



# SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"In a gentle way, you can shake the world."*

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to have had some warmer weather this week! The children have experienced such an incredible time in school, and it really has been a fitting way to end the first half of the summer term. They've enjoyed playing out on the school field and spending more time outdoors in the sunshine, which is great for their wellbeing! You can read about what has been happening in school in the 'Shobnall Showcase' further on in the newsletter!



As we are now creeping ever closer to the summer, please don't forget to send your child to school with suncream on and sunhats when we are due to have a particularly hot day. Many thanks for your support with this.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very happy half-term! Please note that school is due to re-open on **Monday 5 June**. Also, don't forget to scroll down to the diary dates at the end of the newsletter too to check what is happening in school during next half-term and beyond!

From everyone in school, we wish you a very happy and enjoyable half-term!

## **Good News for Mrs Frend!**

It was just over a week ago that we were sending Mrs Frend our best wishes as she started her Maternity Leave. Well, her baby didn't wait very long at all to make an appearance, so Mrs Frend timed this perfectly! You will all be very pleased to hear that last Thursday, 18 May, she gave birth to a very healthy baby girl at 7.20am! Amelia was early but weighed in at 8lb 3oz! We send our warmest wishes and congratulations to Mrs Frend and her husband, and we can't wait to meet the baby very soon!



## **Sports Day – Monday 19 June 2023**

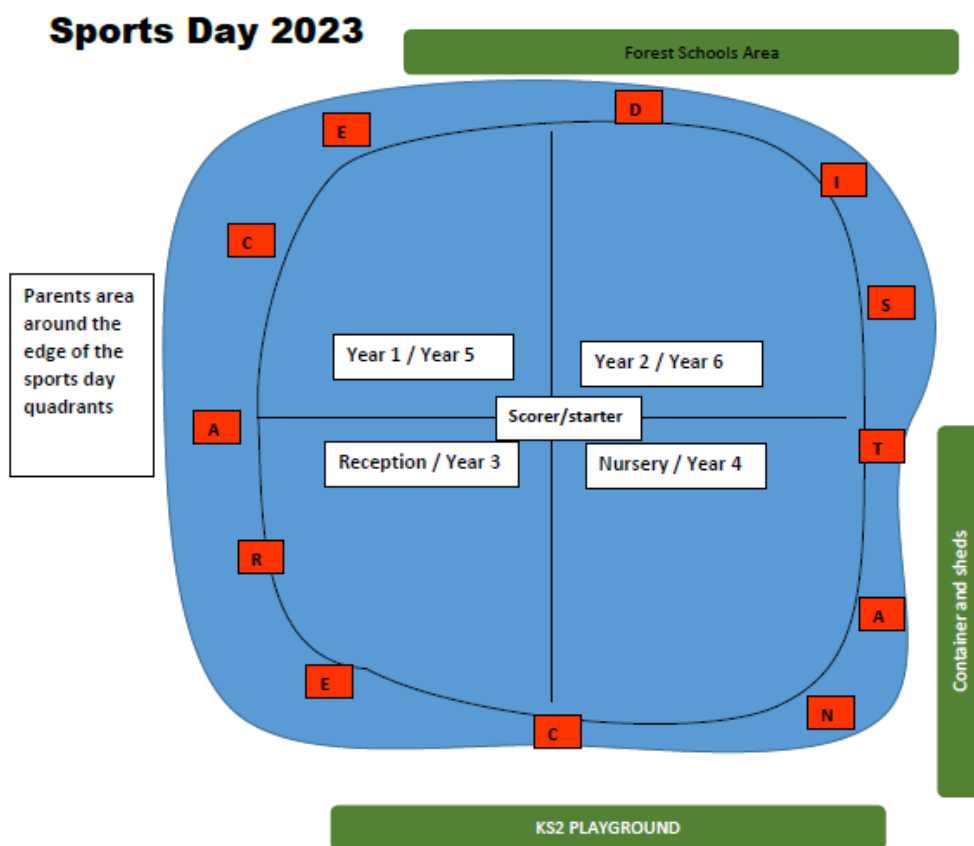
With Sports Day scheduled to take place on **Monday 19 June 2023**, we wanted to share with you our plans for the event which you are all invited to. If necessary, the reserve date is Wednesday 21 June 2023.

To ensure for a fully inclusive event, the children will be competing in a range of challenges within their own class zone (see plan below). This worked so well last year, and the children loved it! They will be participating in a carousel of track and field events in their zones, allowing parents to spectate from around the edge. Due to the organisation, **EYFS/KS1** will compete in the **morning**, starting at **9.15am** and **KS2** will compete in the **afternoon**, starting at **1.15pm**. At the end of each session, we will total up

the team points, announcing the overall winning house at the end of the day on Twitter. Some other points to note are:

- The PFA are running a barbeque at both events, so please bring some cash if you would like to purchase any drinks or snacks.
- Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a high number of chairs, so you are more than welcome to bring your own to sit on.
- Please could ALL children come appropriately dressed in their PE kit on the day. Please see <https://shobnallprimaryschool.co.uk/school-uniform/> if you need further guidance.
- Please could ALL children ensure they have their water bottles in school with them on the day. If the weather is especially warm, sunhats are an essential as is coming to school with sun cream on.

Many thanks to Mrs Welch and Mr Attwood for organising this event, and we look forward to seeing you there for a great day of sporting competition. Many thanks for your support.



## Whitsun

The Spring Bank Holiday, or otherwise known as late May Bank Holiday is a nice day off work and school for most people in the UK, and it falls on the last Monday of the month of May. Here are some facts about this public holiday:

- ★ The Spring Bank Holiday used to be on the Monday after Pentecost, otherwise known as Whitsun or Whit Monday. This was a holiday in the Christian calendar which is a moving feast determined by the date of Easter. This is still a holiday in over 30 countries around the world.



- ★ Until 1967, Whit Monday (which the date shifted year on year) was a formal Bank Holiday in the UK. In 1971 however after a trial period it was shifted to fall on the last Monday of May every year and to be called the Spring Bank Holiday. It's not known why this changed but it might have been in order to cease confusion.
- ★ While most will take a trip, go for a walk, or catch up with friends, others around the country will participate in some strange customs. On this day every year, people race down a steep hill following a large round cheese on Cooper's Hill in Brockworth, Gloucestershire, and the first person to cross the finishing line wins a Double Gloucester cheese weighing about 8lbs. In Endon in Staffordshire, the villagers dress their well, hold a village celebration and crown a girl as the Well Dressing Queen. Local men hold a competition, known as 'Tossing the Sheaf', in which they compete to see who can toss a bale of straw the highest. In other places, boats are blessed, Morris dancers put on displays and local festivals are held.
- ★ Since becoming a Bank Holiday in 1971, the official legislation did not and still does not specify a name for the holiday, merely when it occurs i.e. last Monday of May. While most people call it Spring Bank Holiday, it's also known as Late May Bank Holiday, and Summer Half Term Bank Holiday.



### Community Safety Flash

This community safety flash (see attachments at the end of the newsletter focuses on how to contact emergency services for those who are deaf or hard of hearing. A fire safety advice booklet has been included and a link to a fire safety video with sign language is included in the 999 BSL attachment.

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue offer support and guidance through our Community Advice Team Monday – Friday 8am to 5pm either on 0800 0241 999 or [communityadviceteam@staffordshire.fire.gov](mailto:communityadviceteam@staffordshire.fire.gov)

### Nursery Places Available for September!

We do still have a few places left in our Nursery setting for September, so please 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.



### FREE Uniform!



Remember, we have FREE uniform that is available for anyone who needs it, via our donation service. There is a box situated outside the school office for any parents who have old items that 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, collating and distributing this. If you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact her via [amyroobottom@outlook.com](mailto:amyroobottom@outlook.com).

## Calculate Your Footprint

This week's sustainability tip is all about understanding and reducing our carbon footprint.

Take a moment to calculate your personal carbon emissions **using this handy online calculator**. It's quick, easy, and eye-opening! Knowing your carbon footprint is the first step towards making positive changes. Discover how your daily choices contribute to climate change and where you can make small changes to reduce your footprint.



## Online Safety Tips



The concept of influencers is hardly a new one. Through newspaper columns and TV spots, we've long been accustomed to hearing informed opinion from, say, Martin Lewis on money, Nigella Lawson on food or Mark Kermode on cinema.

How the digital revolution has changed the game, however, is by providing a plethora of platforms from which literally anyone can have their say.

Online, you'll find hordes of people holding forth on any number of topics: gaming, beauty, travel, fashion, fitness ... virtually anything you can think of. What qualifies them as 'experts', however? Is it safe for young people to consume the oceans of content that they generate?

Our guide brings you the essential info on the influencer phenomenon.

## Hot Lunch Options – 5 to 9 June 2023

W/c 5 June 2023

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN DISH</b>	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Beef Lasagne & garlic bread	Roast chicken with mash potato & gravy	Pork Meatballs with Pasta	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
<b>VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH</b>	Vegetable Quiche with baked potato wedges	Quorn Lasagne & garlic bread	Quorn fillet, with mash potato & gravy	Vegetarian Meatballs with Pasta	Cheese & bean bake with chunky chips
<b>ACCOMPANIMENTS</b> 5 5 5	Corn on the cob & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & cauliflower Salad bar	Carrots & parsnips Salad bar	Roasted Vegetables Salad Bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
<b>DESSERTS</b>	5 Bananas & custard	Pb Ginger biscuit	Chocolate & orange muffins	Fruit Sponge & custard	Chocolate Brownie
<b>FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT</b>	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
<b>JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION</b>	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

Try something NEW today... Variety is key to a healthy diet.

**MENU** *Mellow*

KEY 5 - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY MEAT FREE - MEAT-FREE MONDAY - CHEF'S CHOICE Pb - PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)

# 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 been learning all about dinosaurs. The children have enjoyed finding out information about dinosaurs through looking on the internet, in books, play figures and sharing their own knowledge. On Wednesday, we had listened lots to the dinosaur song, 'The Brontosaurus Stomp' and the children did a fantastic job at creating music to accompany it. They also showed brilliant creativity by making a dinosaur skeleton using pasta and coloured sticks. What a fantastic end to another half term in Nursery!



### Reception

The reception children began the week learning about their favourite minibeast. They were very excited to carry out their own research using iPads and books and were surprised by some of their findings.

On Tuesday afternoon, the reception children were joined by parents and family members to help make a costume, ready for their Ugly Bug Ball! It was fabulous that so many of you were able to support this - thank you! There was lots of fun and team work as the children got busy being creative and the results were fantastic!



On Thursday afternoon, the children had a fantastic time at their Ugly Bug Ball! They all enjoyed wearing their costumes and singing songs as they marched down to the forest. They all had a great time searching high and low for bugs using the clues given. It was a fun packed afternoon with lots of dancing and singing. I can hardly believe the children only have one term left in Reception - they really are all superstars!

### Year 1

Year 1 have been busy learning about position and direction in Maths this week. In English we have started a new topic on the lifecycle of a sunflower. They have planted their own sunflower and looked at new vocabulary for the topic. We have been excited to start our new DT topic where we will be making puppets based on Little Red Riding Hood. We have designed our puppets and explored joining techniques such as gluing, pinning and stapling. Have a lovely half-term, Year 1!

### Year 2

It has been another superb week for Year 2. In Maths, the children have continued their learning on fractions – they have learnt about unit and non-unit fractions, as well as finding the whole when a fraction of an amount is given. In English, all the children have worked exceptionally hard on writing a set of instructions about how to raise frogs from frogspawn. As the Year 2 children were experts at this already,

writing the instructions came very easily and they were able to include adverbs, time adverbials and noun phrases to make sure that their instructions were informative and exciting to read. On Tuesday afternoon, Year 2 had the pleasure of attending a multi-skills tournament at John Taylor High School. All of the children had a fantastic time completing a range of activities, including football, tag-rugby and a beanbag-toss. The most exciting part of the afternoon was an appearance from Spiderman who encouraged all the children to take part and provided music to keep us all motivated!

### Year 3



What a week Year 3 have had! We have been learning about the importance of orienteering as part of our new English unit, 'The Mystery Rucksack'. The children thoroughly enjoyed completing the obstacle course blindfolded and now understand the importance of giving specific directions. In Science, the children have been learning all about the importance of muscles and how they help our skeletons move. As part of the lesson, the children created their own muscle model which showed how our biceps and triceps work. On Thursday, the children enjoyed an art day. They started off by creating a viewfinder to develop their sketching skills of plants. They then learnt about different types of printing for example, mono, transfer and block. In

order to create their mono print, the children went into our local area and collected a range of leaves in which they later used printing ink to print. The children then created their block prints by using cardboard and string as well as carving their design into the polystyrene tile. We cannot wait to see the finished results! Well done, Year 3!

### Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic final week of the half term. In maths, we have started our new unit on money and have been converting between pounds and pence. In English, the children have written their formal letter, as though they have been travelling the world! In history, we have had a brilliant debate on the mysteries surrounding King Tutankhamun! The children really enjoyed looking at all the facts and then finally deciding for themselves on his cause of death. Furthermore, we have continued with our computing unit for this half term looking at photo editing and I have been blown away with the amount of knowledge the children already know about this! Finally, I have conducted a practise multiplication check with all the children, and they have done amazingly well! Keep up the good work year 4, keep practising those timetables and have a wonderful half term!

### Year 5

An amazing final forest school this week for year 5. They have thoroughly enjoyed it and Mrs Martin has organised so many wonderful activities.

In Science, the children have been investigating growth, and looking into whether older people have bigger hand spans.

The children have been considering how the choice of words/phrases in their writing can have a greater impact on the reader - creating a visual picture. They've written their own poems including personification and similes and discussed how expanded noun phrases can have enough syllables to be a whole line in their haiku poems.



In Maths, we have discussed different strategies for calculating perimeter and area of shapes. The children have shared their ideas and considered which strategies are the most efficient in arriving at the answer.

Our history topic, Early Islamic Civilisation, has given the children time to consider why Baghdad was located in such a great place to be influential in the world. They've looked at farming, trade, the Silk Road and why the House of Wisdom was such a great place for scholars.

The children have used their 'AND' and 'OR' understanding in computing to search more efficiently through a database about the passengers on the Titanic. They've found information from over 1,300 individual records by streamlining their search criteria.

Year 5 have worked incredibly hard this term and ready for their week of rest!

## Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have been busy writing our biographies on a monarch of our choosing. There have been some fabulous facts that have been researched. I cannot wait to see the finished product. In maths we have been continuing with problem solving involving a range of topics. In R.E we have considered how our motivation and passion towards something effects our actions and considered how Muslims try to lead a good life. We had a music lesson which focused on creating a bassline using a glockenspiel to 'lock in' with the drum patterns we created a few weeks ago. We revised a kick drum, snare drum and hi hat and how they make up the drum kit. We then used the pentatonic scale (C- D- E- G- A) to create our bassline, ensuring we started on note C to fit with the kick drum. Overall, a great week!

## Reading Corner

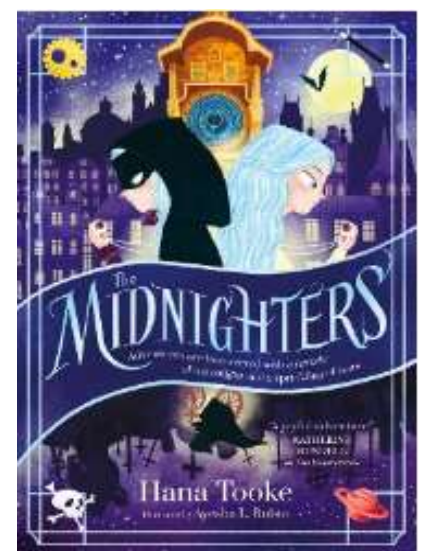
This week's recommended read is for children aged 9+

### The Midnighters

*Written by Hana Tooke*

Ema Vašková belongs to a family of famous scientists and yet she appears to have the very unscientific ability to predict events, but she is never allowed to talk about this. When she is sent to stay with her eccentric uncle in Prague, she fears she'll lose the chance to ever fit in and become a true scientist like her beloved older siblings. But there she meets the mysterious Silvie and soon the girls are meeting for secret midnight adventures aimed at conquering Ema's fears.

When Silvie disappears it's up to Ema to find her with the only clue pointing to the mysterious Midnight Guild. Ema proves herself to be both



resourceful and brave and she needs to be. It seems that Silvie has been on a quest to find a murderer and that Ema will discover more about her family history and her own abilities as well as save her friend. Ema is a really engaging heroine and this is an assured, inventive and original fantasy, populated with fascinating, and occasionally macabre, characters with which to follow Tooke's acclaimed debut *The Unadoptables* and likely to prove just as popular.

### Head Teacher's Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Hassan A	Sofia K
<b>Year 1</b>	Obeydullah H	Angel M
<b>Year 2</b>	Millicent M-B	Baaqir A
<b>Year 3</b>	Momina R	Rosie T
<b>Year 4</b>	Innayah K	Deivids K
<b>Year 5</b>	Ettie D	Joseph W
<b>Year 6</b>	Elise K	Ben B

### Lunchtime Star Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Arthur H
<b>Year 1</b>	Peta O
<b>Year 2</b>	Thea K
<b>Year 3</b>	Afrah M
<b>Year 4</b>	Ellie W
<b>Year 5</b>	Freya B
<b>Year 6</b>	Kaden P

### Attendance

This week's Attendance Champions are **Reception!** Well done! Here are the figures for this week...

<b>Reception</b>	100%	<b>Target</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	96.7%	96%
<b>Year 2</b>	98.0%	
<b>Year 3</b>	94.7%	
<b>Year 4</b>	92.8%	<b>Overall (to date)</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	96.2%	95.4%
<b>Year 6</b>	94.5%	
<b>Overall</b>	<b>96.1%</b>	

### Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points ( <i>Week Ending 26.05.23</i> )	172	99	72	89
Position	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 points	4 <sup>th</sup> – 1 point	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 2 points
Running Total	15	14	19	15

### Team Point Champions

Congratulations to **Sinai**, who have successfully won the team point challenge for this half term! As a reward, they can wear non-school uniform (ideally something **yellow**) on Friday 9 June 2023.

### Summer Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023
New Parents Meeting for Nursery & Reception Parents	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Year 5 Class Assembly	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Year 1 Phonics Screening	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Father's Day Lunches – Reception	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Father's Day Lunches – Year 1	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2023



Father's Day Lunches – Year 2	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Father's Day Lunches – Year 3	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Reception Class Assembly	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Father's Day Lunches – Year 4	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Year 1 Trip to Ash End Farm	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Sports Day – EYFS/KS1 AM & KS2 PM	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Father's Day Lunches – Year 5	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Father's Day Lunches – Year 6	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Reserve Sports Day – EYFS/KS1 AM & KS2 PM	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2023
Year 3 Class Assembly	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023
Year 4 Class Assembly	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Year 1 Class Assembly	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Year 3/4 Trip to Twycross Zoo	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
<b>JTMAT INSET Day – School Closed</b>	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Year 4, 5 & 6 Brewhouse Performance – Peter Pan	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Nursery Graduation	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
School Closes for Summer	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023
<b>INSET Day</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
<b>INSET Day</b>	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2023



