

Fire Safety

Last week we were visited by Annemarieke Leene, a firewoman working for the Assen fire department. She gave different presentations to Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6 about fire safety. Those of you who were at Friday's Golden Assembly will have heard how much the children learned. This was a very interesting and valuable afternoon and we have asked Annemarieke to visit us regularly so that all children receive



this input. She is also investigating whether some children can come and visit the Fire Station.

Linked with this, we had our first fire drill of the school year this Tuesday morning. The children filed out quietly and sensibly to the muster point in the playground where the register was taken. We were able to complete this within 1 minute of the fire alarm sounding. This was an absolute record for our school. Well done children.

Clubs

This week three of our clubs started: music club, art club and drama club. In this newsletter you can see some photos taken at the clubs. Some club members have also written a piece about their new clubs.

*We liked the drama club because... "You don't have to be yourself and you can act out something else" (Adeogo), "I liked the people who we were pretending to be" (Eleanor), "I*

*liked the creatures which we pretended to be" (Samuel). We thought that music club was fun because... "I like the idea that we had to make our own song with our own theme" (Sam), "It was fun" (Aufar). Art club was fun because... "We liked making the statues" (Rosie & Mateusz), "I liked it that we followed the ideas of the Swiss artist Giacometti" (Sam), "I like art club because we make things inspired by other artists" (Adewura), "I liked it because we got really messy hands" (Jennifer).*

Coffee Afternoons

There will be a Coffee Afternoon before Golden Assembly, specifically to welcome our new families, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 14.15. This will take place in the Language Room. A Coffee Afternoon at school before the Friday assemblies will take place once every half term this school year. These opportunities to meet other parents informally will be organised by the 'Friends of the Helen Sharman School'.

Parent Helpers

As promised in the last newsletter, attached to this letter is the new parent volunteer list. Many, many thanks to all of you who have offered your time, patience, energy and expertise. Without your support, many of the extremely valuable activities which we provide for the children would be very difficult or impossible.

Key Dates	
18 Sept.	School closed (staff training day)
22 Sept.	F2 class visiting 'Eyewish' optician
25 Sept.	Coffee Afternoon (14:15 Language Rm.)
15 Oct.	Parents Forum
19-23 Oct.	Half Term Holiday
28 Oct.	"Friends of ..." meeting (18:30)



### Second-hand Uniform

A reminder that there is a stock of good quality second hand uniform available from school. Each item is 5 Euros and the money from items sold will go to the 'Friends'. 'The 'Friends' will ensure that at any school events the uniform for sale will be out for parents to look at.

### Bingo Night Fun!

Last Friday evening it was 'eyes down' for a full house as Bingo Jo came to call for a few fun games of bingo. Thank you very much to the 'Friends' for organising this hugely successful event. We were really pleased to see so many families there.

### School Council Elections

Last week the school was buzzing with election fever. Children from Year 5&6 braved the masses and campaigned for votes to become members of this year's School Council. The competition was high and all the children who ran for School Council gave very convincing speeches and should feel proud of their efforts and ideas. Congratulations to Jennifer Donnellan (Chair), Samuel Bailey (Vice Chair) Adewura Adeyiye (Secretary) and Rosie Sanders (Treasurer). Well done to Sam Thompson and Molly Shorter who also ran for election.

As you all know I'm Samuel Bailey and I would like you to vote for me so that I could go on the School Council, because there are always things we could improve in our school. If you vote for me we would have many more fundraising opportunities like JSA's Got Talent and we could also have another book sale. I would also campaign to make sure we could have our snack in the inner garden. You don't have to be shy to come to me and ask me for things, because I will always bring it up in School Council meetings. I will help sort out any problems in the playground or in class, but unfortunately I will not be able to ban homework. I might be able to get the Foundation children some more toys, so please vote for me!

#### **Samuel Bailey Year 6**

Hi, I am Sam and I would like to go for School Council because I am very reliable and I will bring all your suggestions to the table at School Council meetings. If there's a problem in the playground before you go to the teachers come to me and I can help. I have the authority. I will try my best to get you playground equipment or instruments for the music room. I will also try to raise more money for charities such as UNICEF or Children in Need. Come to me for help. I will listen.

#### **Sam Thompson Year 5**

Good morning children and teachers of The Helen Sharman School. I am giving this speech because I would like to be on the School Council. The position I would like is the Chairperson or Treasurer. Here are some reasons I think I should be on the School Council. I have been a Class Councillor twice before so I have lots of experience. I would like to help this school and most importantly I will listen to

you and try to get the things you want. I will also ask for some more play equipment and more school plays. I will also try to get one or two more clubs for KS1 because you do not have many. Sooo... VOTE FOR ME!!!!

#### **Molly Shorter Year 6**

Hello, my name is Rosie Sanders. I would like to be part of the permanent members of the School Council. I think you should vote for me because I promise to listen to all your brilliant ideas and would always be happy to help you with your troubles. I promise I will organise lots of fun things like book sales and backwards days where we dress up. I want to improve the playground even more and make our school a better place so please vote for me, pretty please!

#### **Rosie Sanders Year 5**

Hi, my name is Adewura. I would like to be the School Council Chairperson and I want to use the time to tell you what I would like to achieve as School Council Chairperson. I intend to be a chairperson that will listen to all everybody has to say. I believe we all have very good ideas about how we can improve our school. I will then work with other council members to ensure we discuss your ideas with the school teachers and also with the friends of our school.

I want to make our school a better place to learn by awarding house points to those who take good care of the school classes and playgrounds. I will also make lots of fundraisers, like dress the teacher and suggest that we have our own X-factor or "Helen Sharman School has got talent". That way we will all be able to show what we can do and know our talents.

I will try to get more people to take part in one sport or another like football, skipping rope and gymnastics. This will keep all of us healthy and we will also be able to learn more.

I will also suggest that a special time be given to all the students to say what they enjoyed and what they didn't about the whole week so we can improve with everybody's ideas.

I will also try to get more books in the library that everyone loves to read and get more musical instruments so everyone will learn how to play at least one and gradually we will have our own Helen Sharman School band.

Finally, I think introducing all these will make our learning more fun and we will all enjoy ourselves while learning.

These are the reason I want you to vote for me.

#### **Adewura Adeyiye Year 5**

Why I should be on the School Council.

Good morning Helen Sharman School! Today I'm going to tell you why I should be on the School council. I have experience from my old School Council where I was chosen out of over 100 people. I have lots of ideas that I want to put into action. But I will listen to your suggestions just as willingly. I like to solve problems in creative ways, sometimes combining two or more ideas into one. By doing this, I can make sure more than one person is happy. Please help me be on School Council as I would love knowing that people can turn to me for help. Sooo.. VOTE FOR JENNIFER! Thank you for listening.

#### **Jennifer Donnellan Year 6**