



# SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"A family is a little world created with love."*

Dear Parents/Carers,

I must say that these past two weeks as Acting Head Teacher have flown by! They say, time flies by when you're having fun; it has been a fabulous, action packed fortnight! We have all made sure that Mr Adams has not been disturbed and has been able to spend quality time with his new family, so we were thrilled and surprised when he paid school a visit on Monday with his daughter! Not sure if returning to school next week will be a rest for him or not!!

All the children had their photograph taken this week, and due to the restrictions and current ways of working, this took place outdoors. The sun shone brightly and the backdrop was stunning so I hope that all the children put on their best smiles for you! Hopefully, these will be available for you to view from next week.

## Harvest Festival

Sadly, this year our Harvest Festival assembly at St. Aidan's Church will not be able to take place, due to the restrictions brought about by the pandemic. As a school however, we still feel it is important to talk about harvest and to show our appreciation for the food and clothes that we have, so each class will hold their own special assembly. We would also like to continue to support a local charity with donations of food to support those children, adults and families who are less fortunate than us. Therefore, please could I ask if you could make a small donation to our Harvest Festival by sending your child in to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October with a tin or packet of food (non-perishable items only). We will once again be supporting the YMCA charity who will come and collect the donations later on during that day. Thank you!



## Meet the Teacher

All class videos have now been completed and have been uploaded onto our school website onto each appropriate class page, under the main 'Children' tab. We hope that you find these videos informative and that they give you some ideas about class expectations and ways of supporting your child at home. As always, if you have any questions or queries regarding this information, please don't hesitate to contact school.

## NHS Week



We are very proud to be holding an NHS Week beginning Monday 21st September at Shobnall Primary School. This week is to support the wellbeing of our pupils and staff and to raise money for the NHS. Each child will produce an amazing piece of art work which will be on sale to parents for a donation. We are asking for a minimum contribution of £1 from parents for their child's artwork. All money will be donated to the NHS to support the incredible work

they continue to do at this difficult time. I am sure you are looking forward to listening to your children talk about what they have been doing during this week! Shobnall Primary School

continue to work with the Mental Health Support team. If you are worried about the wellbeing of your child, please contact Mrs Knight via the school office.



## Year 2

Year 2 had a wonderful afternoon at Forest School in the sunshine. This week, we began learning about The Great Fire of London. We re-enacted the fire by making paper houses and watching how quickly the fire spread. Children also had chance to act as bakers and mixed up a variety of natural materials. Finally, we read the story 'Sammy the Street dog'. A book about a dog who witnessed the fire. It was a fantastic session and we finished off with a hot chocolate and biscuit!

# SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

Let's take a peek inside each classroom for this week's exciting update...

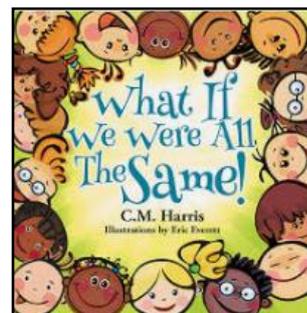
## Nursery

Wow! What a fabulous week we have had in Nursery. Mrs Farrington and Mrs Curran are thrilled with how the children are settling now in a morning into our daily routine. We have all learnt a new welcome song and love listening to a story, or singing some of our favourite nursery rhymes at the end of the session. Well done Nursery Class!

## Reception

This week the children have been celebrating the many differences between them and have shown an understanding that these make everyone special. After sharing the story 'What if we were all the same?' by C. M. Harris the children had great fun creating an image of their own face. By looking in a mirror they discussed and compared their features with each other before choosing a skin shade. They then had lots of fun adding features to represent themselves. It was fabulous to see such a beautiful array of colours in our classroom!

We have also been very proud of how well the children adapted to completing their first full days in Reception. After all of the exciting learning there were certainly some tired faces at the end of the day but these were back to bright happy ones eager to learn the following morning. Well done Reception - you are all superstars!

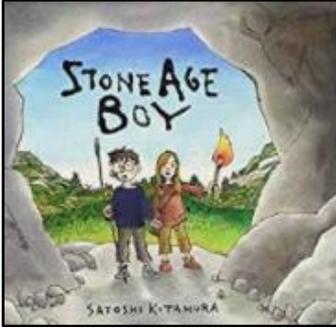


## Year 1

Year 1 have had another fabulous week of learning. This week the children have astounded Miss Martin-Mills with their writing in English. We have been learning about sentences and what they need, to be the best sentences around - we even created actions to remind us! In Maths the children have worked hard on their numbers and have become experts in using the  $>$   $<$  signs. Keep up the great work Year 1.

## Year 2

We have had a lovely week in Year 2. In Maths we are working hard to learn about place value. In English we have written brilliant recounts about the Gingerbread man. This week we have also had Forest School and carried on learning about materials in science. Well done Year 2 for your hard work and super behaviour!



## Year 3

Year 3 have had another brilliant week! On Monday, the children wrote a fantastic descriptive piece to describe the setting of our text – ‘Stone Age Boy’. They were able to use expanded noun phrases and interesting adjectives to make their writing descriptive. They have worked hard in Maths this week and have continued working on our Place Value unit. In Guided Reading, the children have been using their inference skills to learn more about how some of the main characters may have been feeling. Well done Year 3!

## Year 4

Year 4 have been amazing this week! We have been learning about the human digestive system and the children have created a recount, imagining they are a piece of food. They have encountered a long journey through the digestive system, describing their experiences. Year 4 have also had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Bishop who is our trainee teacher from the National Forest Teaching School. The children were very pleased to meet him and are very lucky to have two teachers this year!

## Year 5

This week the Year 5 children, have become more accustomed to the new rules and routines in Upper Key Stage Two. They are becoming much more independent and resilient learners. This week the children have continued with their place value unit in Maths, learned about the poetic features used in performance poetry in English as well as beginning our learning on the human and physical geographical features on North America, in our Topic sessions! Keep up the great work children, you are all superstars!

## Year 6

It has been another fun-filled week for Year 6 with lots of new learning opportunities. Taking inspiration from Edgar Allen Poe, we have been writing our own poems in English, where the children have shown their creativity and have used a range of techniques to engage the reader. We have been continuing to look at World War Two in history, using a variety of primary and secondary sources to inform us about Adolf Hitler. Well done Year 6!

## Year 6 Secondary School Applications

A reminder to all Year 6 Parents/Carers that the closing date for applications for all High School places is Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.



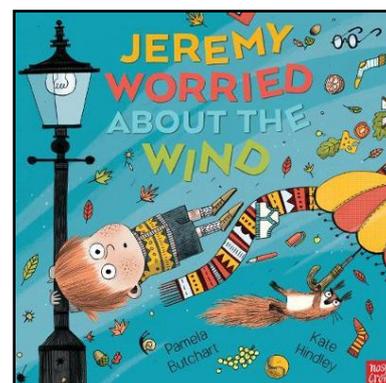
## Reading Corner

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

### Jeremy Worried About the Wind

Written by Pamela Butchart

Published by Nosy Crow Ltd



Jeremy is a worrier. He worries about odd socks, spotty bananas, evil squirrels, burnt toast, dinosaurs and, most of all . . . the wind! His friend Maggie isn't worried about anything - after all, what's the worst that could happen?

But when Maggie decides to go outside and play in the wind, Jeremy must act fast to keep her out of danger, and he is soon to discover that a bit of courage leads to the most exciting adventures.

## Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Mason E	Aliz K
Year 1	Aleena A	Oliver M
Year 2	Alfie P	Paige L
Year 3	Hakeem A	Evelina K
Year 4	Kaden P	Keeva D
Year 5	George P	Safi S
Year 6	Camelia M	Moses T

## Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Angus B
Year 1	Inam U
Year 2	Jibreel Q
Year 3	Joseph W
Year 4	Eva W
Year 5	Kaia P
Year 6	Saffa N

## Autumn Term Diary Dates

Many of our dates for the autumn 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
Parents' Evening	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2020
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020
INSET Day	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020
School Re-Opens	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020
Open Evening	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November, 4.30-6.00pm
PFA Christmas Fair	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2019, 3.30-6.00pm
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 18.9.20)	135	134	114	137
Position	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 2	4 <sup>th</sup> - 1	1 <sup>st</sup> - 4
Running Total	7	4	4	5