



SHADSWORTH INFANT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

8th May 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This week, we have been celebrating the remarkable milestone of Sir David Attenborough turning 100. The children have been learning about the impact he has had on our understanding of the natural world, inspiring generations to care for our planet and its wildlife. Each class was given a different continent to explore, researching the habitats found there and the animals that live within them. The children have produced some wonderful work, which will be displayed along our infant corridors. In Key Stage 1, pupils have also taken part in road safety sessions. They learned how to cross the road safely, the importance of using designated crossings, and why wearing bright or reflective clothing is essential in darker conditions. It is also worth noting that, after being measured, all children in Year 1 and Year 2—apart from two—still require a booster seat when travelling by car.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 11th May 2026

Reception Class children Heights and Weights in school

Wednesday 13th May 2026

Class RM (Murphy) visit to Bring Yer Wellies consent and payment to class teacher ASAP - Thank you

Thursday 14th May 2026

Class RY (Donaldson) visit to Bring Yer Wellies consent and payment to class teacher ASAP - Thank you

Thursday 14th May 2026

Class Jeffers (1-2H) & Percival (2K) Critters Experience in school consent and £5 to your child's class teacher ASAP - Thank you

Thursday 21st May 2026

9.10am Coffee Morning at **Shadsworth Junior School** (PATH Visit) see below Flyer for further information contact Mr Mooney at the Junior School tel: 01254 698016 or More information about the PATH project is available here <https://canw.org.uk/what-we-do/support-families/peer-advice-to-transform-health-wellbeing/>

Reminders

We still have September Nursery places available please visit the school office for an application form

ATTENDANCE



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

“Attendance is not optional”

There is an expectation that children are in school every day

Overall School Attendance Target

96%

Actual School Attendance 04/05/26-08/05/26

95%



LAST WEEK'S 96% ATTENDANCE WINNER GOES TO
GEORGIE G - RAINBOW ROOM - WELL DONE!



Class	Attendance %	Lates
Murphy	97	1
Donaldson	97	3
Bright	98	7
Jeffers	97	4
Percival	98	4
Bridge	93	2
Rainbow	88	3
Total	95	24

CELEBRATE



**This week we said
"Well Done" to**

Class	Good Work	Good Behaviour
Murphy	Kiki	Riley
Donaldson	Kobie	Jace
Bright	Eva	Elias
Jeffers	Faiz	Amelia
Percival	Olek	Ayaan
Bridge	Daynton	Alfie
Rainbow	Skye	Noah

**Lunchtime
Award**

Shehryar M



**Headteacher
Award**

Jace M



**Kindness
Cup**

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OUR LEARNING



NURSERY

This week, we have had a fun and exciting time celebrating David Attenborough Day. The children really enjoyed learning about who he is and the important work he does helping people understand and care for our world and wildlife. In nursery, we focused specifically on the continent of South America, where the children explored different animals and their habitats. They created some beautiful artwork inspired by the rainforest and the wonderful creatures that live there. In maths, the children impressed us with their understanding of positional language, confidently using words such as "under," "next to," and "behind." We also explored rhyming words linked to the nursery rhyme Humpty Dumpty, and the children had lots of fun identifying and creating their own rhyming words.



MURPHY

Murphy have been celebrating the life of David Attenborough this week - as he turns 100 years old today. As a class we learned about Australia and its many different habitats and inhabitants. The children know about the outback, The Great Barrier Reef, deserts and jungles and the many different animals that live there. We also had a shock discovery in class on Wednesday - HUGE GIANT muddy footprints traipsed across our classroom. After a little detective work - we realised that the Giant from Jack and The Beanstalk was stuck in our school grounds and we are helping him to grow his own beanstalk so he can get home.



OUR LEARNING



DONALDSON



Donaldson Class have had an exciting start to the week celebrating 100 years of Sir David Attenborough! The children loved learning all about Antarctica and created lots of wonderful artwork inspired by their learning. On Wednesday, we discovered some HUGE footprints in our classroom, but we had no idea who they belonged to! We soon found out they were from the Giant in our new literacy text, Jack and the Beanstalk. The children planted their very own beanstalks and also left one in the classroom beside our real-life beanstalk, ready for the Giant to climb back up to his castle in the clouds!

BRIGHT

In Bright Class its been a busy week despite the Bank Holiday. The children Learned about the diffeent habitats in North America and have worked together to make a brilliant display that is up on the wall in the corridor. We found out about all the different kinds of animals that live there. We also had a visitor who told us all abput Road Safety and how the children could stay safe.



OUR LEARNING



JEFFERS



In Jeffers Class, we started the week celebrating the life of David Attenborough, who turns 100 this week! We watched some clips of the time he has spent with animals and learned about the continent of Africa. In English, we continue to follow Stanley's journey through the ocean. We found out that the ocean is over 10,000 metres deep! We now know the location of all 7 continents.

PERCIVAL

In Percival Class this week we enjoyed finding about David Attenborough. We looked at Asia which linked well with our geography topic. We found out about different animals and habitats in Asia and have created some super sculptures of Asian animals. We also had a talk about road safety which we learn alot from.



OUR LEARNING



BRIDGE CENTRE

In The Bridge Centre , we started the week celebrating the life of David Attenborough, who turns 100 this week! We also watched some clips of the time he has spent with animals and learned about the continent of Europe.

We also visited The Learning Farm and were able to see a Farrier, who had been called in, to shoe one of the horses called Indie! She needed four new shoes, pads and putty, to make her feel comfortable when she stands and walks. Seeing a Farrier calling to work with a horse, is one thing, seeing one burn the shoe into the hoof, is another!

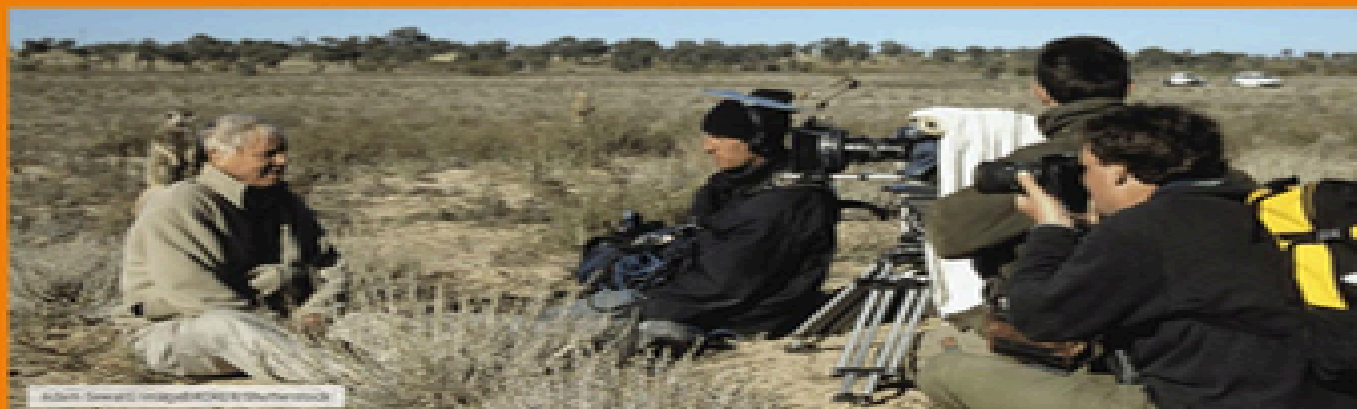


RAINBOW ROOM

This week in Rainbow the children started off the week by celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday. Our topic was 'Under the Sea' so we looked at different sea creatures such as different types of fish, octopus, jellyfish, starfish etc. We carried out lots of different creative activities to create a display for it. We also read the Rainbow Fish story and finished it off by listening/singing to 'Under the Sea' from Little Mermaid. We carried on with our 'Weather' topic this week and we explored making rain sounds and singing to 'You are my sunshine' using claves to tap to the beat.



What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

4th - 10th May 2026

British Values

I Really Do Matter!



Individual Liberty



Rule of Law



Democracy



Mutual Respect and Tolerance



I think there should be more rules and laws to help look after our world. I like the law that we do not throw litter on the floor.

Do you agree?



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Protected Characteristics



Everyone can look after our world. It doesn't matter how old you are.

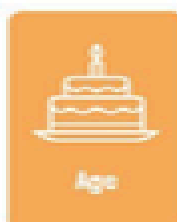
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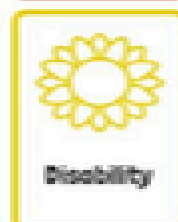
Sex



Who People Love



Age



Disability



Being Yourself



Marriage and Civil Partnership



Pregnancy and Maternity



Race



Religion or Belief

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May

Relaxasaurus



WED

THU

FRI

SAT

SUN

MON

TUE

1 Chamomile Tea Sensory Tray 

2 Relaxasaurus Meditation 

3 World Laughter Day: Make somebody laugh

4 Screen Free Week

5 Play outdoors 

6 Blow some Bubbles 


7 Make a Relaxation Station 

8 Take 5 with Relaxasaurus

9 Plant a seed 

10 Read 'Relaxasaurus runs a Retreat'


11 Mental Health Week

12 Relax with Lavender Playdough 

13 Sensory Scavenger Hunt

14 Hand massages 


15 Mindful Listening: Bells

16 Have a bubble bath 


17 Go for a Nature Walk 


18 Create a relaxing station

19 Water Play 


20 Celebrate World Bee Day 


21 Create a glitter jar 

22 Pencil Practise 

23 Paint to Classical Music 

24 Make healthy protein jelly

25 Threading/stacking activity 

26 Somewhere over the Rainbow 

27 Sand play 

28 Bake cloud shaped biscuits 

29 Spa day!

30 Relaxasaurus says "I am relaxed"

31 Create your own Natural Facemasks

EYFS

★ Activities in this colour are explained in the supplementary activity sheets on your portal.

MINI MINDS
Matter.

Oliiki These activities originate from the Oliiki app.

**MENTAL
HEALTH
AWARENESS
WEEK**



On Wednesday 13th May 2026

at Shadsworth Infant School

Please support this wonderful Charity, by
wearing Green and bring a £1 Donation

for

Mental Health Awareness Week

Many thanks for your continued support.

**MENTAL
HEALTH
AWARENESS
WEEK**





COMPETITION TIME



Design a wooden story spoon



Entries to be in
by Monday

Peer Advice to Transform Health & wellbeing

Are you a parent/carer living in
Blackburn with Darwen?

Are you struggling to cope or
understand your child's emotional
or mental health problems?



You're invited!

Join our drop
in sessions for

Peer support

Workshops

Meet guest speakers

Receive direct support

Virtual sessions



Peer Advice to Transform Health & wellbeing

The aim of this Parent support group is to help parents, families and carers whose children and young people are experiencing emotional or mental health problems.

Anxiety

Low mood & depression

Self-harm

Eating disorders

Sleep problems

Suicidal thoughts

Obsessions/compulsions



Our series of parent support groups in the Blackburn with Darwen area will be shaped around your views and comments.