



# SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"The POSITIVE THINKER sees the INVISIBLE, feels the INTANGIBLE, and achieves the IMPOSSIBLE."*

Dear Parents/Carers,

The last week or so has been a real scorcher and I'm sure you have all been making the most of this warm weather as we charge through to the end of the academic year. We have been pleased to see the children coming to school with sunhats and suncream on so thank you for supporting the school with this.

Even though it will have come as no surprise, given the recent rise in cases, I'm sure many of you still felt a little disappointed to hear the Prime Minister's decision on Monday about the delay in moving to Step 4 of the Roadmap. You can read in his [announcement](#) that he was not able to say that we have met all four tests for proceeding with Step 4 and thinks it is sensible to wait just a little longer. This will give time for the vaccination programme to protect people from the virus in light of the new variant. He felt confident we will not need to wait beyond 19 July. The government will monitor the position every day and if, after two weeks, the risk has diminished then Step 4 might proceed sooner.

Schools have been told to keep their current protective measures in place until there is a further announcement on Step 4 of the roadmap. These measures in education settings will remain in place to help reduce transmission of the virus. We will of course keep you informed of any changes but for now, things remain as they are, including the wearing of face masks when dropping off and collecting your children.

Sadly, this does mean that we will not be able to have spectators at our sports day, scheduled for 7 July, due to social distancing requirements and adherence to legal gathering limits until all restrictions are lifted. The children will still be able to participate as they will compete in their own bubbles and each bubble will have its own set of equipment. We will be recording the races and events and uploading to our Twitter page, along with an announcement of the overall winners at the end of the day.

Thank you for your understanding and we hope that you enjoy the weekend, stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday!

## **PFA Relaunch Meeting**

Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend the relaunch meeting on Wednesday. We had a very productive session and it was lovely to see one of our new parents in attendance too! If you would like to see the minutes of the meeting, these are now available on the school website at: <https://shobnallprimaryschool.co.uk/pfa/>.

There were some great ideas shared with regards to fundraising projects for next year! The PFA will kindly be funding the development of new trim trails for infant and junior children as well as some school community projects in our outdoor areas. We are very excited about getting these completed and will need as much support as possible to ensure these projects are finished for the children!



We have already set a provisional date for the Christmas Fair (Friday 3 December 2021) and will be pencilling in further dates for some of our more traditional fundraisers and some NEW ones, which were discussed at the meeting. This will be finalised in September at our first meeting scheduled for **Wednesday 22 September 2021**, to be held in school (restrictions permitting) at **3.30pm**. We will also be appointing a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer at this meeting in accordance with the constitution.

Please pop both these dates in your diaries and we look forward to getting these projects and fundraisers underway!

### Dogs on School Grounds

Please could we remind parents not to bring dogs into the immediate vicinity of the school grounds. This is because some of the children have been a little frightened when being collected. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

### Mrs Sandhu

As you will be aware, Mrs Sandhu is expecting her first child in September and will be going on maternity leave imminently. Due to current guidance for pregnant women when they reach the 28-week gestation period, we have made arrangements for Mrs Sandhu to work from home until her maternity leave begins. This means her last physical day in school will be Friday 2 July. The children will continue to see her remotely until the end of the year but Mr Stevens will be working in Year 2 for the last two and a half weeks of the term. There will be further staffing changes for September – we will inform you of these and who your child’s class teacher will be next year at the beginning of July.



### Random Acts of Kindness (RAOK)

Mr and Mrs Burton have generously set up RAOK, giving out food donations to people in our local area that may be struggling and running low on food items. If anyone is able to help out with donations, please contact the school office at [shb-office@shb.itmat.co.uk](mailto:shb-office@shb.itmat.co.uk), listing the items you are able to provide and they will ensure it is forwarded to Mr and Mrs Burton. Current items that they are still in need of are: tea, coffee, sugar, hot chocolate, long life milk, cereals, crisps, personal care items, toilet rolls, cleaning products, washing powder, tinned meals such as meatballs, hotdogs etc., other tinned items such as baked beans, spaghetti hoops, soups etc., pasta and pasta sauces. Many thanks if you are able to support in any way.

### School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*! There is a box situated by the gate on the school car park for any parents who have items they wish to donate. 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. There are currently no changes to the catalogue of items available attached to the newsletter, very kindly prepared by Collette Phillips.



### Hot Lunch Options – 21 to 25 June 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	Sausage Roll (Pork)	Cheese & Onion Roll	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch

Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing and Gravy	Quorn Roast, Stuffing and Gravy	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Thursday	Sweet & Sour Pork Meatballs & Rice	Sweet & Sour Quorn Meatballs & Rice	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Friday	Fish & Chips	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch

### Breaktime Snacks

Children are now able to order break time snacks. These will be ordered when the register is taken by the class teacher on arrival to school, delivered to classrooms at morning break in accordance with our protective measures and paid for via ParentPay. Please ensure your child is aware of whether they can/cannot order a break time snack as once ordered, charges will be applied. All snacks are priced at 50p. Choices are:

- Milkshake – 50p
- Fruit – 50p
- Juice – 50p
- Cereal bar – 50p



## SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

### Nursery

Our holiday theme has continued this week with the children looking at the artist Georges Seurat and creating their own 'dotty' pictures inspired by his pointillism technique.

We have also been looking at money and have been sorting coins in different ways. Looking at some of the dull, dirty coins led us to investigate if Coke would actually clean them up; we were surprised to find out that it did, and gave some wonderful shiny 1p coins once again! On Thursday, our Ice Cream Parlour was officially open for business! The children bought their own ice cream cone from a very helpful Mrs Curran, and talked about the changes whilst eating it! What a great way to explore changing materials!



### Reception

The children have had a wonderful week continuing their learning on the topic of holidays. They have explored various holiday settings and discussed the different features of destinations they have visited.

They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about doubles in Maths. They have completed numerous practical activities to reinforce this including creating their own dominoes and making fruit doubles. They have especially enjoyed carrying out some active Maths during PE and Mr Attwood was extremely impressed with their fantastic use of Mathematical vocabulary.

The children also had an exciting problem to solve when they discovered lots of sea creatures trapped in ice. This led us onto a





science investigation to answer the question, 'Which is the quickest way to free the sea creatures?' The children were fascinated to see the different reactions a range of substances had on the ice and were very relieved when the sea creatures were eventually freed.

### Year 1

The Year 1s have continued to work exceptionally hard this week! In Maths the children have been learning how to tell the time to the hour and to half past. They loved using their little clocks to demonstrate their knowledge and it was wonderful to see how confident all the children have become in telling the time. In English the children have finished their Forest School leaflets. They have been filled with interesting facts and persuasive writing to convince others to come and join in – they will be displayed on the Forest School display board for all to see! In Science the children have thoroughly enjoyed finding the answer to their Scientific question 'What does cress grow in best?'. After planting the seeds on Monday and making careful scientific observations today, the children have deduced that out of water, a wet paper towel, soil and nothing, that cress grows best in soil! The children had a fantastic time at Forest school this week and enjoyed sheltering from the sun under all of the trees and learning their new skills of using secateurs and tying a Timber Hitch Knot!



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### Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been recapping multiplication number sentences. We have also been writing up an explanation text about plants which has linked nicely to our Science investigation where we investigated the most suitable conditions for a plant to grow. Well done for a great week everyone!



### Year 3

Year 3 have had an excellent week! They have really enjoyed learning about skeletons in our new Science unit 'Animals including Humans'. We were able to organise animals based on the different types of skeletons they have. We also learnt about the human skeleton and were able to work in teams to create a model of it. Then, we were able to match the scientific names to the bones that make up our skeleton. It certainly was a fun lesson! Year 3 have also enjoyed their music lesson this week and were composing their own piece of music by using the pentatonic scale. In addition, the children have enjoyed RE and are learning about holy books and religious objects.

### Year 4

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed this week as they have started the design and technology unit of - Juggling Balls. The children have looked

at various juggling balls to identify their differences and similarities. The pupils have been given a design brief before planning and designing their own. Pupils will begin creating their own juggling balls next week which I know they are really looking forward to.

This week the pupils have completed the Optional Multiplication Check and I cannot say how proud I am of the class for working so hard to learn all tables up to 12 x 12. This knowledge will really help the pupils as they progress into Year 5.

### Year 5

Year 5 have continued their learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes as well as honing their understanding of the place value of decimal numbers. In English, we have finished writing our diary entry based on Alma and Miss Barker is looking forward to reading them over the weekend. We have also continued our learning about Early Islamic Civilisation and been learning about the importance of Baghdad as well as creating our own piece of artwork.

### Year 6



Another busy yet fun-filled week in Year 6. We have been continuing to work towards completing our own stories, focusing on descriptive writing and engaging the reader. In History, we have been studying the Ancient Greeks and the key events that occurred, ordering them chronologically on a timeline. We also had our second session at Forest School, where we all loved outdoor learning. Our rehearsals for Treasure Island are getting stronger each week and we can't wait to share our performance with you.

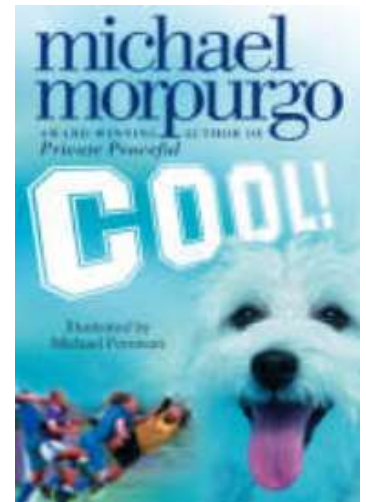
### Reading Corner

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

#### Cool!

by Michael Morpurgo

Award winning author Michael Morpurgo crams a great deal of emotion into this beautifully told short novel. Lying in a coma after being knocked down by a car, ten-year-old Robbie is unable to move or speak or see but inside his head, much is still going on and, able to smell, hear and above all, remember Robbie tells his story. Frighteningly, nothing seems to unlock Robbie from his coma. Even a visit from his favourite footballer cannot revive him. But then something of the greatest importance to him takes place and miraculously Robbie does recover.



### Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	George N	Musa H
Year 1	Jacob R	Lewis L
Year 2	Kian S	Tabatha L
Year 3	Henry M	Inaya S
Year 4	Musa H	Luke W
Year 5	Adam Ch	Josh L/Alys J
Year 6	Eleeza H	Lacey G

### Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Alina P
Year 1	Elliot M
Year 2	Lily J
Year 3	Amina H
Year 4	Chaanakya S
Year 5	Reshaye B
Year 6	Zoe C

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 18.06.21)	155	103	150	127
Position	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 points	4 <sup>th</sup> – 1 point	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 points	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 2 points
Running Total	8	3	6	3

## Summer Term Diary Dates

Many of our dates for the summer 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
Nursery Induction (Half Intake)	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021, 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Reception Induction (Half Intake)	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2021, 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Year 4/5/6 Recorded Production of Treasure Island Available	Week beginning Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
End of Year Reports to Parents	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
Nursery Induction (Half Intake)	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021, 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Reception Induction (Half Intake)	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2021, 1.30pm – 3.00pm
EYFS/KS1 Sports Day	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – AM
KS2 Sports Day	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – PM
Optional Parent Consultations	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
Year 5/6 JTMAT Cricket Tournament	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
Year 6 – DeFerrers Induction Day	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – AM
Year 6 Leavers' Party	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – PM
Year 6 Enterprise Fair	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021
INSET Day	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021
School Reopens for Pupils	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021

## Diary Dates 2021-2022

Event	Date/Time
INSET Day	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021
School Reopens for Pupils	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021
INSET Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
INSET Day	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Young Voices	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
INSET Day	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022
School Closes for Easter	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
INSET Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
School Closes for Summer	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022



# COMING SOON



**FREE**

## Holiday Activities and Food

for children and young people aged  
5-16 who get free school meals\*

\*Eligible children and young people will get a letter from school to register

Registration opens 5th July 2021

[staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities](https://staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities)



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