

SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor."

Dear Parents/Carers.

I would like to formally welcome you back after the half-term break! I hope you managed to spend some quality time with your families and have had a restful and relaxing week. The children have settled well into their routines again and are putting the finishing touches to some of the work each class will be displaying at our Open Evening on Wednesday 9 November 2022. Please do try and pop along between 4.30pm and 6.00pm for an opportunity to see the work that all classes have been creating along with a chance to speak to all staff informally. I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all families to take extra care on their journey to and from school as we are now approaching the winter. The dark mornings and dark nights are upon us and it is



imperative to remember, especially with Shobnall Road being so busy, that you need to be seen to be safe!



The PFA would like to express a HUGE "thank you" to everyone who was able to support our first disco of the year last night! A total profit of £242.17 was raised, which is remarkable considering the context of the times in which we're currently living. The team are already working hard on the planning of the next event – the Christmas Market! If you would like to get involved, there is a meeting scheduled for **Thursday 10 November 2022** at **3.30pm** in the Year 6 Classroom. Please come along if you would like to get involved! You will see from the diary dates at the end of the newsletter that we have many events planned over the course of this half-term. Please make a note of these on your own calendars as we love to see as many of you as possible!

Whatever it is you have planned for the weekend, we hope that you are able to rest, relax and spend quality time together as families. Enjoy!

Shobnall PFA Christmas Market – Friday 2 December 2022, 3.30 – 6.00pm

As you will be aware, the PFA are meeting next week to discuss the organisation of this year's Christmas Market. A separate letter will be issued in due course outlining the plans and requests in more detail but in the interim, the PFA wish to outline a few requests for help in preparation for the event.

The PFA will be running a 'street food' stall at the Christmas Market. If you are able to donate any cakes or Asian food, the PFA would be very grateful if this could be labelled with ingredients to

support those with allergies. Also, if possible, please could you indicate if it is suitable for vegetarians or not? They ask that these are donated on the morning of the Market, so that all food products are as fresh as possible and will ensure that any containers are returned to you the following week via your child. Also, you are more than welcome to bring your own containers along to the event should you wish to have a 'takeaway' option!

If you have any unwanted items for the bric-a-brac stall (i.e. toys, books, games etc.) that are in good condition, the PFA



are happy to start accepting these donations in school from next week, beginning 7 November 2022. They would also like to ask for any outgrown or unwanted children's clothes that are in good condition, as they will also be running a second hand children's clothing stall.

The PFA would like to thank you in advance for your support with all their requests and for your attendance at the Market! More information will follow in the forthcoming weeks.



Kate Kniveton Christmas Card Competition!

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Burton Rugby Club

We are delighted that Burton Rugby Club is coming into Shobnall Primary & Nursery School to run two after school clubs on 8 and 15 November, 3.30 -4.30pm. The club is open to Years 4 to 6, with the aim being to promote girl's rugby, although boys are welcome to request a place. Your child should have received a letter about the club.

Mrs Knight and Mrs Johnston are the Team Managers for the Under 12s Girls Rugby at Burton Rugby Club, so please approach them if you have any questions you wish to ask.





As many pictures as possible from all entries received will be published on Kate's website and social media for all her constituents to enjoy. You may remember that one of our pupils was selected as a runner-up last year, so it would be fabulous if one of our pupils were chosen as the winner this year!

In order to enter, Kate has outlined a few rules that entries must comply with:

- Entries must be A4 and coloured in pencil, pen or paint (no glitter!)
- Entrants must live in or attend school in the Burton and Uttoxeter constituency and have been born on or after 1 September 2011.

- Please send your design to Kate Kniveton MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA with your name, address, school year and school clearly marked.
- Please also provide an email address for your school or parent/carer.
- All entries must arrive by 21 November 2022.

Please email <u>kate.kniveton.mp@parliament.uk</u> for any further details and please note that no taxpayer's money will be used in the production of this Christmas card. We hope that many of our pupils are able to enter!

NHS School Nurse Virtual Drop in Clinics

The NHS School Nursing Team are holding virtual drop-ins for both young people and parents and carers, every Thursday between 3.30 and 4.30pm. You can join via the QR code or by the link on the posters attached to the newsletter. On joining, you will go into a virtual waiting room and school nurse will then see you in turn. Anyone can also contact the team via the hub or by text on 07520 615722.



Bonfire Night Celebrations!

Whether you are celebrating at home or at a larger event, remember to wrap up warm, stay safe and, most of all, enjoy the rustling of the leaves beneath your feet as the fireworks sound from above, in the smoky cold autumn air. If extravagance isn't your thing, then a simple sparkler wouldn't go a miss!

Please click on the link below, which will take you to the Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service's website for more information on how to stay safe at any Bonfire Night celebrations you may be holding or attending:

https://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/safety-at-home/bonfire-night-safety/

Remember, remember the fifth of November...but not a lot else about bonfire night? These 10 facts will make sure your knowledge is up to scratch, so that in between the whizzes, pops and bangs you can impress (or annoy) all your friends.

- The Gunpowder Plot of 1605 was meant to kill the Protestant King, James I and replace him with a Catholic Queen.
- It was actually Warwickshireborn Robert Catesby who led the Gunpowder Plot, not Guy Fawkes. There were also 13 other people involved.
- The job Guy Fawkes had in the Gunpowder Plot was to guard the 36 barrels of gunpowder that had been placed in a basement underneath the House of Lords.



- The alarm was raised after an anonymous letter was sent to Lord Monteagle, warning him to stay away from the House of Lords.
- Explosives expert Fawkes, who had been left in a cellar to set off the fuse, was subsequently
 caught when a group of guards discovered him at the last moment on the 5th November. He was
 then taken to the Tower of London.
- As he awaited his grisly punishment on the gallows, Fawkes leapt to his death to avoid the horrors
 of torture that awaited him. He died from a broken neck.
- King James I announced that the 5th November should be the day that people always celebrate that the Gunpowder Plot didn't happen.
- The cellar that Fawkes and the gunpowder plotters used was damaged in 1834 by fire. When the Palace of Westminster was rebuilt in the 19th century, the infamous cellar was destroyed.
- St. Peters school in York is the only place in England that does not celebrate bonfire night as a show of respect for their former pupil, Guy Fawkes.
- The Houses of Parliament are still searched by the Yeoman of the Guards before the state opening (where the reigning Monarch visits parliament each year) held in November. It is ceremonial rather than serious and is performed with lanterns.



Reception Application Process

The application process for a reception place for September 2023 opened on 1 November 2022.

The easiest way for parents to apply is online. Further information can be found on the <u>Staffordshire County Council website</u>. The closing date is **15 January 2023**. Please ask at the school office if you would like a copy of the letter informing parents about the process.

If you are interested in applying for a place in our own reception class for

September 2023, remember that we are holding an **Open Evening** on **Wednesday 9 November 2022**, **4.30pm to 6.00pm**. This is a great opportunity to meet the staff and see for yourselves all that our setting has to offer! We would also like to encourage existing parents to visit too and see some of the wonderful things that are happening! We look forward to seeing you there!



Have a sustainable Bonfire Night

This week's tip of the week will help ensure you have a sustainable Bonfire Night. Here's what advice we have received:

- Go to a public display to minimise the impact of multiple bonfires and a scattering of personal fireworks displays, go to a public display check out events in Staffordshire.
- Avoid sky lanterns parts of sky lanterns can take more than a year to completely biodegrade

and are a big danger to wildlife, so avoid if you can.

- Go firework free the most sustainable way to celebrate is to not use fireworks at all but if you need your fix, opt for sparklers they have low impact on air quality and give the desired sparkle.
- True colours to make the vibrant colours in fireworks, lots of harmful toxins are used. If you are having a private display, opt for white fireworks which contain fewer chemicals.
- Burn the right materials in bonfires don't burn furniture or household rubbish as it can cause pollution and harm health. You can take most of your unwanted waste to your local home-waste-recycling-centre.
- Keep it clean if you see fallen debris at your own firework display or at a public display, once it has cooled down, put it in the bin to keep greenery clean and safe.

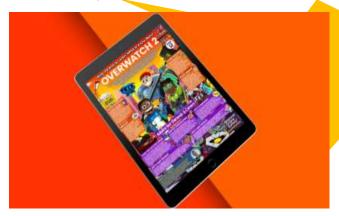


School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*, which will continue this year! There is a box situated by the gate on the school car park 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-itmat.co.uk and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.



Online Safety Tips



A long-awaited sequel to 2016's massively successful Overwatch, this is a futuristic shooting game with a focus on teamwork and strategy which gives it an extra dimension to the majority of titles in the genre. Its cast of characters is diverse and memorable, while there's a definite (and rewarding) learning curve to players improving their skill. Created by established developers Blizzard Entertainment, Overwatch 2 is free to play, with an emphasis on competitive multiplayer action — meaning that children may want to play the game

even more simply because their friends have it. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as violent gameplay, in-game purchases and voice chat.

Hot Lunch Options - 7 to 11 November 2022

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Naan with Baked Potato Wedges	All Day Breakfast	Roast chicken with creamy mash potato & gravy	Chicken 8 tomato pasta bake	Crispy battered fish 8 chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Vegetable tikka masala with 50/50 rice	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast	Quorn fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Vegetable 6 bean chilli with 50/50 rice	Quom TM nuggets with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Peas & broccoli Salad bar	Roasted vegetables Salad bar	Green beans 8 cabbage Salad bar	Corn on the cob 6 carrots Salad bar	Peas 8 baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Oaty jam squares	Apple pie with custard	Lemon cake	Sticky toffee pudding with custard	Fresh fruit 8 whip
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghur
JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and	Jacket potato and	Jacket potato and	Jacket potato and

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

Nursery

We have had a lovely and an exciting week back at nursery! The children had a very busy first day back on Monday exploring lots of pumpkins and using their subitising skills to share what they noticed on their pumpkin hunt. The nursery children have also been learning all about Diwali and Dr Sunkara kindly came into nursery and talked to the children about the festival. They have enjoyed designing Diwali lamps, making Diwali cards and making some lovely designs on cut out hands!

In addition, we have been focusing on the book, 'The Life of a Little Plastic Bottle.' The nursery children have been very creative and have been making and designing bird feeders, plant pots, wind mobiles and created their own firework designs. We can't wait to share these at the open evening next week! What a lovely start to the new half term!

Reception

It has been a spooktacular start to the second half of the autumn term for Reception!



The fun began on Monday as the children joined in with various activities linked to Halloween! They were very excited to find the role playhouse set up for the occasion and had fun joining in with trick or treating! Pumpkin carving was a huge favourite and the children especially enjoyed scooping out all of the seeds.

On Wednesday, the children were very interested to learn all about the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and used her 'Autumn Leaves' painting to inspire their own artwork. There was a lot of mixing colours to create autumnal tones and the children carefully used printing techniques to create their own masterpieces.

On Thursday, the children joined in with a variety of activities to celebrate the wonderful Hindu festival of Diwali. They all listened brilliantly to the story of Rama and Sita and had lots of fun recalling this in their own group role plays.

At the end of the week the children explored the significance of Guy Fawkes and shared how to stay safe when attending bonfire displays and handling sparklers.

We also began our exciting science topic on materials and carried out some learning focused on melting. This gave us the opportunity to make chocolate sparklers just in time for Bonfire Night!



Year 1

This week Year 1 have begun completing a full day of formal lessons and we are so proud of how well they are doing. They have really enjoyed the topic learning! This week we have focused on sustainability and have been completing work based on the book 'Is plastic fantastic?' We have had a debate about the advantages and disadvantages of plastic and created some earth and turtle collages from our plastic materials. Well done for a great week!

Year 2

Year 2 have been working extremely hard this week and they have come back from their half-term holidays with a renewed energy! A lot of the children's work this week has been around 'Sustainability' in preparation for our Open Evening next week. Year 2 read the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' and researched the effects of plastic pollution on marine wildlife. The children were shocked by what they had found out and decided that they needed to persuade Mr Adams to have more plastic recycling bins around school. Year 2

worked extremely hard to ensure that their letters were full of facts to support their opinions, as well as some very emotive and persuasive phrases. They can't wait to see Mr Adams' response to see if he will action some of their propositions. In the afternoons, the children have been using recycled materials to create art for the display - it all looks fantastic! Year 2 are now expert recyclers and have a new sense of ridicule for anyone who doesn't recycle plastic...watch out parents!

Year 3

Wow what a week has Year 3 had! We started off the week thinking all about how to be sustainable and the children have created some truly beautiful pieces of work for the open evening. We have been looking at ways how to reduce and reuse things we already have to make something new. The children are thoroughly looking forward to creating their own recycled pen pots next week. In English, the children have written some exceptional persuasive letters to Mr Adams so that we can look into getting compost and recycling bins on the playground so that we can cut down our waste. We have finished off the week

with a geography day. The children have been using atlases and maps to be able to locate all the countries in Europe as well as learning about how mountains and rivers are formed. Well done Year 3 - keep up the hard work.



Year 4

Year 4 have had a wonderful first week back after a restful half term. In Maths, the children have been using the column method to subtract two four-digit numbers with multiple exchanges, which I have been impressed with! English, the children have written a letter explaining the damaging effects that plastic pollution is having on our environment and it has been great to see the children taking a very thoughtful and caring

approach to this topic. Across the curriculum, we have started our Science topic for this half term where we have been identifying the different organs that make up the digestive system! Finally, the children had a fantastic first session down at Forest School! The children made Roman houses made of natural materials and helped Mr Bishop clean out the pond! A fantastic first week back Year 4!

Year 5

Wow! What a packed week of activities year 5 have experienced this week.

We have been very lucky to have a visitor in school this week to talk about self-defence and get the children to practice some martial arts. It was great to see their enthusiasm in trying out different moves and shouting 'lasagne' at the end of each move!



In our focus week, we have been reading our new book 'The Lost Words' and discussing what techniques poets can use in their poems (or spells as the writer likes to call them). The children have been very ambitious in their choice of words and creation of their own similes. We're looking forward to sharing some of these for our Open Evening event next week. The book also contains illustrations for each of the spells and the children were inspired to create their own art pieces using water colours to depict their beautiful owls.

The children had a lively debate in our reading lesson this week, considering how they could present their argument on our themed question about freak shows and their acceptability. They were split into teams based on whether they agreed or disagreed with the statement and had to use evidence to explain their viewpoints.

In Maths, we have continued with our addition and subtraction topic, and the children have applied their understanding to word based problems that involved different steps and calculations along the way.

Encourage your child to use these skills at home and ask them questions such as, how much more would it cost to buy this item over this one?

If you would like to ask your child a question to prompt some discussion at home, ask them what techniques they can use to write their own poems and how these can create a visual picture for the reader. By asking them to explain to family at home, this helps them to retrieve their knowledge and understanding from the learning in school.

Year 6

What a great first week back. On Monday, we started our new topic of short stories in English, looking at a short story called the Lighthouse. On Tuesday, we were very lucky as Mrs Taylor came in to help us with our Art. We recreating loved painting of the 'Battle of Britain' by Paul Nash, 1941. We have worked so hard on this and it is evident through our creations. Wednesday, we were continuing with Hana's suitcase in Reading



and discovered that Hana and George have recently been taken to Theresienstadt, the holding pen before being sent to a concentration camp. Mrs Leedham kindly shared her photos of Auschwitz with us which were very sad to look at. It just put into perspective how awful time was for Jewish people. Towards the end of the week, we have been getting creative for our open evening next Wednesday. Come check out our Sustainability display at 4:30pm next Wednesday.

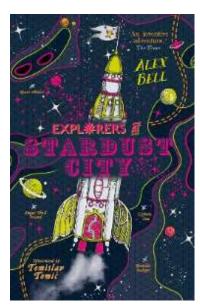
Reading Corner

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

Explorers at Stardust City

Written by Alex Bell

Directly below was a sight none of them had ever seen before - a kind of spiral, with glowing ruby-red lights that curved outwards like tentacles. In the middle was a dark circle, inky black. It had the look of a really, really deep well. Ursula and her friends are in a race against time. The Collector has taken Stella captive, and is hungrily snatching up all the beautiful places of the world in her snow globe prisons. She needs to be stopped, but first they must find her. To aid them in their quest, the explorers seek help from new allies, including a Pirate Queen, with a ghost ship that can defy time and space, and then take to the skies in a galaxy fairy rocket. But their journey is fraught with danger, as the future of the planet hangs in the balance.



Escape into a sensational world filled with space moles, sea goblins and giant sharks, all covered with a sprinkling of moon dust!

Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	EVERYONE!	
Year 1	Ava O	Aleem A
Year 2	Baaqir A	Ava B
Year 3	Aminah A	Inam U
Year 4	Flora P	Angelo M
Year 5	Azaan W-M	Charlotte K
Year 6	Zara I	Musa L

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Aadam A
Year 1	Angel M
Year 2	Layla N
Year 3	Safa Q
Year 4	Bonnie H
Year 5	Oliver O
Year 6	Sophie M

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 04.11.22)	192	131	199	178
Position	2 nd – 3 Points	4 th – 1 Point	1 st – 4 Points	3 rd – 2 Points
Running Total	3	1	4	23

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
Flu Immunisations Reception to Year 6	Tuesday 8 th November 2022
Open Evening	Wednesday 9 th November, 2022 16:30 – 18:00
Odd Socks Day	Monday 14 th November 2022
Year 2 Class Assembly	Thursday 17 th November 2022, 9.15am
Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day	Friday 18 th November 2022
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 30 th November 2022 to Friday 2 nd
	December 2022 Inclusive
Year 6 Class Assembly	Thursday 1 st December 2022, 9.15am
JTMAT Christmas Concert	Thursday 1 st December 2022
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 2 nd December 2022
Christingle	Monday 5 th December 2022
EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 6 th December 2022, 9.15am
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 7 th December 2022, 9.15am
Key Stage 1 Nativity	Thursday 8 th December 2022, 9.15am & 2.15pm
Year 3 Cosy Christmas Celebration	Friday 9 th December 2022, 9.15am
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 14 th December 2022
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Snow White	Thursday 15 th December 2022, 10.00am
and the Seven Dwarfs at Lichfield Garrick	·
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 16 th December 2022

Diary Dates 2022-2023

Event	Date/Time
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 16 th December 2022
INSET Day	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
Young Voices 2023	Friday 13 th January 2023
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 30 th January to Friday 3 rd February 2023
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 17 th February 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 27 th February 2023
School Closes for Easter	Friday 31st March 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 17 th April 2023

May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May 2023
Borough and Parish Elections – School Closed	Thursday 4 th May 2023
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 8 th May 2023 to Friday 12 th May 2023
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 26 th May 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 5 th June 2023
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 7 th July 2023
School Closes for Summer	Friday 21st July 2023
INSET Day	Monday 24 th July 2023
INSET Day	Tuesday 25 th July 2023

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



WHAT ARE THE RISKS

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Advice for Parents & Carers

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USE IT AS INSPIRATION

MATCH SOME GAMEPLAY











