



# SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thankfully, some of the awful weather we have been having this week hasn't dampened our spirits in school! The children and staff continue to keep smiling and are working as hard as ever! You can hear about what has been going on in our classrooms this week in the Shobnall Showcase further on in the newsletter. The class teachers are looking



forward to speaking to you more about your child's achievements during parent consultations, which begin on 19 October 2020. Thank you all so much for bearing with us and for being so patient whilst we finalised arrangements and we hope that you have found it easier to book your appointments via our new online booking system. Take care and, as always, stay safe!

## Year 6 Hands Space Face Campaign

Year 6 have risen to the challenge they were tasked with last week! They were asked to design a poster to promote the key messages from the government's 'Hands. Face. Space' campaign within our community, with prizes for the best entries. They have done some great work! The children are now hoping that when they are displayed outside of school that it will remind our community of the importance of ensuring our hands are washed, wearing a face covering and making space to help control infection rates.



## NHS Week (New Healthy Start) Artwork

Your child should arrive home with the artwork they completed for NHS Week today! We are raising money for the NHS and are therefore asking for a donation of at least £1.00 towards each piece of artwork. ALL money will be given to NHS Burton Hospital as a 'Thank You' for the amazing work they do. Please send your donations in with your child or, alternatively, hand to a member of staff on the gates in the mornings. Many thanks for supporting this great cause!

## Harvest

THANK YOU for all your food donations this week to help us celebrate the harvest! The YMCA are exceptionally grateful for these and would also like to extend their appreciation to the entire Shobnall community!

## Houseparty App



As more and more of us now see social distancing as the 'norm', many of us are making use of the incredible technology available to maintain social contact with our nearest and dearest. However, some apps are not suitable for children and we wanted to give you some advice with regards to one in particular as some concerns have been raised by parents.

Houseparty is a free video chat app where you can talk to people one-on-one or in groups of up to eight, with people you know and people you might not. You can also play games with the people you're chatting to. Please be aware that the official age rating of this app is 13+. Net-aware advise that because Houseparty isn't automatically private and might connect you with people you don't know, they think it's best if under 18s don't use it. If all the privacy settings are set up properly, it might be appropriate for those aged 16+. Please visit <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/houseparty/> for further advice and tips on keeping safe.

## Flu Vaccinations

This year's flu vaccination session date for all children in years reception to year 6 will be on **7 December 2020**. We will soon be receiving a letter to communicate to parents, which will include a link to the electronic consent form. We will notify you when this is ready. Please note that parents will only be given one opportunity to have the vaccine in a school setting, however there will be multiple opportunities to have the vaccine in a community clinic should your child not be in school on the date of vaccination.

## Art Aprons

Due to our protective measures, the teachers have requested if the children could have an old shirt or apron to keep in school in their classroom to protect their clothes during art activities. We do have old shirts and aprons in school for these activities but are restricted with sharing these across bubbles because of current government guidance. If you are able to do so, the teachers will be very grateful. Thank you!

## Class Emails

Just a quick reminder about class emails which we have shared with you before on previous newsletters. If any messages need to be relayed to your child's class teacher, please could these be forwarded to the school office at [shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk](mailto:shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk) or 01283 247410 in the first instance. The office will ensure these are sent to the correct member of staff. The class email address only becomes 'live' if remote learning needs to be initiated for those have to self-isolate or in the event of a class or school closure. The teachers wouldn't want any important messages to get lost in translation. Many thanks!

## World Mental Health Day – 10 October 2020

World Mental Health Day is on 10 October 2020 and will focus on inclusivity and celebrating our differences. The World Health Organization have produced some resources that are designed to help with support for mental health and celebrate the unique and different qualities that everyone brings to a community. Please visit <https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-mental-health-day/world-mental-health-day-2020> for further advice.



## Year 7 Secondary School Applications

Please be aware that the deadline for our year 6 parents to apply for secondary school places is 31 October 2020. Under normal circumstances, many of you would be attending open evenings at prospective secondary schools in order to help you decide on the most suitable setting for your child. However, this year is not 'business as usual' and due to the pandemic, many schools are unable to hold their open evenings. At John Taylor Free School they have produced the following materials to help Year 6 pupils and their families find out about the school and what it means to be a JTFS student. These materials are also available on the [admissions page](#) of their website.

- [Promotional film of the school](#)
- [Open evening presentation from Mrs Plant](#)
- [Prospectus](#)
- [Tour of the school](#)
- ["Admissions 2021 Special Newsletter"](#)

## Year 2 Forest School

Year 2 had a wonderful, wet and muddy afternoon at Forest School. This week, we continued our learning about The Great Fire of London. We painted our clay structures. We also continued using the sticks and clove hitch knot to make wands. We have been identifying and naming different trees in our Forest School area too. As always we finished with a hot chocolate and biscuit.



# SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

## Nursery

Along with our class Harvest Festival, the Nursery children have started looking at some of the changes associated with autumn. We already know the weather has changed, as we need to wear our warm coats when we play outdoors and we've used lots of conkers and acorns in our provision. Next week we plan to go on an autumn walk in our local area to do a spot of autumn detective work! We can't wait!

## Reception

This week the Reception children have been learning about Autumn and have enjoyed exploring a range of natural materials as well as singing some fun Autumn songs using instruments.

They have also had another fantastic week of Maths learning with a focus on the number 5. This was very exciting as it just happened to be Waffle the dogs 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. The children took part in numerous activities in preparation for Waffle's party including wrapping gifts, designing and writing cards, counting out party accessories for 5 party friends the list goes on....



Finally, the big day arrived and the children had an amazing time joining in the birthday fun and even had a cake to celebrate all of their fantastic learning - Reception you are superstars!



## Year 1

Year 1's learning has been all about Little Red Riding Hood this week. The children learnt the story and acted it out in small groups - it was great to see so many children really getting into character, especially those who got to play the wolf! Towards the end of the week the children learnt how to write and ask questions. This was an especially important skill that we needed as we had to interview the Wolf to get his side of the story! On Friday the wolf visited our classroom and we asked him our detailed questions. From the interview the children learnt some breaking news which they put onto Twitter for you all to see!

## Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have started to look at Poetry. We have been writing our own verse for 'The Sound Collector' poem. We have also been learning about respect, rights and responsibilities in PSHCE. Well done for a great week!

## Year 3

This week, Year 3 have started to look at the features of an adventure story and have planned their own story based upon the Stone Age Boy. They are looking forward to writing these next week. The children have enjoyed learning French greetings and have been practising introducing themselves. Year 3 have also completed their art projects and have painted their own version of Rembrandt's Family Group painting. Well done Year 3, another fantastic week!

## Year 4

Year 4 have really enjoyed this week. We have been writing an information text in English all about Lowry. The children have found out lots of interesting facts about the artist which I am sure you will hear about at home. In maths this week, the children have been exchanging when using the column method for addition and subtraction. They have done very well as this can be tricky! I know Mr. Bishop has enjoyed teaching Geography this week and the children have been using an atlas.

## Year 5

What a week in Year 5! We have started our new unit of writing, which is based on traditional myths and legends. We are learning all about 'The Saga of Biorn' and are looking forward to creating our own mythical story. On Tuesday, we completed an experiment in Science, to find out the properties of different materials, which was especially fun! All in all, a great week – keep up the hard work Year 5!

## Year 6

The weather certainly hasn't dampened the spirits of the Year 6 pupils! We have been working hard in English, building our knowledge and skills ready to write our own flashback story based on The Piano by Aidan Gibbons. In maths, the pupils have shown great determination with learning to divide 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers using long division. During the afternoon sessions, we have identified some of the social impacts of World War Two and imagined what life was like for evacuees.

## Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 4-5...

### Be Kind

*Written by Pat Zietlow Miller*

*Published by Macmillan*

It's lunchtime at school and Tanisha has spilt grape juice over her dress. Trying to be kind, the narrator of the book tells Tanisha that purple is her favourite colour, but Tanisha is really embarrassed. The little girl telling the story starts thinking about what the best ways to be kind are: is it listening to her elderly relative's stories, even when she's heard them before? Is it sticking up for other kids when they're being bullied? Perhaps the best way to be kind is by doing little things that build into a culture of kindness that affects everyone.



Miller and Hill's sweet picture book is full of interest, with plenty of detail for children to take in as they read and consider being kind to others. Hill's illustrations depict children of a variety of nationalities in school and within the community and are full of warmth and expression. A wonderful picture book that reminds us that being kind is one of the simplest and most profound things we can do.

## Head Teacher's Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Ivy M	Amara I
<b>Year 1</b>	Alfie H	Alicia F
<b>Year 2</b>	Kinza M	Euan W
<b>Year 3</b>	Lilly L	Ettie D
<b>Year 4</b>	Bethan P	Amira H
<b>Year 5</b>	Amina K	Abdullah M
<b>Year 6</b>	Zoe C	Elsie W

## Lunchtime Star Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Layla N
<b>Year 1</b>	Alfie H
<b>Year 2</b>	Kian S
<b>Year 3</b>	Evelina K
<b>Year 4</b>	Zoya H
<b>Year 5</b>	Amina K
<b>Year 6</b>	Oscar McC

## Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points ( <i>Week Ending 09.10.20</i> )	154	156	170	170
Position	4 <sup>th</sup> – 1 point	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 2 points	=1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 points	=1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 points
Running Total	14	10	10	17

## 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	Week beginning Monday 19 <sup>th</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	Week beginning Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020