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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely week. I have spent most of mine up in London with the children in Koala class on their residential visit. We all had an absolutely fantastic trip and the whole experience was a great success.

We stayed in one of the boarding houses at Harrow school. The facilities were lovely and were student bedrooms rather than the dormitories you often get on residential visits. The food was lovely and there was plenty of it which made many of the children very happy indeed.

Over the three days we visited the Science Museum, The Tower of London and saw the musical Matilda. In addition we saw lots of sights from the coach and also during a walking tour yesterday. This included the Houses of Parliament, Elizabeth Tower (Big Ben), the Millennium Wheel, Westminster Abbey, Downing Street, Horse Guard's Parade, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus and Buckingham Palace (to name a few).

The children were excited to see all of the large buildings such as The Shard and The Gherkin and it was apparent that this is all very different to Shebbear.

The trip was a joint effort with Halwill and Ashwater schools. Children across the schools all got on well and it was good preparation for secondary and getting to know new people. The behavior generally across the few days was excellent and was commented on by staff at Harrow, the coach driver and a few members of the public spoke to us about how impressed they were.

It was a long journey home (with the traffic) and we didn't arrive until 8.30pm. Well done to everyone for getting in to school today despite being a bit tired.

I am sure that everyone will have fantastic memories of the trip. Many thanks to my colleagues Mrs Gough and Mrs Whiting for accompanying me on the trip as well as the staff from Halwill and Ashwater. Likewise, thanks for all of the very kind thank you

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## Upcoming Events

### July 10

GTS taster day (Y5)

### July 12

Dance day

### July 13

Music day

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Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy – Macsen, Hunter and Hector

Panda – Hannah and Woody

Koala – Reggie and Tommy

Christie were the house point winners for this week. Astor won the TT Rock Stars weekly competition

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messages into school – we really do appreciate it (we had a great time too!).

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Alford  
Headteacher

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## Other news this week

**School Games Gold Mark Award:** We are delighted to announce that Shebbear Community School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

We look forward to applying once again in 2024!

Mrs Evans

**Y1/2 Multi-Skills:** One of the reasons we have been awarded the gold mark are the number of opportunities we give through GTS. It was the turn of our younger children to go on Monday. As ever, they had a great time learning new skills and it was nice to see some ex-pupils leading some of the sessions.

**Y5 GTS Taster Day:** A number of our Y5 pupils are attending this on Monday. Thanks to those who have let us know. If you haven't had chance, please do ASAP so we know who to look out for in school.

**Arts' Week:** There are a variety of arts based activities going on next week. These include some music, art and dance based

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## Useful Links

### School Contact Details

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**Website:** <http://www.shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk/>

**Safeguarding:** Any concerns should be reported to Mr Alford who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead. In his absence contact Mrs Gough or Mrs Evans.

**Ofsted Parent View:**  
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

**Latest Ofsted report:**  
<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50188808>

### Up-coming Term Dates:

The last day of the summer term is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July (2pm finish)

Autumn Term starts on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Half term starts on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Last day of Autumn term is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Full date list can be found here:  
<http://www.shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk/parents-carers/term-dates/>

activities. The latter is on Wednesday when Jess Squire will be in school working with the children. Therefore, everyone will need to wear their PE kit into school on that day. There will be a performance on the Thursday afternoon – more details will follow.

