



Shobnall Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

11th January 2019

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to all our families. The children have all returned to school so positively and they have been fully engrossed in the learning taking place this week with a focus on Healthy Living. We have slowly eased the children back in to their learning with an Eco/Healthy Living focus and this has enabled the subjects of science and citizenship to really come to the fore of our curriculum.

On Monday, the school was closed as all staff attended a JTMAT training day with all 11 other schools. It was a fabulous opportunity to network and continue to forge strong links and develop the benefits of collaborative learning which continues to grow. Teachers are now working far more closely with other schools since we have converted and we are frequently asked to share our effective practice whilst also visiting other schools in the process. Of course, as parents, you may not always see some of these benefits but I would like to assure you that since our conversion, all the way back in June, the benefits and opportunities have significantly increased across the school and Governing Body.

Early Years – Eco Recycling

Early Years children this week have been learning all about recycling. We began the week looking at different materials and sorting them into those that can be recycled and those that can't. We then recycled plastic bottles by turning them into plant pots and made our own wax crayons by recycling old, broken crayons. The highlight of our week however was when the children were joined by their mums, dads and grandparents to create an outfit from recycled materials, a big thank you to you all. The outcome of this was truly spectacular, who knew you could be so creative with a bin liner! The finale was a magnificent fashion show for the school where our Nursery and Reception children strutted their stuff to a well-earned round of applause.

Year 1 Healthy Living

This week the children have been learning about healthy lifestyles and looking after the planet. On Tuesday the children learnt about the traffic light labels on foods and which foods are healthy and unhealthy. We then designed our own healthy packed lunch which included lots of healthy alternatives.

On Wednesday we designed, created and evaluated our own fruit salad. The children had lots of fun trying new fruits, including pomegranate seeds which was a favourite for many children!

On Thursday the children learnt about the effects of plastic pollution on the planet. The children created posters to deter people from using single use plastic. In the afternoon we read the book 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' and we were inspired to recycle our old plastic bags into new beautiful jellyfish artwork!

We finished off the week by learning about why we need to save energy. We learnt about the different appliances that use energy and how we could reduce the amount we use. The children created some fantastic posters to remind people to turn off electronics when we are not using them.

Healthy Living/Eco Week Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic week filled with lots of learning. For healthy living, we identified healthy and not healthy food, we then designed our own healthy packed lunch. We also explored different fruits and designed, made and evaluated our own fruit cocktail cups. They were delicious! Our 'Eco' learning involved a visit from Mr Wilson, to learn about the ecosystem. We have also been learning about plastic pollution and how we can help protect our environment and animals. We created posters to help stop plastic pollution, carrying on from this we read a book called 'Somebody swallowed Stanley' which taught us that animals can get harmed from plastic pollution, therefore we were inspired to recycle our old plastic bags and turn them into jellyfish. As a final activity we used our old plastic bags to create friendship bracelets, using weaving and plaiting techniques to help us remember we can work with our friends to protect the environment! Well done Year 2!

Year 3 Healthy Living and Eco Week



To kick off healthy living and eco week, Year 3 completed a smoothie project! They taste tested some different smoothies, designed and created their own, evaluated their drink and designed their own packaging label. The majority of Year 3 gave their own smoothies a big thumbs up!

The pupils also took time to think about the world they live in, considering how we can reduce energy and exploring both the positive and negative effects of plastic on the environment.

Year 3 have been keeping active each morning with 'wake up, shake up!' and to finish off the week, they investigated how exercise affects their heart rate.

Year 4 Healthy Living and Eco Week



Year 4 have really enjoyed their week. They have been designing and making their own healthy sandwiches. The children have designed their own packaging and also been able to explain why theirs was healthy.

The children have also been investigating different types of exercise and the impact this has on our heart rates. The children have presented the results in a bar chart and explained what they have found out.

Year 5 Healthy Living and Eco Week



Year 5 started the week by looking at what healthy living means and decided that it can be split into five main categories: exercise, balanced diet, the world/environment, personal hygiene and wellbeing. As the week has progressed we have looked more closely at each of the areas by completing the daily mile, creating a balanced meal, designing Eco posters and creating their very own scrumptious pizzas.



Year 6 Healthy Living and Eco Week

Year 6 have been reading *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson. This helped them to explore a metaphorical message as to why recycling is so imperative. Through carefully constructed illustrations and figurative language, the children discussed what the world could look like if we don't remember the important message of 'reuse, recycle, reduce.'

Year 6 have also been giving careful consideration to nutrition. They researched the health benefits (and in some cases, no benefits) of pizza, in order to design, create and evaluate their own 'healthy' version.

The Ongoing Battle with Head Lice

It has come to my attention that some of our classes are constantly battling with head lice and that a number of our parents are rightly becoming very frustrated in having to deal with these horrible creatures. Please can I ask that all parents check their child's hair regularly and should you discover any then please can you aim to treat them immediately.

Can I also strongly recommend that if your child has long hair that they have it either tied back in a pony tail, plaited or put in a bun. Using hairspray and a nit deterrent spray can also work wonders in these instances. If you do find nits in your child's hair, it may be worth reminding you that one treatment is never enough, the recommended treatment is up to 3 times in seven days, ensuring that each strand, from front to back is covered, using a steel comb as the plastic ones are useless. Thanking you all in advance of supporting the school and other parents in this matter.

Visit from Mr Wilson!

Year 1 and 2 were very fortunate to have a visit from one of our Shobnall parents, Mr Wilson. He taught children about the ecosystem and what our plants need to grow. Children then learned how to calculate a tree's age using the tree trunk. It was fascinating! After that we explored different soils, including clay soil to see which soils we could make shapes from. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Wilson for his time and effort this week!



January Fitness Classes - Boot Camp & Zumba!

January is historically that month of the year when many of us make resolutions with the belief that the next year will finally be the time when we get back in to shape. Well, perhaps 2019 could be the year that you finally manage to stick to these resolutions. 2019 will not allow you to make any more excuses as the school facilities will be used, starting on Monday 14th January 2019 for a new Boot Camp Fitness Class. The times are 6:30pm-7:30pm, every Monday from then on - £5 per session or £40 for 10 weeks (first session is free). There is a Facebook page that has all of the information on - hilltop fitness & therapy. Please contact Claire John on [07903377971](tel:07903377971) if you would like to book but this isn't essential.

Don't forget that all this is in addition to the Zumba classes which will be starting up again on Thursday 10th January. Perhaps 2019 will finally remove all those excuses that you have found for too long!

PFA Fashion Show – 4th February 2019

A NEW event is being held on Monday 4th February 2019, so please look out for details.. This is an opportunity for you to buy high street clothing at a reduced rate, with a percentage of the proceeds going towards the school.

Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 6 – 7

The Bad Guys: Episodes 1 and 2

Written by Aaron Blabey

Published by Scholastic



Everyone is wrong about Mr Wolf. Just because he's got big pointy teeth and razor-sharp claws doesn't make him a bad guy. No, he's a good guy – and so are his friends. They are definitely NOT criminals. In a comic book format, this is a very funny story full of action and crazy characters.

Mr Attwood's Holiday Camp

For those of you who have yet to make plans for childcare for February half-term Mr Attwood will be running his sports camp from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2019. Mr Attwood is easy to contact regarding making a booking so if you would like to get in touch, drop him a text or call and he will ensure provision is made. To contact him, please text or call: 07800812039.

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points w/e 11.1.19	49	91	60	122
Position	4 th	2 nd	3 rd	1 st
First Half Spring Term 2019	1	3	2	4
Running Total	41	67	39	47

Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Tabatha L	Ellie Wan	
Year 1	Jenson S	Sophie A	
Year 2	Alex H	Owais H	
Year 3	Betsy W	Freya P	
Year 4	Seren Y	Zaahi R	
Year 5	Ashton G	Archie S	Joe B
Year 6	Lewis C	Oliver H	

Lunchtime Star Awards

Tabatha L
Zahra K
Amy R
Qayyam A
Zoe C
Harley H
Eve W

Spring Term 2019 – Dates for your Diary

Event	Date and Time
Bootcamp begins	Monday 14 th January 2019
ESSP Netball Tournament	Thursday 17 th January 2019
Y6 Class Assembly	Thursday 24 th January 2019 9..15 am
Young Voices Concert – NEC	Friday 25 th January 2019
PFA Fashion Show – 6.30 – 8.30 pm	Monday 4 th February 2019
Years 4 & 5 Parents French Meeting – 6.00 pm	Thursday 7 th February 2019
Spring Term Parents Evening – 4.00 – 7.00 pm	Monday 11 th February 2019
Spring Term Parents Evening – 4.00 – 7.00 pm	Wednesday 13 th February 2019
Nursery applications for admissions closing date.	Thursday 14 th February 2019
School closes for half term holidays	Friday 15 th February 2019
School re-opens for Spring Term 2	Monday 25 th February 2019

WEIGHT WATCHERS CLASSES AT SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Opens
From
11th January

Amélie R,
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WW Studio™ coming soon

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