



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Few things in the world are more powerful than a positive push. A smile. A world of optimism and hope. A 'you can do it' when things are tough."

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we were delighted to be engaging in **Children's Mental Health Week**, an annual week-long campaign run by children's mental health charity [Place2Be](https://www.place2be.org.uk). This year's theme is **Let's Connect** and is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. Having healthy connections – to family, friends and others – can support our mental health and sense of wellbeing.



This is what the children have been thinking about and strengthening this week. There are many ways

parents can support their children to maintain a positive wellbeing. Please click on the link below to access the videos and support.



[Parents and Carers - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

The children have also been engaging with Safer Internet Day this week and exploring the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. You can read more about the work each class has undertaken in this week's 'Shobnall Showcase' at the end of the newsletter. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have met with Mrs Farrington too and are keen to create their own online safety leaflet for the school containing lots of tips and valuable advice to support everyone with staying safe online. We shall look forward to the final version being unveiled soon! If you would like to explore online safety to a greater extent yourselves, click on the link below for more information, useful guides and resources:



<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



Thank you once again for ensuring that your children have arrived at school on time every day this week, despite the ongoing challenges and stress you face with the saga that is the roadworks along Shobnall Road! Please see below, the correspondence we received earlier today from Simon Richards, Senior Engineer Asset Management, with an update on the situation:

Good Afternoon,

Shobnall Road Closure Update – Friday 10th February 2023

Due to the ongoing works to the gas main and surrounding excavation, the road will remain closed near to the junction of Jennings Way meaning those residents northwest of this point will need to access and egress via Forest Road and Henhurst Hill, for those southeast of this point including those residents in the Jennings Way estate, a provision has been made to give you safe access and egress via the town centre direction.

We are hopeful of having all works completed at Shobnall Street junction by Monday evening, and although we are still experiencing problems relating to the gas main near Jennings Way, we are also hopeful of having the route alongside the excavation safe enough for vehicles to pass at the same time - albeit this section may be under temporary traffic signals.

We apologise for the continued inconvenience that these works may be causing.

We hope to have a further update available on Monday 13th February 2023 to confirm the above.

Regards,

Simon

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to the school on Monday 13 February and Wednesday 15 February 2023, 4.00 – 7.00pm for parent consultations. If you have not already booked your slot, it is not too late to do so. Please follow the instructions that were provided on the letter you received last week.

Please note that next week is our last week in school before the half-term holiday. Children will finish at the usual time on **Friday 17 February 2023**. School will open again on Monday 27 February 2023.

We hope that you have a great weekend and, as always, we look forward to seeing you again on Monday! Enjoy!

Valentine's Day

By the time the newsletter goes live this week, the PFA Valentine Disco will already be in full swing! Once the profits have been totalled up, we will let you know how much has been raised! As you know, St. Valentine's Day is celebrated every year on 14 February. Hundreds of years of traditions and customs have made it into this occasion that we observe today. Here are some interesting facts about the day dedicated to love:



- 📌 Every year, thousands of romantics send letters addressed to Verona, Italy to “Juliet”, the subject of the timeless romantic tragedy, “Romeo and Juliet.” The city marks the location of the Shakespearean tale, and the letters that reach the city are dutifully answered by a team of volunteers from the Juliet Club. Each year, on Valentine's Day, the club awards the “Cara Giulietta” (“Dear Juliet”) prize to the author of the most touching love letter.

- ✶ The Valentine's Day tradition of giving a box of chocolates was started in the 19th century by Richard Cadbury, a scion of a British chocolate manufacturing family. With a new technique recently established at the company to create more varieties of chocolate, Cadbury pounced on the opportunity to sell the chocolates as part of the beloved holiday.
- ✶ During the Victorian Era, those who didn't want the attention of certain suitors would anonymously send 'vinegar valentines.' These cards, also called 'penny dreadfuls' were the antithesis of customary valentines, comically insulting and rejecting unwanted admirers. They were later used to target suffragettes in the late 19th and early 20th century.
- ✶ The term "wearing your heart on your sleeve" may have origins in picking a valentine. During the Middle Ages, men would draw the names of women who they would be coupled with for the upcoming year while attending a Roman festival honouring Juno. After choosing, the men wore the names on their sleeves to show their bond during the festivities.
- ✶ Cupid has been associated with Valentine's Day for centuries. However, before he was renamed Cupid, he was known to the ancient Greeks as Eros, the god of love. Eros, the son of Greek goddess Aphrodite, would use two sets of arrows—one for love and another for hate—to play with the emotions of his targets. It wasn't until stories of his mischief were told by Romans that he adopted the childlike appearance that we recognise today.

EYFS PCSO Visit & You Can Now Use LiveChat to Contact Staffordshire Police

Nursery and Reception had a visit from PCSO Leon Worden this week! They had a great time finding out about his job and even got to sit in a police car!



Leon mentioned that a new LiveChat function has now been launched so that you can contact Staffordshire Police to report non-emergencies online.

You can now message directly on their 24/7 LiveChat where one of the Force Control Room Operators will be available to talk to you directly about a crime or any concerns you may have.

The introduction of the new LiveChat function means that Staffordshire Police will no longer be responding to private Facebook or Twitter messages, but you can still call 101 to report a non-emergency or 999 in an emergency.

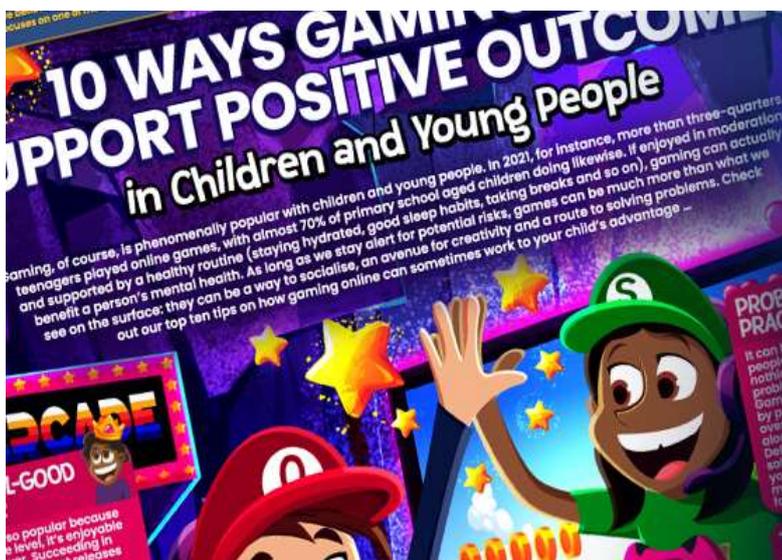
To access the LiveChat function visit their website <https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/> and click the LiveChat button.

Find out more about the changes [here](#).

FREE Uniform!

Remember, we have FREE uniform that is available for anyone who needs it, via our donation service. There is a box situated outside the school office for any parents who have old items that they wish to donate. Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box! Amy Roobottom continues sorting, collating and distributing this. If you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact her via amyroobottom@outlook.com.





Online Safety Tips

Gaming, of course, is phenomenally popular with children and young people. In 2021, for instance, more than three-quarters of teenagers played online games, with almost 70% of primary school aged children doing likewise. If enjoyed in moderation and supported by a healthy routine (staying hydrated, good sleep habits, taking breaks and so on), gaming can actually benefit a person's mental health. As long as we stay alert for potential risks, games can be much more than what we see on the surface: they can be a way to socialise, an avenue for

creativity and a route to solving problems. Our top ten tips outline how gaming online can sometimes work to your child's advantage.

In the guide you will find a number of potential benefits including a sense of achievement, learning about teamwork and encouraging creativity.

Keep Your Phone Longer

Did you know that mobile phones contain rare earth materials such as gold, silver and platinum to name just a few?

All these and more are needed to make the phone's components, making them one of the most resource-intensive products by weight to manufacture on the planet. The mining of these materials is mostly fuelled by oil, contributing to high carbon emissions.

The most impactful step we can take is to keep our phones a little longer, and not go for that upgrade as soon as it comes out.

You could replace the battery instead of replacing the phone entirely. When the time comes to get a new phone, make sure you recycle your old phone properly.



Hot Lunch Options – 13 to 17 February 2023

W/c 13.2.23	WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Naan with Baked Potato Wedges	All Day Breakfast	Roast chicken with creamy mash potato & gravy	5 Chicken & tomato pasta bake	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips	
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	5 Vegetable tikka masala with 50/50 rice	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast	Quorn fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	5 Vegetable & bean chilli with 50/50 rice	Pb Quorn™ nuggets with chunky chips	
ACCOMPANIMENTS	5 Peas & broccoli Salad bar	Roasted vegetables Salad bar	Green beans & cabbage Salad bar	Corn on the cob & carrots Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar	
DESSERTS	Oaty jam squares	5 Apple pie with custard	Lemon cake	Sticky toffee pudding with custard	Fresh Fruit & Whip	
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	
JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

Let's have a sneaky peek as to what has been going on in our classrooms this week...

Nursery

In nursery, we have loved sharing what we noticed from our walk to Shobnall Marina. It has been lovely hearing the children's observations about what they noticed on our tree. We have also been extremely lucky this week and had the opportunity to have an interactive session with Leon the policeman who told us all about what they do and showed us around his police car. The children also enjoyed learning about the police equipment and had the opportunity to try some on. They have had a wonderful time developing their understanding of staying safe.



Reception

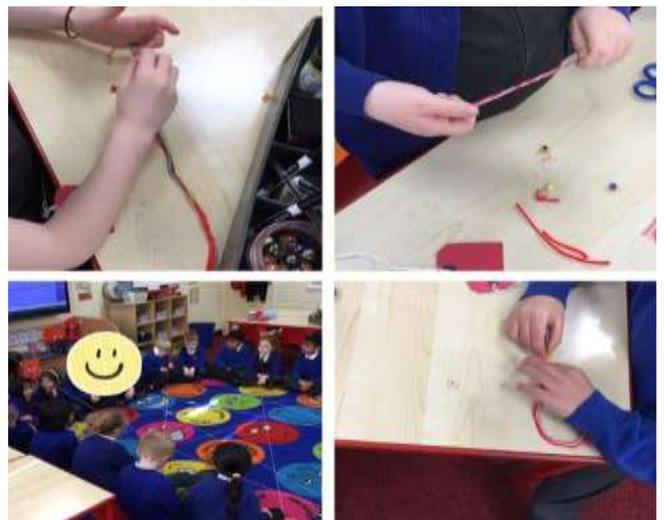
This week we have had a great time completing a variety of activities linked to our focus book, 'The Disgusting Sandwich,' by Gareth Edwards. We enjoyed using our imagination to make our own disgusting sandwiches using a variety of materials. We also wrote messages to the Badger to find out more about his adventures.

On Tuesday we joined in with Safer Internet Day by sharing the story of Buddy the Dog and learning a new song. It was interesting to learn about all the different ways the Internet is used and how we can stay safe online.

On Thursday PCSO Leon came to visit and explained his role in the local community. We had a great time looking at the different pieces of equipment he uses for his job and it was fun trying on different police hats. The best part was seeing the police car and we were very excited to see the lights flashing and sirens going.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a lovely week. For Children's Mental Health Week, we thought about 'our important people.' Children drew themselves and connected themselves with string to four people who are important to them. In RE, we have been looking at how Jesus showed friendship in some Bible stories. We then thought about how we find it easy or hard to show friendship and created a friendship web to show how we can all connect as well as making friendship bracelets. In English we have been working hard to plan our tiger information report. We enjoyed our final Forest School session this week!



Year 2

Year 2 are never put off by a challenge, and this week certainly posed an interesting one...Miss Martin-Mills losing her voice. Every single child has been adaptable and resilient despite the challenges this has posed. Thankfully, due to their BRILLIANT reading abilities and their newfound skill of lip reading, Year 2 have continued to go above and beyond in their learning!

In Maths, Year 2 have started their new unit of learning on Multiplication and Division having conquered money. This week the children have been looking at equal groups, which they have mastered easily. They are loving the Super Movers times tables videos which are helping them to learn their 2-, 5-, 3- and 10-times tables.



In English, Year 2 wrote questions that they wanted to answer in their report about transport from the past. They were then able to use books and iPads to research the answers and begin to plan their responses for their report. We can't wait to see the finished products next week.

In the afternoons, Year 2 have been Super Scientists, looking at the life cycles of humans, chickens and butterflies. They were able to analyse results in a table and then plot them onto a bar graph to show the growth of a chick in its first 5 weeks.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a very busy week and have been working exceptionally hard. They started off the week looking at Safer Internet Day on Tuesday and focused on how to be a good digital citizen. In Science, they have conducted an investigation looking at the affect different surfaces have on an object. They have continued learning about multiplication and division in Maths as well as looking at persuasive leaflets in English.



We finally finished off the week with celebrating Children's Mental Health Week by looking about how we connect we different things in our lives.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic penultimate week before half term. In maths, the children have been dividing numbers using the bus stop method and it has really shown how well the children are learning their timetables! In English we have written our persuasive non-chronological report convincing people to go



to the Maldives on holiday and it has been wonderful to see the children immerse themselves into the topic (even though they all now want to plan a school trip there!). On Tuesday, the children took part in a range of different activities for online safety day and it was brilliant to hear about the many different ways that we

can keep safe online. Finally, the children have been learning about Buddha and his teaching in RE. In particular, we have been focusing on a Buddhists approach to greed and selfishness. A great week Year 4!

Year 5

Wow! Such a week of cooking experiences - from Yorkshire puddings with Mrs Knight, to homemade doughnuts from a member of the class to making dough and 'rainbow' pizzas. I hope that the children have enjoyed sharing how they found their tasting sessions with you (and maybe even shared a little of their pizza with people at home too).

The children are preparing to write their plans and final version in the English instructional writing topic. With their experiences in class this week, I'm sure the children will have first-hand knowledge and understanding as to what features they can include in their writing to make it amazing.

In Maths, the children have been learning about multiplication of 3-digit numbers by a 1 or 2-digit number. This is a tricky concept and we are using lots of different strategies (visual counters, place value grids and formal long multiplication) to help children understand this.



Year 5 have also explored what it would be like to win the lottery and what they would do with the money. Some great discussions were had on Thursday about how they could use it to help others and that money isn't always needed to achieve your own goals and future aspirations.



Year 6

In Year 6 this week the children have been using their problem-solving skills in maths to help them solve ratio and proportion problems. In English we have revised relative clauses and a wider range of punctuation to help us with ideas for our Victorian story which we will be writing next week. We

also looked at dialogue the importance of it in terms of conveying the character and advancing action in a narrative. To mark children's mental health week, we have completed various activities. We had a visit from Mini Minds - from Burton Albion talking to us all about our thought processes and how this then effects how we feel and subsequently how we act. With the theme being 'To connect' we have made paper chains and considered what makes us all connected. Overall, a great week.

Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 5+

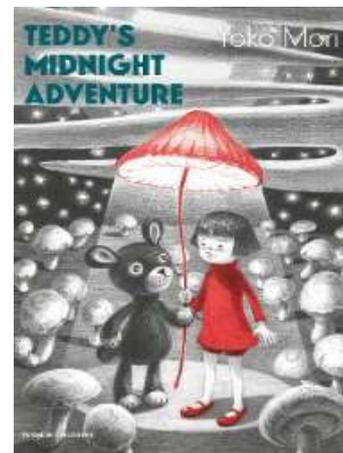
Teddy's Midnight Adventure

Written by Yoko Man

On a magical moonlit night, Akiko and her Teddy look for his missing button eye. The garden at midnight is a strange, mysterious place. Can Mee-Chan the cat help them? Or perhaps Mrs Crow?

Don't worry!

By morning Teddy will be as good as new.



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Paisley H	Lincoln S-B
Year 1	Isla G	Dahlia L
Year 2	Isabella S	Amara I
Year 3	Reece A	Safa Q
Year 4	Ellie W	Dexter K
Year 5	Maheen F	Jenson S
Year 6	Ismail R	Isabelle J

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Riley T-F
Year 1	Ava O
Year 2	Mason E
Year 3	Inam U
Year 4	Bonnie H
Year 5	Amelia A
Year 6	Rosie E

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 10.02.23)	229	261	274	288
Position	4 th – 1 Point	3 rd – 2 points	2 nd – 3 points	1 st – 4 points
Running Total	12	10	19	19

Spring Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
PFA Valentine's Disco	Friday 10 th February 2023 (EYFS/KS1 – 3.45pm – 5.00pm, KS2, 5.15pm – 6.30pm)
Parents' Evening	Monday 13 th February 2023, 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 15 th February 2023, 4.00pm – 7.00pm
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 17 th February 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 27 th February 2023
World Book Day	Thursday 2 nd March 2023
Mother's Day Lunches – Reception	Monday 13 th March 2023
Mother's Day Lunches – Year 1	Tuesday 14 th March 2023
Mother's Day Lunches – Year 2	Wednesday 15 th March 2023
Mother's Day Lunches – Year 3	Thursday 16 th March 2023
Mother's Day Lunches – Year 4	Friday 17 th March 2023
Sport Relief	Friday 17 th March 2023
Mother's Day Lunches – Year 5	Monday 20 th March 2023
Mother's Day Lunches – Year 6	Tuesday 21 st March 2023
KS1 SATs Meeting for Parents	Tuesday 28 th March 2023, 3.30pm, Year 2

	Classroom
KS2 SATs Meeting for Parents	Wednesday 29 th March 2023, 3.30pm, Year 6 Classroom
PFA Easter Bingo	Wednesday 29 th March 2023
School Closes for Easter	Friday 31 st March 2023

Diary Dates 2022-2023

Event	Date/Time
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 17 th February 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 27 th February 2023
School Closes for Easter	Friday 31 st March 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 17 th April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May 2023
Borough and Parish Elections – School Closed	Thursday 4 th May 2023
Bank Holiday – King’s Coronation	Monday 8 th May 2023
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Tuesday 9 th May 2023 to Friday 12 th May 2023
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 26 th May 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 5 th June 2023
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 7 th July 2023
School Closes for Summer	Friday 21 st July 2023
INSET Day	Monday 24 th July 2023
INSET Day	Tuesday 25 th July 2023



Burton Community Champions

Invite you to the
Health and Wellbeing Fair

Thursday 23rd February 2023

1 pm - 5 pm

**Burton Albion Community Trust Hub
Casey Lane, Burton on Trent
DE14 2ER**

Free Entry & Refreshments

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Children's Acrylic Art Workshops 2023



Monday, 20th February - Nightscape
Tuesday, 21st February - Pony
Wednesday, 22nd February - Coastal Landscape
Saturday, 25th February - Seascape
9.30am to 1.30pm (inc. Refreshment and snacks)

Children will be using a variety of tools to create interesting marks, palette knives, sponges and mediums. They will also use different makes of acrylic paints to add colour and variety.

Remember, there are no mistakes in art!

**BOOK EARLY!
PLACES ARE LIMITED**

Venue:
The Coach House
South Hill
Rolleston on Dove
DE13 9AT

or depending on numbers: Rolleston Cricket Club

To Book Contact:

Sheena Barry on 07813 189 908
or email: sheenabarry@hotmail.com

Cost:

£25 includes all your paint, brushes, canvases and refreshments.

Paints and brushes will be available for use, but if you have your own, please bring them.

Don't forget your art apron/smock or shirt too!

*Bookings on a first come first serve basis - payment is on booking by card/late cancellation fee £10.00.

Sheena Barry is Fully Qualified Primary Teacher (B.Ed, DBS certified, First Aid), Author, Artist and Musician over 18 years teaching EYFS & Primary all age school children in Staffordshire.

www.sheenabarryartist.co.uk

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Adult's Art Workshops '23



Acrylic Art Workshops (Last Friday of every month)
Friday, 24th February Winter Wonderland
9.30am to 3.30pm (inc. refreshments - only £50.00)

Monday, 13th February Acrylic Taster - Winter Landscape
9.30am to 12.00pm (simple short lesson - £30.00)

A fun introduction to painting with acrylics.

You'll be using various mediums, brushes and tools to create interesting marks.

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or depending on numbers - Rolleston Cricket Club

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Cost for Acrylic Workshops:

£50/£30 includes all your paint, brushes and canvas and refreshments. Don't forget your art apron/smock or shirt too!

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