground. An alien crash landing kicked off the Moon Zoom project. We read *Whatever Next* and *Aliens Love Underpants*. The next project was Rio de Vida, where the children took part in a Rio Carnival, showed off their headdresses, nibbled on traditional, Brazilian food and learnt to Samba dance. The children learnt about animals in *Paws, Claws and Whiskers*. Their favourite part of the project was the visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. The children completed the year with *The Enchanted Woodland*, where they learnt about animal habitats and plants. They explored which materials would be the best to use to make storm-proof fairy houses, before designing, making and evaluating them.







What a fantastic year we have had in 2C! We have had lots of exciting learning opportunities such as dressing up for our Pirate Day, being visited by a medieval visitor to show us toys from the past and also having music practitioners come into school to do 3 workshops with us! How lucky are we? The children have enjoyed all of our learning projects but particularly enjoyed 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' as we got very messy! We had our own messy afternoon with hand painting and we also made our own jelly and then put our hands in it to feel it! We even made ice cream and did some food tasting (with some fantastic 'sour lemon' faces)! Thank you for a super year 2C!





# 2D

Wow! What a great year we have had in 2D! A packed year of working hard and some real memorable experiences! We started off the year with caterpillars in school that grew into butterflies and then we released them into the school grounds. We have dressed up as pirates and been on a treasure hunt! We have made a tunnel in the classroom when we learnt about 'The Great Escape' and we loved learning to ride a bike in school as part of bikeability. The children in 2D have been absolute superstars!







What an amazing year we've had in 2L, doing so many things, working hard and leaning so much. We started off by looking after caterpillars, watching them grow and then change into butterflies! We found out about life a long time ago, including living in castles and what it was like to be a pirate. We especially enjoyed dressing up as pirates! We have grown plants from seeds and we even got to make ice cream! Our hands were freezing but it tasted delicious. In the summer we completed 'Bikeability', and got even better at cycling, even though it didn't stop raining! The children have been superstars!







This year has been full of learning experiences. 3C started the year with our learning project 'Scrumdiddlyumptious'. We loved discovering and making different food and reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory! We then explored the Stone Age, learning about how the first humans lived. We visited Herd Farm and made our own Stone Age shelter. We then went back in time to visit the Ancient Greeks and enjoyed learning about Greek myths especially performing a play all about the Greeks in our class assembly. In the next half term, we learned about the animal kingdom in our learning project Predator, we were lucky enough to have real owls visit our school and we couldn't believe how soft they felt! Suddenly, the earth began to tremble in 3C as we began learning about Tremors! A highlight of this has to be reading Escape from Pompeii, an amazing book with an amazing author. We wrote to Christina Balit and she agreed to contact us through Facetime. It was amazing to talk to her in real life and hear her responses to our questions.

It has been a wonderful year and there was lots to enjoy but I know that everyone in 3C really loved the day that we made Stone Age Spears. The class loved moulding the clay and holding them like real Stone Age hunters!





3M have had an amazing year in our new school! We started off with our 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' topic making delicious smoothies (which our families were able to sample) and our children loved! As part of 'Tribal Tales' we went to Herd Farm where we spent the day in the Stone Age, exploring round houses, dressing up, throwing spears and hunting (imaginary) food to eat! One of our highlights this year was when the owls came to school as part of our 'Predator' project ('Cheeky Charlie' the baby owl was our favourite!). 3M loved being able to stroke and hold them and watch them fly. It has been a very engaging year and the children have made lots of fun memories!





3R have had a very exciting year, starting off with our 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' topic where we shopped for ingredients and made delicious edible treats which our families were able to sample after school. As part of 'Tribal Tales' we went to Herd Farm where we spent the day in the Stone Age, exploring round houses and then building our own. One of our favourite moments of Year 3 was when the owls came to school as part of our 'Predator' project. As well as learning so much about them, we all loved being able to stroke and hold them and watch them fly. It's definitely been a very busy and memorable year for us!







4B have loved their first year in our new school. We've been out to the Leeds City Museum and we've had Romans and Sam the Sound Man in to visit us. We've had lots of fun, including making potions, building mountains as well as all the fantastic books we've read in our DERIC sessions. Art has played a big part this year, and we have enjoyed sketching, sculpting, weaving, painting and creating collages. Once again, the residential trip to Malham was a highlight of the year for all involved. Climbing, exploring, scrambling, paddling and a little bit of sleeping – the perfect two days!





Our year in 4D has been packed full of exciting learning opportunities, memory-making moments and lots of hard work. We have been Roman soldiers, discovering the history of the Roman invasion of Britain. In our Burps, Bottoms and Bile project, we learnt about the human digestive system and we delved to the deepest depths of the oceans in our Blue Abyss topic. We continued the aquatic theme by reading one of our favourite class novels, *The Wreck of The Zanzibar*. Not only this but we have found time to excel in PE, learn how to swim and, for many of us, have an amazing time in Malham. We have worked hard all year, trying to follow our golden rules to be the best that we can be every day. Mr Doyle is super proud of the progress that all of the children have made.







4R have been on many amazing journeys this year. We travelled the world in our classroom and went from the deepest oceans to the highest mountains. We travelled back in time and learnt about ancient Romans and Anglo Saxons. We had fantastic visitors who brought in Roman artefacts and clothing for us to try on, taught us about sound and how to be safe on the road. We left our classroom, going to Leeds City Museum to learn more about Michael Morpurgo, exploring Malham Cove and enjoying our weekly swimming sessions. Many unforgettable memories.





What a fantastic year it has been in Year Five this year with a range of outstanding memories which will last a lifetime! Our corridor has once again been a hive of activity this year and each and every one of the year group has worked their socks off, forming a platform on which to flourish in the final year ahead. The year has included a trip to the local allotment, meeting Paul and his (almost extinct) chickens, and ended helping to solve a real life crime scene with the help of our local police force. It is safe to say this has been another year I'll never forget! I am so proud of each and every one of you and can't wait to see your progress in the coming final year at Shakespeare!







We have had such a fantastic year in 5L. In September we had the pleasure of visiting Leeds City Museum to learn about the Ancient Egyptians and even got to see a real-life mummy! The fun didn't stop there, as soon after we had to use everything that we had learned to mummify a fish! One of the highlights of our year was our class assembly based around the life of Charles Darwin. We showcased his life and discoveries through a range of different TV shows and even a dramatic rendition of the Titanic soundtrack. It was definitely a standing ovation from me!





It's been a fabulous year in 5M, the children have been an absolute dream and fully engaged throughout the whole year. Our spring term started off with an exciting trip to the City Varieties theatre, where we explored the Victorian style main stage and took part in drama workshops led by professional actors! As part of our 'Blood Heart' topic, we got the chance to dissect a real life sheep heart and discover the different parts of it. This inspired us to create some fantastic abstract artwork of the heart and its functions. What a jam packed year of fun it's been!





A new site, a new school – we began 2018 in our brand new building and kicked off this academic year with A Child's War. During this project, we pretended to be evacuees and packed shoe boxes to take away with us. We visited the brilliant Eden Camp and ended the first half-term with a fantastic VE Day party. Parents came, we waved flags, sang wartime songs and ate leek and potato soup. LOTS of it!

Spaced out? 6F certainly were when the Leeds Planetarium came to visit. We learnt about space exploration, planets and the solar system from Colin, Shakespeare's answer to Major Tim Peake, in this half-term's project, Stargazers.

Happy New Year and Hola Mexico! 6F's assembly all about Mexico was a huge success. Our Mexican moustaches were the talk of the school and our traditional Mexican Hat Dance was a triumph. We designed and created our own Day of the Dead masks which involved Mod Roc and a lot of MESS! In fact, we are still finding glitter and bits of feather on the floor even now!

Beast Creator followed. Mrs Fox brought in woodlice from her garden; we charmed worms and made our very own wormeries.

The SATs came and we conquered! Well, we did our best. During the summer term we enjoyed an exciting project: Alchemy Island, in which we worked on an art project, creating our own 'alchemy animal.'

We ended the year learning about four different artists in Gallery Rebels, Miss Simcock modelled and we became mini-Warhols, Picassos and Van Goghs. We also opened Café LS9 to visitors and made lots of money for two local charities.

It has been a year to remember; an adventure from start to finish!







Our year began with a fun-filled trip to Eden Camp where we learnt all about what life was like during World War Two. This gave us lots of inspiration for when we hosted our very own VE day party, complete with rationing-style potato soup!

During our Beast Creator topic, 6I took to the stage for a one off, special edition of I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here! Ant and Dec took our ten contestants through three mini-beast filled rounds before crowning the Queen of the jungle. The whole class also performed a very high energy dance to 'Let's Get Ready to Rumble' – they were all brilliant!

What a fantastic year we have had in 6I! I wish all the children the best of luck as they begin their new adventures in High School.





Back in September, as the siren sounded, we packed our boxes, left our loved ones and we were evacuated to safer places. Luckily for us, we were only acting in role and we were back just in time for a trip to Eden Camp to find out more about what life was like during WW2. When the war ended, we celebrated in style with our parents at our own VE Day party. It is safe to say that many of us will not be trying rationed soup again!

For some of us, we will treasure the action packed three days away we spent together in Whitby. From conquering our fears on Go Ape to exploring Saltwick Bay for fossils, the trip provided countless laughs and screams but most importantly, new friendships were forged.

Back at school, our jaws dropped as we entered the hall and found the Aurora Planetarium! What a treat it was to put on our space boots and explore the galaxies without even leaving the school hall! As Space Engineers, we accepted a mission to design our very own rockets for the UK Space Agency.

Spring term provided plenty of new challenges. As we prepared for our important SATS tests, we still found time to rehearse an extravaganza class assembly all about Mexico. We celebrated the end of our Mexico learning project with a Year 6 Fiesta where we enjoyed parading in our Day of the Dead masks whilst making as much noise as possible! The tortillas, salsa and guacamole also went down very well!

The bravest of 6M took a very close look at live minibeasts as part of our Best Creator project. Not everyone (including Miss Monaghan) was too thrilled to have extra visitors in class but somehow we managed to overcome our initial hesitations to draw what we could see. Next, we met a very familiar looking 'Maurice, the Chief Alchemist's Apprentice' who set us a challenging riddle. We investigated contaminated water samples and turned crystals into dehydrated jelly marbles- will they ever stop growing?!

As Summer approaches, we can look back on what a wonderful year it has been. We have given our all and made life long memories. You will be missed 6M!





# SHAKESPEARE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Back in September, our campaign to become Shakespeare School Council representatives began. We had to make and present our own campaign posters to the rest of our class, telling our peers our ideas for the role and the strengths that we felt we had. After a nerve-wracking wait, the votes were counted and verified and the winners were announced in Assembly.

Before the news had fully sunk in, we were set our first mission as a School Council to organise and publicise an event that would raise lots of money for Children in Need. We worked tirelessly to sell Pudsey ears and organise a 'Spotacular' day for the whole of the school. Whilst organising the event, we were also busy collecting money for the Royal British Legion, supporting those in the Armed Forces community by selling and wearing our poppy wristbands.

Another highlight of the year was our trip to Burmantofts Senior Action Group where we were invited to attend and sing at their Christmas party. Our friends joined us to perform some of the songs that we had been practising for our Christmas show.

As part of our role as a School Council representative, we collected the views of our peers before meeting each half term and passing these on to the rest of the School



Council. In order to aid this process, we found a new home for our post box and encouraged pupils to suggest ideas to improve our school. Some of the areas we discussed included playground equipment, charity events and behaviour in school. We worked with teachers to organise and publicise a 'Danceathon' for Comic Relief and we also sold red noses in school.

Miss Monaghan would like to thank all of the School Council representatives for their hard work this year. What a pleasure it has been to work with such wonderful pupils who really do help to showcase our school at its very best!





# MALHAM 2019

In April, Year 4 had the most amazing time in the picturesque village of Malham, in the heart of The Yorkshire Dales National Park. From climbing to the very top of Malham Cove and safely negotiating the limestone pavement to developing our independence by spending a night away from home in a hostel, we made hundreds of memories, which I'm sure many of our children will remember for a long time to come.

Also, this year was the first year ever in which every child was brave enough to complete the woodland scramble on the walk from Malham to Janet's Foss. A great achievement and you could see the delight on the children's faces after they tackled, and overcame, this challenge.

Everyone behaved impeccably and members of staff at the youth hostel told Mr Doyle that Shakespeare was one of the best groups they had ever had stay there. We are already looking forward to next year's trip to this beautiful part of the country.











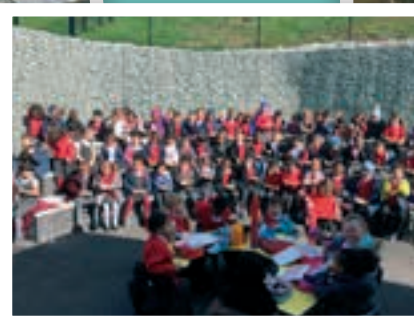
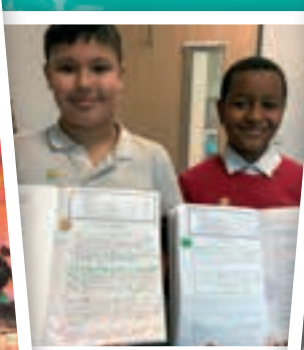
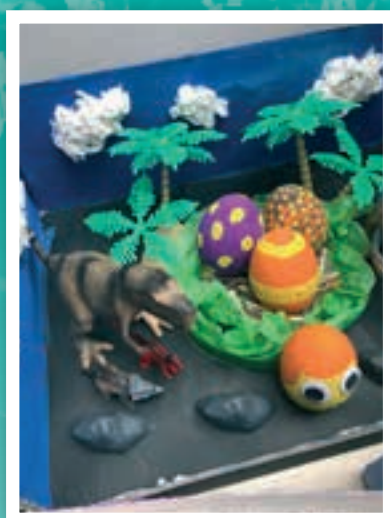
# SPECIAL MEMORIES







# OF THE SCHOOL YEAR





# OUR PARENT VOICE GROUP

It is a privilege to work with our Parent Voice group. Yet again this year we've worked together to further improve our brilliant school. Some particular highlights are captured below.

You said:

- You'd like an online payment system for dinner money
- You'd like more input around school food
- You feel more can be done around local traffic
- You'd like support to get started on the journey into either learning or employment
- You need more opportunities to understand how to keep children safe online

We did:

- In September 2019 we will be launching Parent Pay
- A group of 8 parents volunteered to be the 'Parent Foodies' and have been in to share a school meal and meet with our catering area manager
- Mr Gorton passed on your concerns to local Councillors and a crossing has now been put in on Beckett Street
- All 50 places were taken at the NHS job shop and several parents were successful in being appointed to a variety of posts within the hospital trust
- ESOL and Zest courses have now been completed by over 40 parents and we aim to continue these in the new academic year
- We have run five online safety parent workshops over the year in partnership with NSPCC and ParentZone







## PUPIL VOICE

So many children contribute to school life here at Shakespeare. All of our teams have enjoyed delivering a "Pupil Voice" assembly each half term to discuss the impact of their efforts.

In 2018/19 we have had pupils make up the following teams; School Council, School Sports Organising Crew, Digital Leaders, Eco-warriors, Food Ambassadors, Reading Ambassadors, Playground Friends and something new for 2019 - Mindmates.

All of our representatives have worked on different projects across the year, from meeting with Catering Leeds to give Feedback on school dinners, to meeting authors at Leeds Book Awards.

Our new Mindmates have been very busy. They have been designing and making emotional first aid kits, presenting to the governing body about mental health and entering an art competition for Shakespeare Medical Practice.

With the upcoming integration of a Sport England football pitch, a fully resourced MUGA, a school wide orienteering course, climbing walls and much more, it's safe to say the Sports Organising Crew have had a huge impact.

We are extremely proud of ALL our Pupil Voice Representatives.



# AFTER-SCHOOL SPORT CLUBS

With one of the best offerings of extra-curricular sports clubs across Leeds, this year has once again seen an abundance of children involved in Shakespeare Sports including table tennis, football, gymnastics, dance, netball among others come rain or shine. Many of these have led to children competing in inter school sports competitions for school and taking up sports outside of school. Every year we increase the offer of sports for the children and this year has been no different, yet the children still want more! As we look towards next year, we have dreams of developing more intra-school competitions and the opening of our field in the not too distant future should see even more opportunities for sport at Shakespeare. The school also passed our Healthy Schools Assessment this year with flying colours, which was a fantastic opportunity for us to showcase ourselves and show how amazing we really are!



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