



# SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"Life doesn't come with a manual; it comes with a mother."*

Dear Parents/Carers,

How wonderful it is to have all the children back in school! As we expected, they have adapted amazingly well already and have not forgotten the rules, procedures and safety measures they have to adhere to at this time. It has been lovely catching up with all of you too, albeit from a distance, and I would like to express my thanks for your support with following our guidance when dropping off and collecting your children. Please note the information on last week's newsletter with regards to the roadworks on Shobnall Road and please keep checking the [Covid-19 Info](#) page for updates related to schools and the pandemic.

As well as focusing on wellbeing activities, this week has also been British Science Week! You can read a little more about this below and what each class has been doing to settle themselves back into school!

We would of course like to wish all of our families a very relaxing and safe weekend, but a special mention must go to all of the mums who we are expecting to be spoilt rotten by their children on Sunday!

## British Science Week

Shobnall Primary School have held British Science Week this week which the children have really enjoyed. Each year group has been given a scientist which they have found out about throughout the week. The children have been taking part in science investigations and you are able to see lots of these on Twitter.

The topic this year is 'Innovating for the Future' and children have been given the opportunity to design a poster in school or for their homework this week. There will be a winner for the best poster in each year group which will be announced on 19 March. Good luck!



## Mother's Day

The children have been preparing some lovely surprises this week in preparation for Mothering Sunday on 14 March. Sadly, we have been unable to hold our Mother's Day lunches this week due to current restrictions but would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our mums a very, *"Happy Mother's Day!"* We would like to share with you some facts about this very special day:

✚ Although Laetare Sunday – the fourth Sunday of Lent – had been associated with mothers and family since medieval times, it wasn't until the beginning of the 20th century that a push towards an official day celebrating mothers in England was started. **Constance Smith**, a vicar's daughter from Nottinghamshire, was inspired to start the Mothering Day Movement after reading an article on Anna Jarvis and her campaign for an official day to honour mothers in the US.



Constance Smith was a High Anglican and believed that the liturgy of the Church of England for the fourth Sunday of Lent truly captured the idea of a day honouring mothers. So, when choosing the date for Mothering Sunday in England, she went back to the Laetare Sunday, which was when children who worked away from home received a day off to visit their mothers and the mother church or cathedral.

✚ In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, in addition to picking flowers to hand to their mothers at home, young girls working as domestic servants also brought products from their masters' larders to bake a special Mothering cake or Simnel cake – a fruit dessert topped with marzipan and decorated with flowers, either fresh or crystallised.

✚ Mother's Day is the biggest flower buying day of the year in **Britain**.

✚ More phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year!

✚ One of the earliest Mother's Day celebrations was in Ancient Greece. The Greeks would have spring celebrations in honour of Rhea, the goddess of fertility, motherhood, and generation.

✚ In the USA, Mother's Day was founded in 1908, and is held in May. An American woman named Anna Jarvis wanted to remember her mother, who had died. She asked her friends to wear white carnations to church.

✚ In Azerbaijan, Mother's Day is celebrated on 8 March, International Women's Day. Everyone gives gifts to all the women who are important in their life.

### **Red Nose Day – Friday 19 March**

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 19 March and this year it's never felt more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives! We will be having a non-uniform day and would like the children to include 'a flash of red' to their clothing! The children are allowed to bring in their red noses but mustn't share them with others. In order to come in non-uniform, we are asking for a voluntary donation of between 50p and £1 and have set up a school donations page at: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2113>



### **"Let's Count!" for Census Day – 21 March**

We're delighted to be taking part in "Let's Count!", the exciting schools programme which helps children learn about the census and why it matters to everyone.

The next census is taking place on **Sunday 21 March 2021**. The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. This helps to plan and fund public services in our local area. By spreading the word and taking part in the census, you will help make sure our community is counted and gets the services it needs.

You will receive a letter in the post from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). You will then need to fill in the census questionnaire on or before Sunday 21 March 2021.

Find out more about Census 2021 and how to fill in your census questionnaire at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk).

The ONS and resources centre, iChild, developed Let's Count! to teach children about the census and make learning fun. The programme has achieved accreditation from Mathematics in Education and Industry (MEI), the National Association for the Teaching of English (NATE) and the Geographical Association.

The lesson plans are designed to teach children both in the classroom or at home. They aim to support our school through Coronavirus (COVID-19), to re-engage children and families in learning and to celebrate our local community. There are also exclusive video lessons, including a live YouTube lesson from Professor David Olusoga on the subject of 'Equality, representation and the census'.



Our Let's Count! Day is on **Monday 22 March**. Children will count things around our school or local area and collect data on any subject that matters to them. The information gathered will be used to make a display, which we will use to enter the Let's Count! competition. Prizes will be awarded to the best entries, with £1,000 worth of equipment going to the winning school.

### **Tax-Free Childcare Vouchers**

Tax-free Childcare is a digital service to help parents pay for childcare. For every £8 a parent pays into their childcare service account, HMRC pay in £2. Parents can then use that money to pay their childcare provider. As a school, we are now set up to accept these for Shobnall Stars so it may be worth finding out some more information and exploring your own eligibility via the links below:

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

[www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk](http://www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk)

### **School Uniform Exchange**

Thank you so much to all of those parents who have donated good quality items of uniform in response to the *school uniform exchange* explained in last week's newsletter! There is now a box situated by the gate on the school car park for any parents who have items they wish to donate. Amy Roobottom is busy kindly sorting and collating this. As stated last week, if you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact the school office via [shb-office@shb.itmat.co.uk](mailto:shb-office@shb.itmat.co.uk) and we will ensure this is forwarded to her. Currently, she has:

#### **Age 3-4**

- 2 grey pinafore dresses

#### **Age 5-6**

- 1 V neck school jumper with logo
- 1 grey pinafore dress
- Black jogging bottoms

#### **Age 6-7**

- 1 blue check summer dress
- 1 grey pinafore dress
- 2 pairs boys straight cut trousers

#### **Age 7-8**

- 3 V neck jumpers with school logo
- 2 grey boys shorts
- 5 pairs boys straight cut grey trousers
- 4 age 7 grey pinafore dresses
- 2 age 7-8 grey pinafore dresses
- 4 pairs age 7 boys straight cut trousers
- 4 polo shirts

#### **Age 8-9**

- 1 pair boys straight cut grey trousers
- age 8-10 plain navy PE sweatshirt and jogging bottoms

#### **Age 9-10**



- 2 V neck jumpers with school logo
- 3 boys grey shorts
- 2 pairs grey straight cut boys trousers
- 2 short sleeved boys shirts

### Footwear

- Unworn plain black pumps in sizes 12, 13 and 2
- Girls black pumps in sizes 9 and 12

### Extra

- age 7 girls navy winter coat
- age 2-3 boys winter coat

### Hot Lunch Options – 15 to 19 March 2021

Lunch options for the forthcoming week are:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pasta & Garlic Bread	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Tuesday	Chicken Burger	Quorn Burger	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing and Gravy	Quorn Roast, Stuffing and Gravy	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Thursday	Chicken Curry, Rice & Naan Bread	Veggie Curry, Rice & Naan Bread	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Friday	Fish & Chips	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch

*Please note that due to staffing in the kitchen and current protective measures, we are unable to sell break time snacks at this time. We hope to resume break sales after Easter but in the meantime, children are allowed to bring in their own snack as a substitute. This must be a healthy snack, i.e. a piece of fruit and avoidant of nuts due to allergies in school.*

### Homework

Even though remote learning has finished, we would like to continue using SeeSaw so please keep a note of your log-ins! One way in which we will be utilising this resource moving forward is for homework. Teachers will be using a 'blended model' and will be setting activities via SeeSaw and/or the homework book, dependent on the nature of the task. An overview will still be uploaded to the class pages on the school website so instructions will be clear and easy to follow.

## SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

### Nursery

What a truly fabulous week we have all had in nursery! The children returned to school with the biggest smiles on their faces and soon got back into the swing of things, reacquainting themselves with friends and exploring the classroom activities once again. For British Science Week we talked about how we should look after our teeth and carried out a fascinating experiment of placing an egg in milk, orange juice, coke, lemon juice and water, to represent what these liquids could do to our teeth. The results were shocking! If you haven't seen it yet, please visit our Twitter page to see the resulting eggs! One pupil commented, 'I'm going to bring water in my bottle tomorrow!' We would also like to thank Miss



Alexander's sister for taking time out of her busy schedule, as a nurse at Burton hospital, to talk to the children about her job, over a zoom call. The children loved hearing all about her role. Thank you so much!



## Reception

It has been fabulous to have all of the Reception children back in school! There was lots of smiles and laughter as they arrived back and the fun hasn't stopped since! They have had a wonderful week learning about doctors and nurses and were lucky enough to meet a real nurse via Zoom. The children asked lots of questions and were very impressed with all of the different jobs a nurse has to do. We all agreed when Zayn said, 'They do lots of jobs to save people, like superheroes!'

As part of Science week the children carried out an exciting investigation involving skittles. They were mesmerised as the skittles began to lose their colour and form a beautiful rainbow.

'The red is dissolving off the skittles.' (Milli)

'It's like it is paint dripping off but we don't eat paint it's the special food colours.' (Alizah)

'I think it is like sugar in tea it is disappearing with hot water skittles taste like sugar.' (Baaqir)

'I can see some new colours because they are mixing together.' (Ava)

We have had an amazing week back and are so proud of how well the children have adapted back to life at school!

## Year 1

It has been so wonderful having all of our Year 1 children back in class. They have hit the ground running and have returned with a new energy and love for learning. Thanks to the hard work of all our parents, the children have been able to demonstrate all the new skills they have learnt whilst working from home. In Maths we have been recapping our addition skills and number bonds. The children (and Miss Walton) have thoroughly enjoyed writing rhyming poems in English, inspired by our Zoom with Ben Boden last week. We certainly have some up-and-coming poets in our Year 1 class! In the afternoons the children have loved doing paintings inspired by Van Gogh's The Starry Night! Miss Martin-Mills can't wait to see the posters the children produce for the homework this week for British Science Week.

## Year 2

We had a fantastic week in Year 2. We have celebrated Science week this week. We have been focussing on the Scientist 'Jane Goodall'. We created posters and conducted interviews to investigate her significance and everything she has done to help chimpanzees. We have enjoyed being back in class and children have worked so hard this week. It has been lovely to see how happy and enthusiastic everyone has been. Well done Year 2 for your great efforts this week as always!



## Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic first week back! They have been working incredibly hard and are settling back into routine. This week we have been celebrating British Science Week and have enjoyed our topic of Animals including Humans. We have also really enjoyed learning about famous scientist Rachel

Carson. We researched her life and used the facts we collected to write a biography. I am so impressed with all of the children! Well done!



#### Year 4

Year 4 have really enjoyed this week back in school and it has been lovely to have them back! This week has been British Science week and the children have been learning about a famous inventor- Alexander Graham Bell and how he invented the telephone. The children have created a non-chronological report about his life and also they have been investigating sound!

Mr. Rowley brought his instruments into school and the children were learning about why and how the pitch changes. The children investigated this using elastic bands. The children will have a piece of Science homework related to British Science Week which is a poster competition!

#### Year 5

A busy - yet exciting - week for all the children to return to school as this week was Science Week! Year 5's science topic this term is Earth and Space, which ties in nicely with our Science Week scientist – Galileo. They have learnt all about Galileo, who was imprisoned for saying that the Earth revolved around the Sun. The children undertook some experiments to find some micrometeorites, launching rockets and finding out how big the solar system is – spoiler alert – it's big! The class have also been multiplying fractions and became a film critic when reviewing Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. All the children have settled in well, got back into the school routine and have been very excited to see their friends! Good work year 5!



#### Year 6



It has been lovely to see all of the pupils back in the classroom rather than through a screen! Year 6 have got straight back into routine and have enjoyed being able to socialise with one another again. As part of British Science Week, we have been focusing on the agricultural scientist, George Washington Carver, who discovered ways to help farmers in the USA's Deep South to grow crops successfully. We also completed our own scientific investigation and created our own informative poster themed on 'innovating for the future'. Well done Year 6, it has been great to have you back in class!

#### Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 5 to 7...

#### **The Worries: Sohal Finds a Friend**

*by Jion Sheibani*

Written and illustrated by Jion Sheibani, *Sohal Finds a Friend* is a sweet side-splitting story that will provide much comfort to little worriers as they enjoy an adventure in the company of an endearing boy



and his furry friends. It's a brilliant way to help children understand their anxieties and express themselves - think Pixar's Inside Out in book form.

Sohal is one of life's worriers and dreads bedtime, when "the darkness would grow and grow, until it filled every part of his body". His dad's suggestion of calm breathing doesn't help, and his mum's suggestion of counting sheep is useless too, for in Sohal's mind they're transformed into mutant alien sheep fleeing a giant robot wolf! But everything changes when he draws the monsters that plague him and...THEY COME TO LIFE! With Hurt, Fail, Anger, Big, and Alone for company, Sohal's attention is diverted to worrying about them - what will everyone at school think? – but it's not long before The Worries help him understand and control his own worries, while providing a whole lot of fun.



### Head Teacher's Awards

<b>Reception</b>	EVERYONE!	
<b>Year 1</b>	Jonah Y-M	Finlay B
<b>Year 2</b>	Deivids K	Kinza M
<b>Year 3</b>	Amelia A	Eric W
<b>Year 4</b>	Keeva D	Elise K
<b>Year 5</b>	Pia P	Eva W
<b>Year 6</b>	Hettie B	Jasmine K

### Lunchtime Star Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Millie M-B
<b>Year 1</b>	Lewis L
<b>Year 2</b>	Angelo M
<b>Year 3</b>	Freya B
<b>Year 4</b>	Luke W
<b>Year 5</b>	Betsy W
<b>Year 6</b>	Holly S

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 12.03.21)	97	105	91	92
Position	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 Points	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 Points	4 <sup>th</sup> – 1 Point	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 2 Points
Running Total	3	4	1	2

### Spring Term Diary Dates

Many of our dates for the spring term remain under review due to adhering to government guidance and advice. Some of our traditional calendar fixtures may not be honoured. We will keep you informed of our arrangements and procedures.

Event	Date/Time
Red Nose Day	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
School Closes for Easter	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
School Re-Opens	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Year 5 Swimming Resumes	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Mr Attwood's Sports Camp	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
INSET Day	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Election	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
INSET Day	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
School Re-Opens	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021