



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Remind yourself that you cannot fail at being yourself."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Even though this term is a relatively short one, we still can't believe how quickly it is going and we are hurtling towards half term at a rate of knots! As always, there has been a lot happening in school which you can see in the 'Shobnall Showcase' further on in the newsletter. I have been particularly impressed with the huge range of projects I have seen coming through our gates every day this week! We've had posters, model pyramids and a life-size mummy to name but a few! The children's efforts with these have been outstanding and thank you to all those parents and family members who have supported the pupils with completing these. Those of you who are able to join Year 4 and Year 5 for their class assemblies next week will be able to see them for yourselves and we look forward to welcoming you then.



There is a lot planned in the upcoming weeks, so please keep your eye on the diary dates at the end of each newsletter and ensure that you keep checking your inbox for any important information that is sent to you by email. I am meeting with Mrs Welch and Mr Attwood next week to finalise plans for Sports Day in June and Year 4, 5 and 6 will soon be informed of the arrangements and information on how to purchase tickets for their performance of 'Robin Hood' at the Brewhouse. Please don't forget to support our forthcoming PFA fundraisers too, if you can.

We would like to wish you all a very relaxing and restful weekend and look forward to seeing you again on Monday for the start of our Jubilee Extravaganza! Enjoy!



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We informed you several weeks ago now of our plans to mark and celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which we are all very excited about! Please don't forget [The Big Jubilee Dress Up](#) on **Friday 27 May 2022**, where children (and staff) will be allowed to dress up as British icons as part of a 'Best of British' theme. An icon from the past 70 years would be ideal! Alternatively, children can choose to dress in red, white and blue if they would prefer. Please look out on Twitter for photographs of the children taking part in the celebrations!

Young Voices 2022 – Resorts World Arena, Birmingham

We were very proud to finally be able to take our choir to Young Voices at Resorts World Arena in Birmingham last night! Young Voices has been taking place for 25 years and the annual event continues to increase in popularity, now touring with around 50 shows nationally each year. We were originally supposed to attend in January but the shows had to be postponed because of fear over the Omicron variant of COVID-19. Past celebrity guest performers have included ex-Spandau Ballet singer and solo artist Tony Hadley, British country music duo The Shires and The Voice winner, singer-songwriter Ruti. We certainly weren't disappointed! It was an exceptionally well organised and amazing event, full of fantastic performances from the children and of course numerous professional singers. The children

were absolutely tremendous throughout the day and after speaking to Year 2, it appears that we will have many keen Young Voices choir members to pick from once again next year. Well done to everyone involved in making the event so spectacular!

Dove Valley Hockey Champions

Shobnall Primary & Nursery School helped organise the Dove Valley Hockey tournament down at Shobnall Leisure Complex on Friday. After a long week of SATs, this was a real treat for Year 6, and there were also Year 3, 4 and 5 children that took part with around 30 children from our school participating. All of the teams played some exceptionally good hockey, using the knowledge and skills they have learnt in PE and during extra-curricular clubs. The final was really tight but our team came away victorious and managed to win overall! Well done on a great result and many thanks to Mrs Welch for providing some first class coaching!



Tickets are still on sale for our forthcoming PFA Midsummer Movie Night on Tuesday 24 May. They can be purchased at the key stage 2 playground entrance every morning from 8.45am (please look out for the sign!) and after school. They are priced at £3.50, which includes the film, a drink and some sweets. Additional snacks will be available to purchase on the night (i.e. crisps, popcorn), so the children are allowed to bring in a small amount of spending money on the day if they would like to do this. Pick up will be from your child's usual gate at 5.15pm.



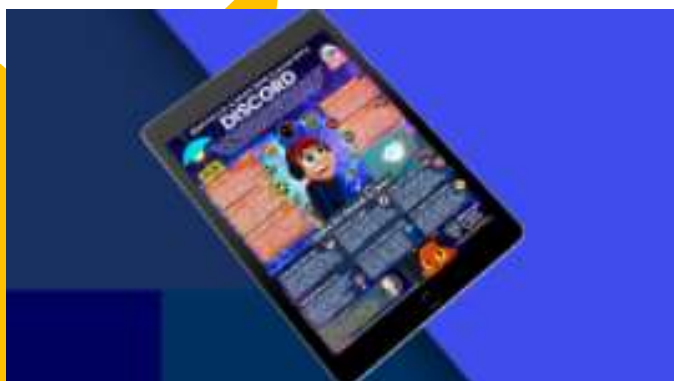
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Thank you once again to everyone for supporting the PFA – your time and fundraising really does make a difference to the children of our school!

Online Safety Tips

Discord is a free app which allows users to communicate in real time via text, video or voice chat. Available on desktop and mobile devices, it was originally designed to help gamers cooperate – but has evolved into a more general networking platform for a range of online communities, discussing topics like TV series, music, Web3 and more. Discord is organised around closed groups, referred to as 'servers'.



To join a server, users must be invited or provided with a unique link. It's a space for users to interact with friends, meet others with shared interests and collaborate in private online — but it's also a place where young people can be exposed to risks if the right precautions aren't taken.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as cyberbullying, predators and inappropriate content.

School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*, which continues! There is a box situated just by the main school office 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 and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.



Hot Lunch Options – 23 May – 27 May 2022

Next week is **The Big Jubilee Lunch** and Mrs Inger is shaking up the school menu for the *whole* week, culminating in a traditional tea party on Friday 27 May. She will be cooking all the classic favourites over the course of the week! Please see the menu below...

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Monday 60s School Dinner	Cottage Pie	Italian Baked Fish	Cheese Flan
Tuesday British Banger Day	Pork Sausage & Mash	Quorn Sausage & Mash	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans
Wednesday Traditional Roast Day	Turkey, Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Roast, Stuffing & Gravy	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans
Thursday Seaside Special	Fish & Chips	Quorn Nuggets & Chips	-
Friday Jubilee Tea Party	Sandwich (Cheese, Ham or Tuna), Drink, Cake, Pizza, Sausage Roll (Pork or Cheese & Onion) & Crisps		

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

Nursery

The children have had a very busy week in Nursery learning all about farm animals, in preparation for our trip next week! We have also been exploring the properties of 3D shapes and have been sending 'mini mes' down a ramp, attached to a 3D shape. The children used some wonderful vocabulary, such as slide, roll, curved and flat. We also had a visit from a dentist and learnt all about how to brush and care for our teeth. Thank you Mrs Wan for helping to organise this wonderful learning opportunity for our children!

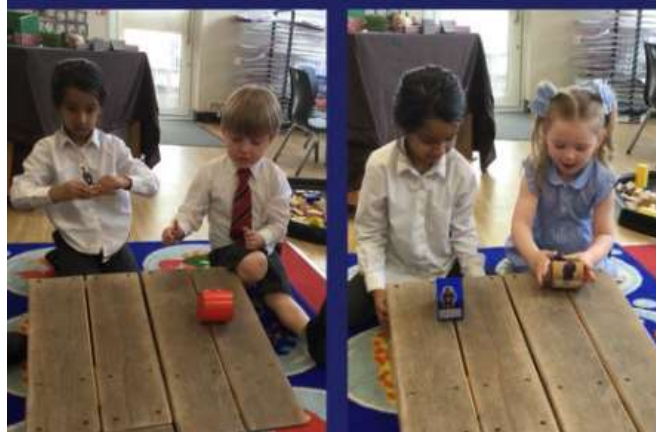


Reception

The Reception children began the week learning about Queen Elizabeth II. They were very excited to carry out their own research using iPads and books and were surprised by some of their findings-

"You need to throw a party for The Queen because she has been sitting on the crown for 70 years!"- Reggie

"All of the swans are The Queen's pets"- Rupert



"The Queen goes to different countries to be The Queen."- Charlotte

"The Queen has four dogs and one is called Candy."- Ava

The children have also explored the question, what makes a good Queen? They are extremely excited to learn more about the Queen and carry out some exciting activities next week as we celebrate the fantastic Jubilee!

On Tuesday the children showed their creativeness when using art to respond to the orchestral interlude "*Flight of the Bumblebee*" written by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov.

Bees continued to be a focus both at Forest School on Thursday when children used wood cookies to design their own bees. On Friday to celebrate World Bee Day, they enjoyed spreading honey on crackers and the majority agreed they were very tasty indeed!

We were also lucky enough to have a visit from our dental expert Mrs Wan, who talked to the children about the importance of taking care of their teeth.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a brilliant week! In English they have been exploring the story, 'The Snail and the Whale.' This week they have been tasked to create their own story, combining it with their learning in History. The children are planning their exciting story of, 'The Snail and the Whale' with the famous Christopher Columbus. I am very excited to see which direction each story goes. In Maths this week we have continued our learning in halves and quarters. The children have really enjoyed this topic as they have been able to use lots of resources, especially practising their folding of paper. In topic this week, we have been focusing on History. The children have been learning about the famous voyage of Christopher Columbus. The children have also been practising their phonics in any spare moment and they are all trying very hard. Well done Year 1, keep up the hard work.



Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant week this week! In Maths, the children have continued their learning on telling the time. Although some times are trickier to read than others, all the children are becoming confident in reading the clock which is fantastic. In English, Year 2 have been looking at diary entries....the children were pondering what interesting day they could write about, but luckily Miss Martin-Mills had a very special visitor who came to the rescue....Freya, her 4 year old Chocolate Labrador! The children had a fantastic day on Wednesday taking Freya on a walk to Shobnall Fields. In class, Freya pottered around the room throughout lessons, slept under tables, sat on children's feet and



had lots of cuddles at playtime. This gave Year 2 ample to write about and they are excited to have her in class again soon. Freya seemed to become somewhat of a celebrity throughout the day and even spent some time in Positive Play with Mrs Johnston making children happy and calm. In History, the children have learnt about Marie Curie and wrote some brilliant fact files about her life and work. Keep up the great work Year 2!

Year 3

This week in Year 3, the children have continued learning about formal letters in their English lessons. We are preparing to write a letter to Queen Elizabeth II to congratulate her on her Platinum Jubilee. The children have conducted their own research to find out information about Her Majesty to inform their letter writing. In Maths, we have continued learning about fractions. The children have been comparing and ordering unit fractions with the same denominator. In our Geography lessons, the children have been learning about the water cycle and we even made up a dance to help us remember each stage. The children then revisited our previous learning about information texts and wrote a fascinating non-chronological report about the water cycle. Another great week Year 3.



Year 4

We have had an excellent week in Year 4. At the start of the week, all the children presented their Egyptian projects, and I am so proud of all the hard work and dedication that everyone has put into creating them. From board games to human sized mummies the children have done a wonderful job. In Maths, we have continued to learn about decimals and this week have focused on how we order decimals in ascending and descending order and how to round decimals. Across the curriculum, we have been continued to study our history unit looking at the Ancient Egyptians where the children have been investigating what Egyptian houses were like compared to other eras that we have studied previously. Finally, the children have been practising their class assembly all about the Ancient Egyptians and we cannot wait to show you next

week! A superb week Year 4!

Year 5

Another super week for Year 5! The children have been writing poems about the topic 'This is me!' The children have been able to be very creative with their vocabulary and figurative language. Forest School has been wonderful this week. Miss Lord arranged lots of wonderful activities which the children really enjoyed. The children have started learning about Early Islamic Civilization this week, ready for their class assembly on Wednesday 25 May.





Year 6

Year 6 have had a great week and have enjoyed getting stuck into many different subjects across the curriculum. Within English lessons, the pupils have been considering UK parliament and issues that concern them, before beginning to write a letter to their local MP. We have started to learn to tell the time in French, using clear pronunciation in role play activities. In history, the children have

started a new topic, learning all about the Ancient Greeks and this week have placed key events on a timeline.

Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 9+...

Stealth: Access Denied

Written by Jason Rohan

It's an ordinary day at school for friends Arun and Sam, until class rebel Donna informs them that there are plain clothes police at Arun's house. Bunking off, the three check it out and a day of revelations for Arun follows: his dad is not the mild-mannered banker he seems, but the genius inventor behind MANDROID, a machine designed to be undetectable and run search and rescue operations, but which, in the wrong hands, could become an undetectable means of delivering weapons of mass destruction to an enemy's capital.



When his dad is kidnapped, the three kids set out to rescue him and prevent his kidnappers from getting away with MANDROID too. They turn out to be a much more effective team than 'the feds' as Donna calls the forces of law and order, staying one step ahead of goodies and baddies alike through a combination of intelligence, quick-thinking, and simply being kids (who's going to suspect three year 7s?) Set over the course of just 13 hours, the action is inventive and non-stop, full of car chases, shoot outs, explosions and a final death-defying escape that will have everyone hanging on to the edge of their seats. It's great fun and just the first in a series that promises more explosive action.

Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Rupert C	Noah H
Year 1	Lottie D	Olivia K
Year 2	Jonah M-Y	Lewis L
Year 3	Paige L	Nell T
Year 4	Maheen F	Freddy C
Year 5	Rosie E	Zoya H
Year 6	Amina K	Millie D

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Reggie P
Year 1	Kailen S
Year 2	Oliver M
Year 3	Paige L
Year 4	Hafsa U
Year 5	Sophia R
Year 6	Finley D

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (<i>Week Ending 20.05.22</i>)	57	110	58	96
Position	4 th – 1 point	1 st – 4 points	3 rd – 2 points	2 nd – 3 points

Running Total	13	7	8	12
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Summer Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
PFA Midsummer Film Night	Tuesday 24 th May 2022, 3.30pm – 5.15pm
Year 5 Class Assembly	Wednesday 25 th May 2022, 9.15am
Year 4 Class Assembly	Thursday 26 th May 2022, 9.15am
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration	Friday 27 th May 2022
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 27 th May 2022
INSET Day	Monday 6 th June 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 7 th June 2022
New Parents Meeting for Nursery & Reception Parents	Thursday 9 th June 2022
Father's Day Lunches – Reception	Monday 13 th June 2022
Father's Day Lunches – Year 1	Tuesday 14 th June 2022
Father's Day Lunches – Year 2	Wednesday 15 th June 2022
Father's Day Lunches – Year 3 & Year 4	Thursday 16 th June 2022
Father's Day Lunches – Year 5 & Year 6	Friday 17 th June 2022
Sports Day	Monday 20 th June 2022
Reserve Sports Day	Wednesday 22 nd June 2022
Year 4, 5 & 6 Brewhouse Performance – Robin Hood	Thursday 30 th June 2022
Non-Uniform Day	Friday 1 st July 2022
PFA Summer Bingo	Wednesday 6 th July 2022
JTMAT INSET Day – School Closed	Friday 8 th July 2022
Nursery Graduation	Tuesday 19 th July 2022
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 20 th July 2022

Diary Dates 2021-2022

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations!	Friday 27 th May 2022
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