

Sherwood Student Voice

A newspaper written BY pupils FOR pupils.



Autumn at Sherwood

At Sherwood we do a variety of things to celebrate Autumn. Such as, the Reception Nativity and Harvest for the Salvation Army, but there's lots more so let's do a small recap!

Harvest

At this time of year, Christians focus on our thankfulness for food and in many churches there will be Harvest services. The Salvation Army takes this message very seriously and they organise donations to be able to pass on thankfulness and support to people and families who are in need.

The EYFS Nativity

Every year in December, the whole of Reception perform the story of Jesus's birth, also known as the Nativity. Every child will get a role and the chance to shine on stage. They repeat this every year to spread the magical story of the birth of Jesus. They perform a selection of songs and learn from a script. They perform a total of three times - twice for parents and once for the whole school.

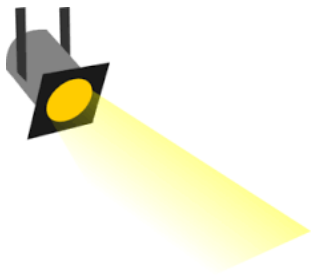
Year 6 Santa Dash

In December, Year 6 will take part in their annual Santa Dash where they will run 15 Laps of the running track (which is 5K!) dressed as Santa, while the entire school watches them and cheers them on to encourage them. They run around the whole field and playground non-stop. The teachers will also play Christmas music to help everyone get into the Christmas spirit!

Lucky Squares and the Christmas Raffle

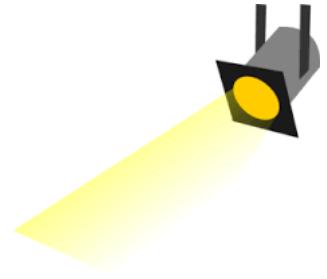
Our school is grateful for the things that we do. Our school is very competitive and achieves lots. Every year we do a whole school raffle for the children. Then we have the Lucky Squares raffle- from each class there is a 2nd and a 1st prize (a hamper) that you can win. The hampers are full of yummy treats to take home and enjoy. Children donate the treats and nice things for the hampers (in return of a non-uniform day) and the staff sort them out. We also have a huge whole school raffle on the final Friday Celebration Assembly for children and Teachers! (They have their lucky squares put up in the staff room). There are a variety of treats and surprises in the hampers. The money for the Lucky Squares goes back into school for the children, for example, The Adventure Trail. Our children have a lovely time, because we have Christmas parties, lunches and discos. We love school at this time of year.





Spotlight on our values.

Adventure!



Throughout this year at Sherwood, we have been focusing on the school values and this term, we are looking at the value adventure. As it is Autumn, there are many things we can enjoy outside. For example, you could go stargazing at night, go on a hike, build a den with materials you find outdoors or even go bird watching.

What Does Adventure Mean?

Adventure does not just mean going outdoors; you can also experience it indoors by going outside of your comfort zone. The dictionary definition of adventure is *an unusual and exciting or daring experience*.

We asked 3 children what adventure means and here is what they said:

Beth from year 6 said, "Adventure is when you go outside and have fun with your friends."

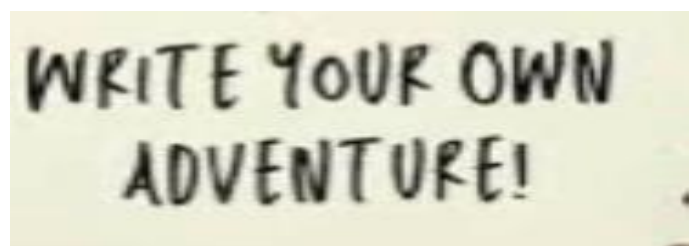
Ethan from year 4 said, "When you explore new places."

Reggie from year 2 said, "When you do outdoor activities."



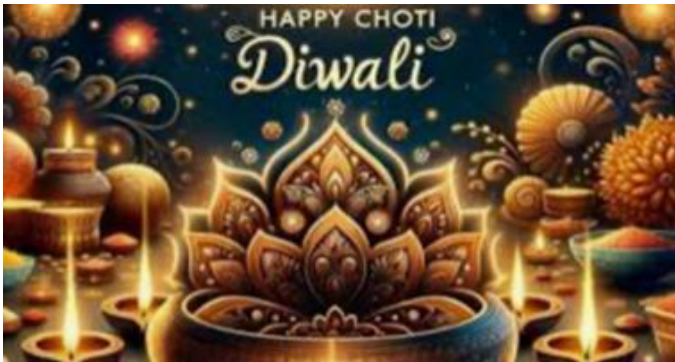
Examples in School

School encourages children with different activities and trips. We have an Adventure Trail to help us overcome physical obstacles and Year 4 design bird hide buildings in some of their lessons. In the upper Juniors, we go to Tower Wood and Plas Menai which helps us discover different activities and some that we've never done before. Year 3 also go to Borwick Hall and Year 1 have a Happy Magic Forest outdoor day. In Year 6, we have a survival day outdoors where we learn lots of new skills. Finally, in Foundation, pupils go out for forest school where they do all sorts of activities. All these activities help us to overcome fears and challenges.



Diwali

Diwali is the Hindu festival of light. This year, Diwali was celebrated on the 31st of October with around 1.2 billion Hindus celebrating this special occasion all over the world! On Diwali, diyas (oil lamps) are lit and the house gets fully cleaned. Furthermore, prayers are made, fireworks are high in the air, and nice clothes are worn. During this festival, South Asian sweets and desserts are eaten while other festivities are going on. Diwali is celebrated over 5 days:



Dhanteras

Dhanteras is the first day that marks the grand festival of Diwali, or Tihar. In most of India and Nepal, it is celebrated on the thirteenth lunar day of Krishna Paksha in the calendar month of Ashwin or Kartika. On this day, Hindus purchase gold, silver and other precious metals and perform specific prayers.

Chhoti Diwali

Chhoti Diwali is a small Diwali that falls on Chaturdashi of the Krishna Paksha in the Hindu calendar month of Ashvin or Kartika. It is the second day of the five-day long festival of Diwali. Hindu literature narrates that the asura Narakasura was killed on this day by Krishna and Satyabhama.

Diwali

Diwali also known as Deepavali, is the Hindu festival of light with variations celebrated in other Indian religions such as Jainism and Sikhism. It symbolises the spiritual victory of Dharma over Adharma, light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance.

Annakut

Annakut is the Hindu festival celebrated on the first lunar day of the bright fortnight of the month of Kartika on the fourth day of Diwali. Devotees worship Govardhan Hill and prepare and offer a large variety of vegetarian food for Krishna as a mark of gratitude.

Bhai Dooj

Bhai Dooj a festival celebrated by Hindus on the second lunar day of Shula Paksha of Kartika, the eighth month of Vikram Samvat (Hindus calendar). On this day, sisters pray for their brothers wellbeing and brothers give their sisters a gift.



Chinese New Year



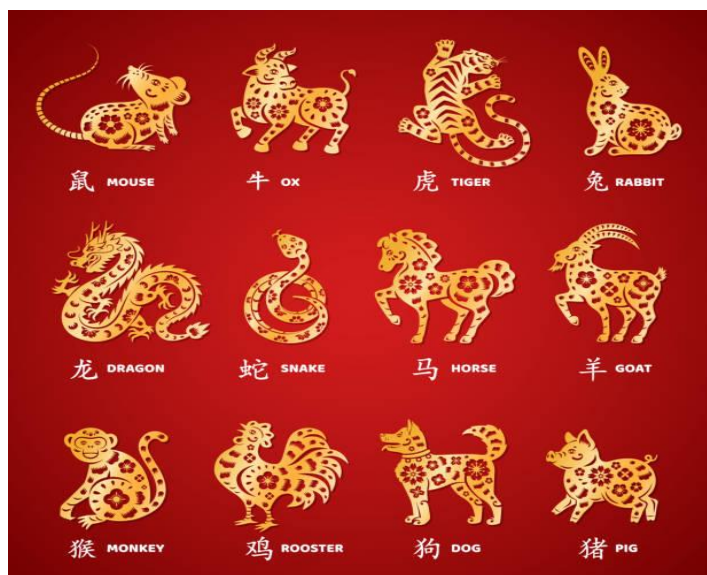
Why does the Chinese New Year have different animals.

The myth of the 12 animals of the Chinese New Year originates from an ancient Chinese poem telling the story of 12 mythical animals which were descended from the heavens to help people celebrate the coming of spring and a new crop. In the poem we hear about how the animals came down to earth every two hours and it turns into a symbol, representing a whole 24-hour day. The first animal is a rat, and the pig is at the end. The animals change annually on a twelve-year cycle but there are also five elementary elements of earth, wood, fire, water and metal.

2024 is the year of the Wood Dragon.

The different animals are:

Rat, ox, tiger, hare or rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and pig.



Which animal are you?

Dragon You're brave and stand up for your family—even if you have to fake it sometimes. You're not afraid to take a chance to get what you want, even if that means leaping before you look.

Snake. You're extremely thoughtful when faced with a problem to solve and usually mean what you say. A smart talker, you always have the facts to defend you what you think—and rarely back down.

Horse. You're free-spirited and energetic, and nothing stops you when you have a goal in mind. You get along with all types of people and are independent-minded.

Goat. You're easy-going nature allows you to get along with most people; when conflict comes up, you're the one people turn to for peaceful solutions. You're curious about lots of things.

Monkey. You love family traditions like weekly dinners or weird holiday rituals, and you can't get enough of hanging out with your siblings or faraway cousins. Working together to complete a project is how you like to get things done.

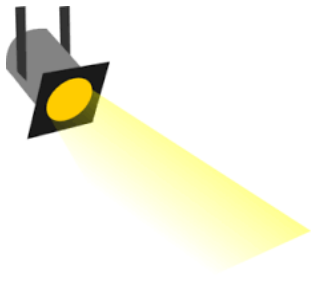
Rooster. You really love your schedules and rarely change your plans once they've been made. You always strive to succeed in everything you do and have a step-by-step plan to get to the top.

Dog. You're loyal to friends and family and love to snuggle, but it may take some time for you to warm up to new situations. No matter what the task, you pay close attention to make sure everything gets done correctly.

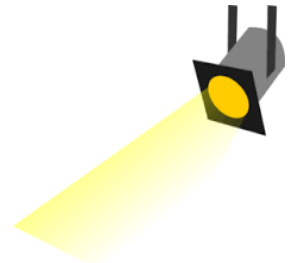
Pig. You remember past events well and learn quickly from your mistakes. You enjoy being with a small group of friends or family and are great at coming up with solutions when challenges arise.

Rat. Not much stops you from getting what you want. You see roadblocks as opportunities, and you have tons of creativity that keeps you from getting bored. Your quick thinking helps you overcome sudden shake-ups in your routine.

Ox. You're a great listener and respect people like parents and teachers. You also easily adapt to new situations, whether you're moving to a new home, joining a new club, or getting a new teacher.



Spotlight on Sherwood Sport! Hockey



Our Hockey Team

In year 6, you have the chance to be chosen for the school hockey team. This team will play outside of school.

This year our hockey team was outstanding. Well done to our hockey team who came second in their league.

Here is our hockey team; Harry R , Thomas A, Eesa H, Ismail Q, Willow W, Isabel B, Amelie F, Beth S and Harriet J. We thank Mrs Bunker as our hockey coach.



How to play Hockey

Players can only hit the ball with the flat side of their stick.

Hockey players (other than the goalkeeper) are not allowed to use their feet, or any other parts of their body, to control the ball at any time.

You can only score a goal from inside the striking circle in front the opponent's goal. If the hockey ball is hit from outside the circle and goes into the goal, it doesn't count.

Hockey is a non-contact sport. This means that players are not allowed to push, trip or physically touch an opponent. If this happens, the opposing team may be given a free hit or a penalty corner.

Hockey in PE

During our time in year 6, we do many sports, hockey is one of them in the first term of year 6 PE. We have been doing hockey for the past three weeks. Our Sport Coaches (Brad and Gary) have seen a large improvement throughout our skills. We have learnt many new skills, accuracy etc. It was extremely fun, and we all enjoyed it.



GB Hockey

Did you know that hockey is an Olympic sport. A dramatic penalty shootout victory and the country's first Olympic hockey gold for the women's team; this was one of the iconic moments of Rio 2016.