



Sharples

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Sharples Pupils Enjoy a Spanish Tradition



In order to celebrate 'El Día de los Reyes', a Spanish tradition held on 5th and 6th January, Sharples had a visit from our very own three kings.

In Spain on 5th January, the three kings visit the local people and parade the streets with festive cheer handing out sweets. It is traditional for Spanish children to open their gifts on 6th January, and to eat a cake called 'el roscón de Reyes'. In the cake, there is a small figure, bean or coin to be found, and whoever finds the surprise becomes the king or queen for the day.

Better late than never, our Sharples three kings (pictured) spread the news of a competition on Wednesday. Cupcakes were made, and three had a surprise hidden inside. The pupils who found the surprise won a prize, just like in Spanish tradition.

Pupils enjoyed this Spanish tradition and look forward to the three kings' next visit in 2025!

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English Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Aysha Asif P has planned an excellent letter. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Nimra M has used dual coding to remember the key characters in Macbeth. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Mariam S has shown great effort in her annotations on the poem 'To be a Woman'. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Saffiya A has written excellent notes on the poem Valentine. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Khadijah P has written an excellent essay on poverty in A Christmas Carol as part of her revision for her mock exams. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Readers of the Week

Year 7

Rehan U for always reading enthusiastically.

Year 8

Masbal H for volunteering to read consistently and thinking about tone and expression when doing so.

Year 9

Zaeem P - always offers to read in class. He's very confident with difficult words and always helps others with vocabulary.

Year 10

Tyler S - for enthusiastically volunteering and clearly reading Romeo and Juliet.

Year 11

Jenna C for confidently reading out her perceptive, analytical points.

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Attendance Information

Reporting an absence:

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school before 9.30am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. The attendance email is the easiest way to contact school as the phone line can get very busy.

The school attendance email is: attendance@sharplesschool.co.uk

If we are unable to make contact and you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Attendance Data

Monday 8th to Friday 12th January

Year Groups attendance this week:

Year 7 = 92.38%
Year 8 = 95.38%
Year 9 = 92.07%
Year 10 = 93.22%
Year 11 = 93.44%

Best forms this week:

7ples3 = 97.44%
8shar2 = 100%
9H = 99.15%
10L = 98.77%
11S2 = 100%

322 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 16th
January: Animal
Care Exam (12:00
– 16:00)

Wednesday 17th
January:
Engineering Exam
(12:00 – 16:00)

Tuesday 23rd
January: Careers
Champions
Meetings (8:45 –
9:15)

Tuesday 23rd
January: Bolton
Swimming
Championships

Career of the Week: Tree Surgeon

Tree surgeons work in towns and the countryside, assessing tree health, removing branches, planting new stock and felling unsafe trees.

Average Salary: £ 

Typical hours:  41 to 43
(per week) a week

You could work:  weekends
at short notice



Qualifications:

- You can get into this job through a college course, a university course, an apprenticeship or working towards this role.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent.
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for the degree route.

Skills required:

- Physical skills like movement and coordination.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- The ability to work well with others.
- Concentration skills.
- The ability to work well with your hands.
- Knowledge of public safety and security.
- The ability to use, repair and maintain machines and tools.
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations.

Relevant Subjects:

- Geography, Maths, Science.

Information sourced from: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/tree-surgeon>



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PE Lunch Time Clubs - This Half Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Y7 Football (Big Astro) - AHM	Y8 Football (Big Astro) - PGR	Y9 Football (Big Astro) - AHM	Y7 Football - (Big Astro) - AHM	Y8 Football (Big astro) AHM
Netball Yr 7/8 (SH) - SCU & LAL	Y7 Dodgeball (SH) - LAL	Just Dance- all years (SH) - SCU	KS3 Dodgeball (SH) - LAL	Y11 Football (Small Astro) - JBA
Y8 Football (Small Astro) - JBA	Y11 Football (Small Astro) - JBA	Y7/Y8 Basketball (Gym) - LAL	Y9 Football (Small Astro) - JBA	Y10 Football (SH) - LAL
Boccia (Gym) - SCU & LAL	Sports Studies catch up (G32)- AHM	KS4 Boys Fitness Suite - PGR		
		Y10 Football (Small Astro) - JBA		

WEEK COMMENCING - 15th January



PE After School Clubs - This Half Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Yr 7/8 Swimming Club	KS4 boys fitness	Swimming trials	Girls football practice	No Clubs
KS4 Netball	Y7 football practice	Basketball practice- all years	KS4 boys fitness	
	Yr 8 football practice	KS4 Girls fitness	Y10/11 Basketball tournament @ Smithills	
	Primary Event-dodgeball (Sports Leaders)		Badminton practice	
	KS3 Netball			

- Football & badminton fixtures will be arranged throughout the term!

THROUGH THEIR EYES

POETRY COMPETITION FOR **11-18** YEAR-OLDS



WHOSE POINT OF VIEW
WILL **YOU** CHOOSE?

YOU COULD BE PUBLISHED AND EVEN
WIN **£50 AND A TROPHY!**

SEE THIS TEACHER FOR MORE INFORMATION:

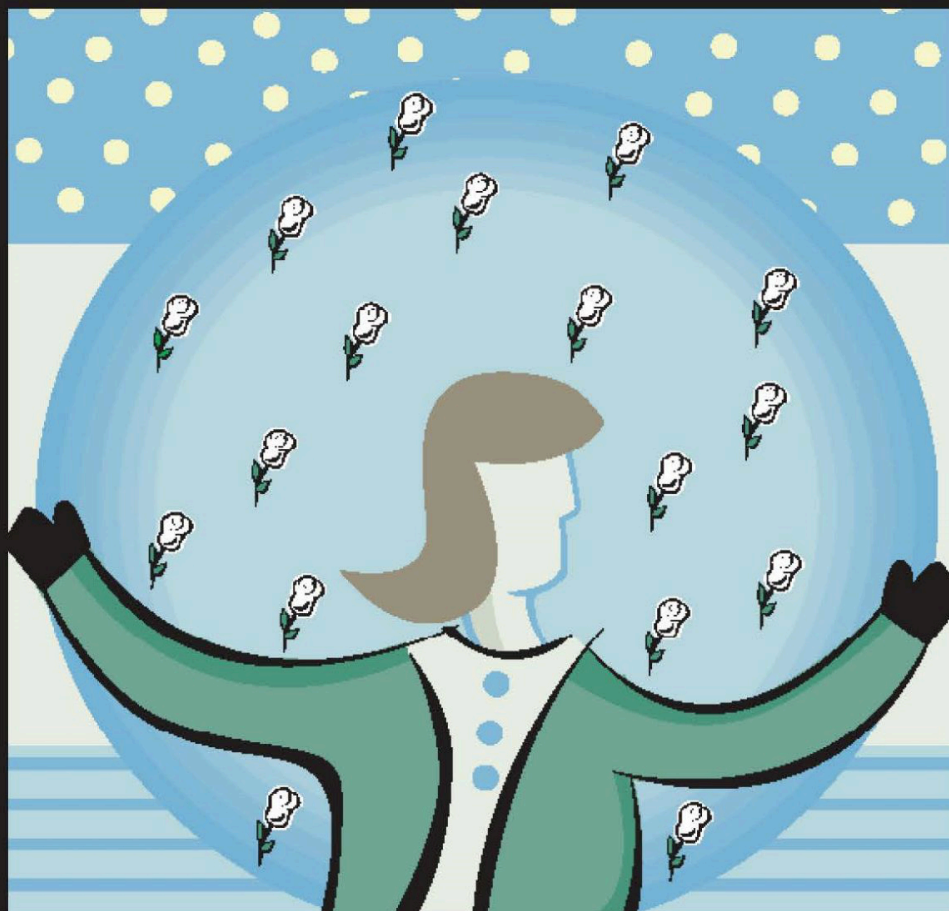
Miss Hartley

YOUR ENTRY NEEDS TO BE HANDED IN BY:

16th February

The Sophie Scholl Awards

“Someone has to make a start.” How about you?



Holocaust Memorial Day is commemorated each year on 27th January, the date of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1945. Holocaust Memorial Day remembers the millions of victims of the Nazi Holocaust, including six million Jews, and of other, more recent genocides.



The Sophie Scholl Awards were introduced at Runshaw as part of our events to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. The courage of Sophie Scholl, of a similar age to Runshaw students, was an inspiration to us all. We now extend an invitation to pupils in partner high schools to help us celebrate the short life of this brave young woman by participating in awards reserved for them.

Sophie was 18 when the war started in 1939. She and her family, inspired by their strong religious beliefs, actively resisted the Nazis – an incredibly courageous thing for Germans to do. In 1942, Sophie, along with her brother Hans and a few other students, founded the White Rose, a non-violent resistance movement which painted anti-fascist slogans on walls, defaced Nazi emblems and distributed anti-war leaflets. In early 1943, Sophie and the other leaders of the group were caught, condemned as traitors and executed by beheading. Sophie was just 21.

During her trial, despite the attempts of the judge and prosecutors to browbeat and ridicule her, Sophie remained steadfast as one individual against the massive power of the Nazi state. “Someone has to make a start”, she said. Convinced that good in the end would prevail, her last words as she was led into the execution yard were, “The sun still shines!”

For many inspired by Sophie’s example, a white rose has come to represent peace, justice and a love of humanity.

Students in partner high schools are asked to make an entry based on ONE of the following themes:

- The inspiration of Sophie Scholl
- The White Rose
- Someone has to make a start

Entries can be

- a written piece (maximum 250 words but could be much shorter)
- a poem
- a piece of art work or music – of any kind
- an idea to do something at school based on Sophie’s example
- anything at all based on one of the above themes.

Entries can be individual or group work.

Entries should be forwarded to Giles Inman, Inman.G@runshaw.ac.uk. The deadline for entries is 4.30pm on *Wednesday 21st February 2024*.

Awards of vouchers and certificates will be awarded for the best entries.



2024

A YEAR FOR BETTER EMOTIONAL HEALTH

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING CAN MAKE A
BIG DIFFERENCE TO CHILDREN'S
PROSPECTS IN SCHOOL AND BEYOND

In Bolton, we believe in supporting children's emotional health development, and that's why we've invested in online courses in understanding your child for parents. So you can have **FREE ACCESS**.

By understanding how your child's brain develops and responds emotionally, you can better support their needs as they navigate the big milestones in school.



- Learn to better read and understand behaviour
- Help them to communicate how they feel
- Gain psychologist-informed ideas to support your child



GO TO [INOURPLACE.CO.UK](https://www.inourplace.co.uk)

AND ENTER THE CODE RIVINGTON
FOR FREE ACCESS TO THE ONLINE COURSES



Raise **£400** per tonne for your school.

Sharples School is participating in the Rag Bag textile recycling scheme which provides regular fundraising for the Eco/Gardening Club, other charities and raises awareness about recycling.

Please bring any of the below unwanted items in a securely tied plastic bag by for collection between Monday 8th January-Monday 22nd January 2024, to Meeting Room 1 in Hill Cot House.

Rag Bag can accept good quality clean Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing, belts, bags and paired shoes (tied together).

The bags will be collected and transported to the Rag Bag factory where they will be sorted and graded for reuse or recycling.



Early Help

Parenting Drop-in

For
all families
with children
under 18

We know that being a parent is not always easy and that families need extra support at some stage as children grow up.

Targeted Early Help Workers will be on hand to offer advice and support.

We can offer signposting to helpful services, organisations and community groups.

Poor school attendance?

Are they being excluded from school?

Are they anxious or struggling with self-esteem?

Are you struggling with your child's behaviour?

Not sure what services there are available that can help to support you?

Come and join us for a cup of tea and a chat if you want any advice or information about parenting.

Drop-in sessions, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Farnworth King St Centre 20 Jan 10 Feb 2 Mar 23 Mar 20 Apr

Oxford Grove Children Centre 6 Jan 27 Jan 17 Feb 9 Mar 6 Apr 27 Apr

Tonge Children Centre 13 Jan 3 Feb 24 Feb 16 Mar 13 Apr



For more information please contact:

Targeted Early Help Tel: 01204 337390

Email: earlyhelp@bolton.gov.uk

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