

14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

A photograph of a glass vase containing yellow chrysanthemums and a spiral-bound notepad with the text 'HAPPY WEEKEND' written on it. The scene is set against a light blue background with a wooden surface in the foreground.

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

## A woman with long dark hair is hugging a young girl with blonde hair from behind. They are both smiling. In the background, there is a school building and other children playing on a playground.

If you are interested in applying for a place in our own reception class for September 2023, we are holding an

**Open Evening on Wednesday 9 November 2022, 4.30pm to 6.00pm.** This is a great opportunity to meet the staff and see for yourselves all that our setting has to offer! We would also like to encourage existing parents to visit too and see some of the wonderful things that are happening! We look forward to seeing you there!





### Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes Meeting for Parents

There will be a meeting for children and parents on **Wednesday 2 November 2022** at **3.30pm** in the Year 5 classroom about the forthcoming residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes. This is a great opportunity to discover more about the itinerary, essential information and to ask any burning questions that you may have. For parents who are unable to attend, Mrs Barlow will upload the presentation to SeeSaw.

### Nursery Places Still Available!

Please note that there are still a few places left in our nursery, so enquire if you or someone else you know within the community, would like a place in our outstanding school. Further information can be found on our school website [Admissions](#) page on how to apply for a place and we look forward to receiving your application!



### PFA News – Your Disco Needs You!

Don't forget, tickets for the forthcoming **PFA Fancy Dress Disco on Thursday 3 November 2022** will go on sale next week, commencing 17 October, every morning before school by the entrance to the key stage 2 playground and will be priced from £2.50 - £3.50, dependent on any added 'extras' that children would like to pre-purchase. The PFA have also very kindly offered to sell tickets at Parents' Evening on 17 October and 19 October, where you will also be able to find out a little more about how to get involved and what your

fundraising has achieved for the children. Remember, your disco needs you, so get your tickets as soon as you can!

### Don't Buy It, DIY It!

Did you know, 7 million Halloween costumes are thrown away each year? Now that's scary! The most sustainable costume is something you already have. This year, get creative and make a costume from bits in your wardrobe and around the house. You could arrange a costume swap with family and friends to get inspired - [here's some ideas to get you started](#).



### School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*, which will continue this year! There is a box situated by the gate on the school car park for any parents who have items 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 and collating this. As previously stated, 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.





## Online Safety Tips



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In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate chat, scammers and addiction.

## Hot Lunch Options – 17 October to 20 October 2022

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Margherita Pizza Potato Wedges	Pork sausage with creamy mash potato & gravy	Roast turkey with mashed potato & gravy	Fish Cake & Chunky Chips	C
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Vegetable Frittata Potato Wedges	Quorn Sausage With Creamy Mash Potato & Gravy	Quorn fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Vegetable Fingers & Chunky Chips	L
ACCOMPANIMENTS 5 A DAY	Cauliflower & broccoli ..... Salad bar	Peas & carrots ..... Salad bar	Green beans & cabbage ..... Salad bar	Sweetcorn & broccoli ..... Salad bar	O
DESSERTS	Chocolate & pear sponge with custard	Apple crumble & custard	Plb Flapjack		S
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	E
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	D

# SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

## Nursery

This week in nursery we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about goldilocks and the three bears. We have been busy making different porridge flavours and have enjoyed tasting them! We have also been very creative in nursery this week and have been exploring a range of resources to make the three bear faces. All the children have done so well at re-telling some parts of the story. Keep up the amazing work nursery!

## Reception

It has been another fabulous week in Reception with the children taking part in some exciting Autumn themed activities.

The children embraced the Autumn sunshine on Friday as they excitedly set off for an Autumn walk. They once again behaved exceptionally as they walked over to Shobnall Fields. A wonderful





time was had by all as the children explored their surroundings and found lots of signs of Autumn. We all certainly had that 'warm and toasty feeling,' as the children engaged in some wonderful vocabulary reflecting on what they had found.....

*"The squirrel has left the top bit of the acorn and he will put them away for the Winter."* – Paisley

*"This leaf looks like a peacock with lots of dots on it."* – Khalia

*"The berries are turning dark now because Autumn is cold."* – Mustafa

*"The leaves are falling down because they are too cold on the branches, soon the branches will be bare."*  
– Miley

*"This branch looks like a pinecone and it has a pattern like a snake!"* – Teigan

We also used our maths learning from this week to notice 3 and 4 in the environment with some interesting discoveries including some lights, tree trunks, bins and dogs!

The children are extremely excited to use some of their findings to create a range of Autumn crafts back in the classroom!

## Year 1

Year 1 have had a great week! They have been learning and performing poems based on Halloween and have begun to think of ideas to help them write their own verse next week. In Maths they have been working hard to find number bonds to numbers within 10. Well done Year 1!



## Year 2

Year 2 have had such a creative week this week in their learning! In the afternoons, the children have thoroughly enjoyed diving into our new 'Developing Experts' science curriculum. Year 2 have been exploring materials and their properties through a variety of experiments. The overall favourite experiment was building bridges on Thursday. The children had a variety of materials to choose from and worked as teams to build a bridge that would be able to hold weight. It was great to see some children implementing what they had learnt by adding triangular structures to their bridges to make them more stable! In English, Year 2 have started a new unit of learning on Shape Poems. Have a look on Twitter for some fantastic videos of children reading poems with exuberant expression! In Maths, Y2 have continued with their learning on addition and subtraction and are making great progress towards adding and taking-away bigger 2-digit numbers!

## Year 3

This week Year 3 have continued their learning with regards to adding and subtracting and are now beginning to exchange. In English, we have learnt about pre-historic animals and have decided, which animals we are going to write our instructions about. In music, we have been learning all about Stone Age music and have begun writing our own musical notations on a staff. Finally, in Science, we have been learning all about soil. The children are able to explain the different soil layers as well as different types of soil.

## Year 4



Year 4 have had another fantastic week this week. In maths, the children have started their new unit on addition and subtraction, and I have been so impressed with their presentation of work when completing column method questions. In English, the children have started their new topic looking at playscripts and the children will be writing their own playscripts next week on our reading book, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*! Across the curriculum, we also conducted a Science experiment this week, investigating whether or not all materials can conduct electricity. It was wonderful to see the children creating their own circuits adding in different materials to investigate this question. Another great week Year 4! Well done!



## Year 5

What a fabulous and very busy week in Year 5 starting with World Mental Health Day on Monday. The children thought carefully about what makes them happy then created a Wellbeing display with their posters.

In PSHE, we have been considering how we can support our friends and family by offering advice that is linked to our rights and responsibilities - with some great dramatical representations from the groups within the class for the different scenarios they were given! The children have shown great empathy and how they can support others in a caring and supportive manner.



In Maths, we have moved onto our addition and subtraction unit and the children have been

practicing their mental maths strategies and recalling how to use the column method and exchange correctly. They have had an amazing start to the topic using their reasoning sentences to explain their answers.

The children have been listening to medieval music and comparing cultural content in class discussions.

## Year 6

Year 6 have produced some fantastic flashback narratives this week in English. It is clear to see writing is something the children really enjoy. In Art, we have been looking at the war artist Paul Nash. The children completed an artist appreciation piece in their sketchbooks which was fantastic. We were looking at the techniques Nash uses in his paintings and commenting on the visual language, particularly of the famous piece 'Totes Meer' - German for Dead Sea. Their individual interpretations of ideas were fascinating to see in their sketchbooks. Really great week Year 6, keep it up!





## Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 3+...

### What the Ladybird Heard at Christmas

Written by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks

Packed full of fun, *What the Ladybird Heard at Christmas* is a fantastically lively rhyming adventure from the bestselling picture book partnership of Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks.

In a big old house, the ladybird is visiting her friend the spider for the festive season. But those two bad men, Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len, are up to no good again. They have a devious plan - to steal the children's Christmas presents from their stockings! It's a good thing that the clever little ladybird has overheard their awful plotting, and she has a cunning plan to make sure they don't get away with it.



The fifth title in the Number One bestselling series from the award-winning team of Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks, which has been enjoyed by over four million children worldwide.

Enjoy more adventures with the clever little ladybird in *What the Ladybird Heard*, *What the Ladybird Heard Next*, *What the Ladybird Heard on Holiday* and *What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside*.

### Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	EVERYONE!	
Year 1	Amaya H	Ibrahim J
Year 2	George N	Kailen S
Year 3	Afra M	Fatima S
Year 4	Euan W	Noah O
Year 5	Milly C	Evelina K
Year 6	Jaiden E	Ben B

### Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Sofia K
Year 1	Arham A
Year 2	Isabella S
Year 3	Afra M
Year 4	Fatimah A
Year 5	Ettie D
Year 6	Musa L

### Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 14.10.22)	153	112	181	156
Position	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 2 Points	4 <sup>th</sup> – 1 Point	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 Points	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 Points
Running Total	9	12	17	22

### Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
Parents' Evening	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2022, 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2022, 4.00pm – 7.00pm
School Closes for Half-Term	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
INSET Day	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
PFA Fancy Dress Disco	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2022 • Infants: 3.45pm – 5.00pm



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Juniors: 5.15pm – 6.30pm</li> </ul>
Flu Immunisations Reception to Year 6	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
Odd Socks Day	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
Year 2 Class Assembly	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022 Inclusive
Year 6 Class Assembly	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022, 9.15am
JTMAT Christmas Concert	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022
Christingle	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2022, 9.15am
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2022, 9.15am
Key Stage 1 Nativity	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2022, 9.15am & 2.15pm
Year 3 Cosy Christmas Celebration	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2022, 9.15am
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at Lichfield Garrick	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022, 10.00am
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Diary Dates 2022-2023

Event	Date/Time
School Closes for Half-Term	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
INSET Day	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
INSET Day	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Young Voices 2023	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
School Closes for Easter	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023
Borough and Parish Elections – School Closed	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
School Closes for Summer	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023
INSET Day	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
INSET Day	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2023



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# FIFA 23

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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

### IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

### CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the "just one more game" mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder: a recognised mental health issue.

### GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

### STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

### CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

### AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

## Meet Our Expert

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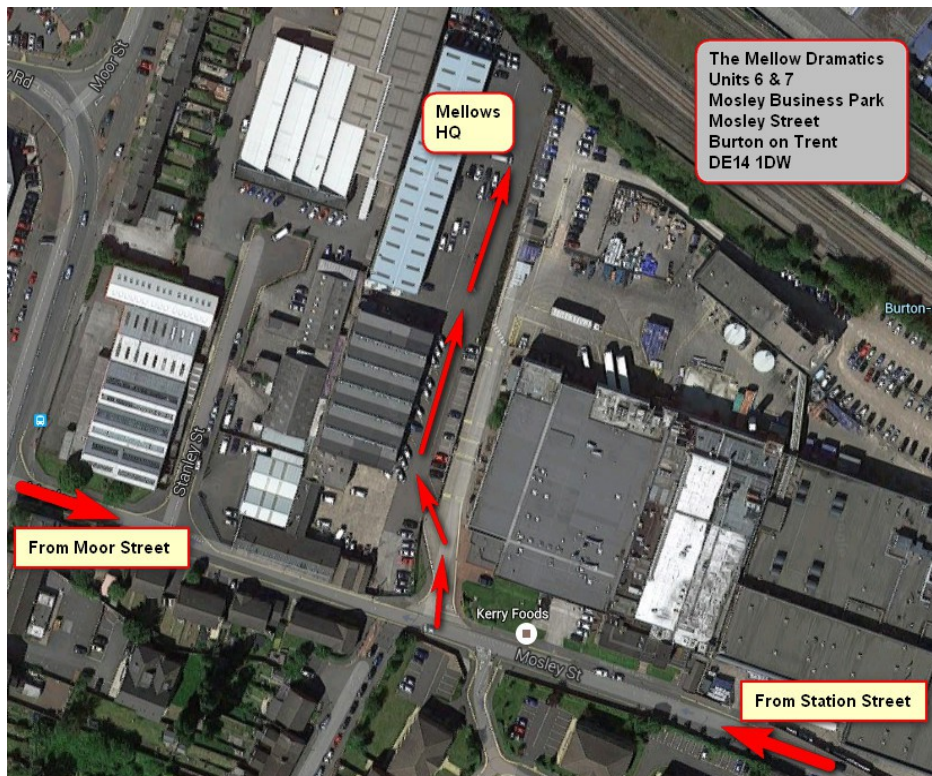




October 2022

MDY (Mellow Dramatics Youth) is restarting on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October and we will be working towards performing an exciting musical in March 2023!

Rehearsals will be every Sunday from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at Mellows HQ on Mosley Street, Burton.



The first few sessions will be familiarisation with each other and the new MDY team (as well as having lots of fun) before we then have auditions and begin rehearsals proper for a show.

We will be announcing the name of the show over the next few weeks and we definitely think you'll be excited by it!

The costs to join MDY is just £20 per year with a further £20 on-stage fee if your child takes part in the show in March.

Your child is welcome to join us as long as they will be between the ages of 7 and 18 on 1st February 2023.

Numbers will need to be limited though, so please send us a message [on our Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/MellowDramatics) ( Facebook.com/MellowDramatics ) with your child's name and age to ensure we've got them on the list.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm.





# SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL



PROUDLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR

OPEN EVENING



**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**4.30pm – 6.00pm**

*Please join us as we showcase our school, our vision, our values, our philosophy and our approaches. You will meet our staff and our children and get to see first-hand our work on the environment and sustainability. We look forward to seeing you there!*