



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

Well that definitely was a busy and fun week! **Multicultural Arts Week** has been a brilliant opportunity for everyone in school to learn a little more about British and other cultures and to explore them whilst developing their art skills. Some of the highlights include:

Anita Collins teaching us songs from the British Isles, including a Billy Bragg reworking of an old folk tune that has now made it into our assembly repertoire.

Alun Davies sharing – and demonstrating – some of the history, kit and dancing from the Morris tradition.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 learning to play **music from the Islamic World** with SAA-uk and then performing for us.

A brilliant **Bollywood dancing** show by Reception, Year 1 and 2.

Travelling to far flung places on a **Magic Carpet Ride** in KS1.

Mr Roop Singh's enchanting telling of this lovely story

<http://www.sikhnet.com/audio/you-are-beautiful>

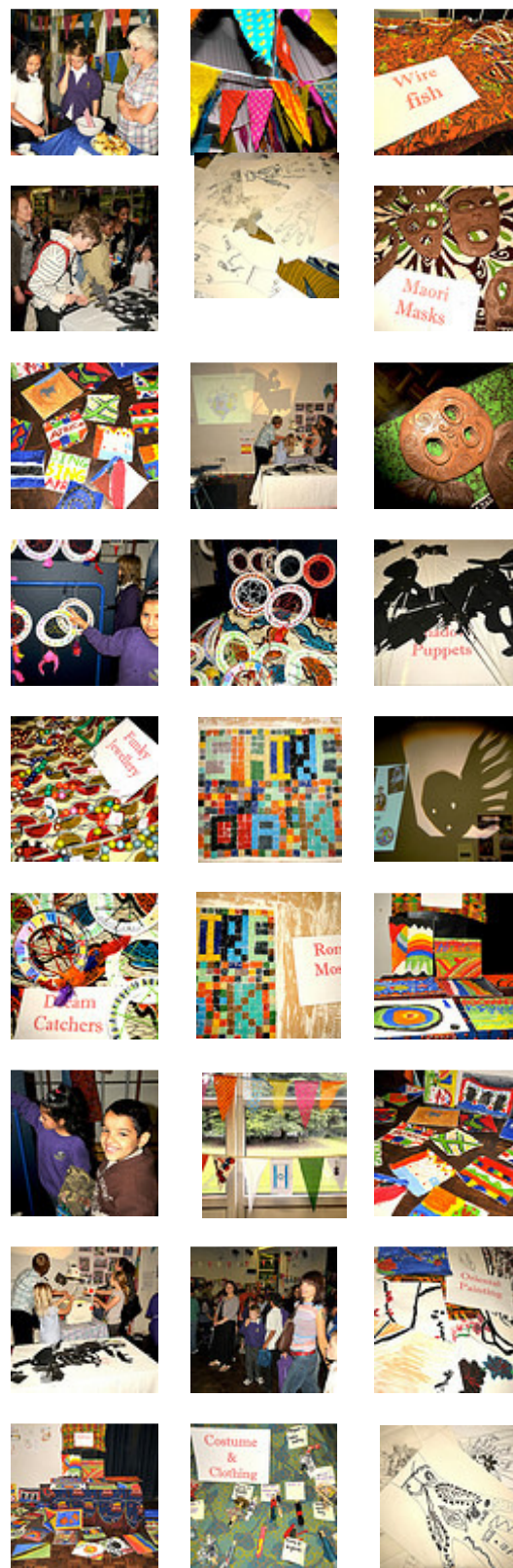
Children from Reception to Year 6 working alongside each other in small groups to create the **wonderful art** that was showcased on Thursday.

The whole week has been a colourful and bright event, with music and costumes from around the world. **Thank you** to the parents and friends who came in to support art activities or share stories and also to Susie Hopkins (Y2 teacher) for organising it all. Thank you to everyone who came to look at our work yesterday – the children were proud to show it off.

Also this week we were visited by inspectors from **Ofsted**. The Children's Centre, Pre-School and Kidzone also received their inspection visits this week. The reports will be available in a couple of weeks or so and we will, of course, share them with you when we get them. Until then all I can say is that I am very proud of the staff and children and feel confident that the team recognised how hard everyone is working and that we are clear about where we are concentrating our efforts.

On Wednesday next week we will be inspected by SIAS, the team who **inspect church schools**. They will be evaluating how distinctive and effective we are as a church school and particularly the role of collective worship in our school community. (For us, collective worship usually takes place in assembly although it can take place in class too.) They want to talk to a **group of parents**. If you think you might be able to spare some time on Wednesday to do this, could you please let me know by popping in, sending a note, text or email? Thank you.

Rachel Powell, our newly appointed deputy head who will be joining us in September is already getting to know us. She has had a very productive planning day with us already and hopes to be able to join us again before the summer. Rachel is from Leeds, but has been working in London for quite some time and has lots of strengths, including the use of ICT across the curriculum. We are looking forward to working with her.



Susan Koyuncu has asked me to let you know that **school dinner** costs for this half term are £63 for Reception to Year 4 and £64.75 for years 5 and 6.

Finally, I hope you can join us tomorrow to round off our multicultural week. We are hosting the **Youth Day of Headingley Music Festival**, but we are combining it with our **Summer Fair** for a real festival atmosphere. FOSOPS, Artforms, staff and other volunteers have been working very hard to make it a great day. Join us from 11 – 5 for a full range of fun family activities, and plenty of musical activities including music time for tots in the Children's Centre, cool DJing workshops, drumming activities and making musical instruments whilst you can also listen to a very wide range of music from local children at the front of school, cool jazz and other sounds in the hall and teenage rock bands on a stage behind school. There will be a barbecue and cake stall to keep you refreshed and if it does turn out to be a bit rainy we have teepees and indoor spaces that we will be using instead. Thank you so much to all the people who were able to respond to requests for volunteers and raffle prizes, it really is appreciated. Well done to Aisha for making the poster below.

Yours sincerely

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We take the safeguarding of children very seriously at our school and we appreciate your help with this. If you have any concerns or observations regarding **health and safety**, please contact Jane Astrid Devane, Catherine Ware or Liz Craven. If you have any concerns or questions regarding **child protection** issues, please speak to Jane Astrid Devane, Catherine Ware or Hillary Whitehead.

Headingley Festival YOUTH DAY AT SHIRE OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Come to Shire Oak, Wood Lane, Headingley on Saturday 18th June 2011. Most things free. There will be live bands, craft stalls, refreshments and workshops.

Enjoy the banging music played by groups from different schools and different people.

It starts at 11am and finishes at 5pm.



SEE YOU THERE!!!



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 14 th June	Iveson Sevens. After school rugby tournament at Adel Primary School
Wednesday 15 th June	Y3/4 trip to Murton Park Roman fort
Saturday 18 th June	Headingley Music Festival – Youth Day at Shire Oak 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday 19 th June	Roundhay Music concerts at St Theresa's School. 11:30 am and 2:00 pm
Tuesday 21 st June	Staff from Carr Manor meeting Y6 pupils transferring there in September
Thursday 23 rd June	Y5/6 trip to Liverpool Museum Egyptology department
Friday 24 th June	Y4 sharing assembly
Friday 1 st July	Y5 sharing assembly
Tuesday 5 th July	Assembly by library staff
Wednesday 6 th July	Transition day for many local high schools
Friday 8 th July	Y6 sharing assembly
Saturday 9 th July	FOSOPS Sponsored Walk 1:30pm
Sunday 10 th July	All age service at St Michael's – Shire Oak Sunday
Wednesday 13 th July	Y2 trip to be confirmed
Wednesday 13 th July	Summer disco
Friday 15 th July	Y2 sharing assembly
Tuesday 19 th July	KS2 production
Thursday 21 st July	Leavers' service at St Michael's to be confirmed.

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