



SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Tomorrow will be a good day."

Dear Parents/Carers,



This week saw the very sad death of Captain Sir Tom Moore who lifted our spirits during the first lockdown by walking laps of his garden to raise almost £33m for NHS charities. After walking the 100th lap, he said: *"For all those people who are finding it difficult at the moment: the sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away."* It is in the spirit of this lovely message that we'd like to share with you all of the wonderful things the staff and children have been doing this week to lift everyone's spirits and support their own and each other's wellbeing. The children have been 'expressing themselves' as part of Children's Mental Health Week and the staff have been engaging in random acts of kindness for each other in school. This has been a wonderful start to February and we begin the weekend feeling a little more uplifted and rejuvenated than we did at the start of the week. Please see the 'Shobnall Showcase' further on in the newsletter, which will tell you a little bit more about what we have been doing!

Whilst on the subject of positivity, we received some incredible news this week! You may have already seen on Twitter that Shobnall Primary School won the Odd Socks Day Competition 2020! We are one of only 25 schools in the country who are invited to perform on Andy and the Odd Socks song for Anti-Bullying Week this year! We are so excited and can't wait to receive more information from Andy about this! A huge well done to all of our children, staff and anti-bullying ambassadors for all their hard work in doing that something a little extra, which has helped us win this amazing prize! This will be something we can all really look forward to after lockdown!



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Oh my goodness we can't believe it! Thanks to all of the hard work of our children and our amazing anti-bullying ambassadors we are one of the winning schools for @andyoddssock new music video! How lucky are we! What a great start to #wellbeingwednesday 🎉🎉



Andy & the Odd Socks @andyoddssock · Feb 2

@FoxHill_Primary @shobnallprimary

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Shobnall Primary,
Burton Upon Trent

We would like to wish all of our families a very relaxing and safe weekend!

Raring2Go

Raring2Go are delighted to be sending you link to their digital Winter issue of the magazine for our area: <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/burtonandashby/winter/>. Unfortunately, they are unable to drop off printed copies of the magazine for our families at the moment, so have provided you with the link instead. Enjoy!



Mr Attwood's Sports Camp

As you will be aware from last week's newsletter, schools will close as usual over February half-term and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week. However, Mr Attwood is offering places at his sports camp for vulnerable children and those children of critical workers only. The Club will be held at William Shrewsbury and if you are interested in booking a place and are a critical worker, please contact Mr Attwood via <https://activelearningsports.com/contact/>.



Hot Lunch Options – 8th to 12th February 2021

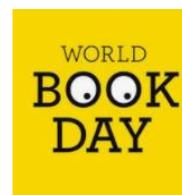
Children who are in school and eligible for benefits-related free school meals will still be provided with a meal option. Of course, all children in school are welcome to order a lunch and payment will be settled via ParentPay.

Lunch options for next week are:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pasta and Garlic Bread	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch	-
Tuesday	Pepperoni Pizza	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing and Gravy	Quorn Roast, Stuffing and Gravy	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Thursday	Chicken Tikka and Naan Bread	Veggie Tikka and Naan Bread	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Friday	Fish & Chips	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March 2021

We informed last week of some of our initial ideas for World Book Day, which will take place this year on Thursday 4 March. Miss Barnard will be sending out a letter this week of what we are planning to do to celebrate! Please keeping checking your inbox for further information!



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SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

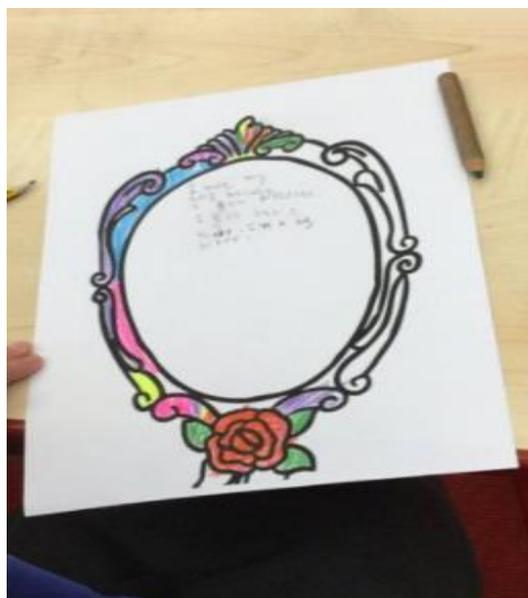


Nursery

Nursery children have had a 'roarsome' week learning all about dinosaurs! They have hunted, researched, designed and danced their way through lots of fun activities. Mrs Farrington has been entertained by children at home sending in their erupting volcano experiments and once again, on Friday, children took part in another live cookery lesson, making chocolate dinosaur cakes! Each day the nursery children have taken part in a mindfulness moment, giving them the opportunity to stop, think and reflect. We have thought about places that make us happy, listened to a favourite song and ate mindfully, considering about the different tastes and textures of our food.

Reception

It has been a dino-tastic week in Reception as the children explored the magnificent world of the dinosaurs! They have engaged with a plethora of activities including, making salt dough fossils; designing their own dinosaurs; creating top trump dino cards; making a volcano and a super live lesson to create a 2D shaped dinosaur! The highlight had to be our live science lesson in which the children all became scientists and made their volcanoes erupt - well done children you were all amazing! We have also enjoyed our wellbeing activities this week. The children have been using their breathing to help them relax and had fun doing this through teddy mediation and breathing wands. They were also excited to use mirrors, which they had decorated beautifully, to repeat positive affirmations! What a fabulous week Reception you are all superstars!



Year 1

Year 1 have had an exciting week, as it has been children's mental health week. We have been completing a range of activities each afternoon, in which the children have been participating in their favourite activities that make them feel calm and happy, such as using the salt dough to create and paint butterflies for the staff in school. This week within English, the children have been learning how to write a formal letter. They have been writing to NASA and stating about why they would want to become an astronaut and what characteristics they have that would make a good astronaut. They have come up with some amazing ideas and have used many adjectives to add detail. Other activities the children have been doing throughout the week includes, yoga, meditation as well as some mindful colouring. We wish every week could be like this week!

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been completing a variety of wellbeing activities. Children identified all the things they like about themselves and how to be kind to themselves. They also had free choice of activities and chose to complete arts and crafts as well as decorating biscuits. Miss Dickens has completed some fun activities with children via Zoom, for example completing quizzes, show and tell and sharing their favourite books. Well done Year 2 for a lovely, enjoyable week!



Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic week this week! They have really enjoyed completing lots of different wellbeing activities. The children have enjoyed arts and crafts such as rock painting and mindful drawing and colouring. They have also enjoyed going for walks and spending time outside. The children have also really enjoyed completing a daily yoga session. Today, we have been thinking about gratitude and the children were able to complete an A-Z of things they were grateful for. The children in school made gratitude jars using collage and wrote down all of the things they were grateful for to stick on the outside. An excellent week! Well done!



Year 4

Year 4 have really enjoyed Wellbeing Week as they have been keeping a wellbeing diary where they have been reflecting on their days and what makes them happy. The children have created proud clouds about their talents and achievements. This week the children have created an explanation text about The Water Cycle. They have all done very well and tried very hard to include all the features. The children especially enjoyed Mr Mansfield's Zoom music lesson on Wednesday.

Year 5

What a relaxing wellbeing week we've had in year 5! Firstly, the pupils did an online Origami lesson making hearts, it looked like the class really enjoyed it and it was great to see so much patience during the lesson (origami is certainly not easy!). Mr Stevens went on to embarrass himself wearing a purple sequin hat during our online quiz (the pupils were stunned when they found out that humans share 70% DNA with a slug!). The class finished the week with creating their own rain sticks which might help relax them over the weekend. The children at home have also shown lots of different wellbeing activities, getting some fresh air and doing some exercise. Well done year 5, have a great weekend!





Year 6

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we have been considering what makes us happy and have prioritised mindfulness. We have completed yoga activities, concentrated on our breathing and made sure that we have found time for things we all enjoy. It has also been National Storytelling Week - we have shared stories on our live lessons and the pupils have been sharing stories with their loved ones too.

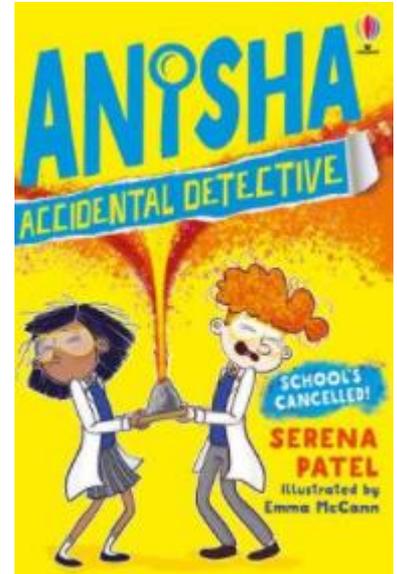
Reading Corner

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

Anisha Accidental Detective

by Emma McCann

Funny, action-packed and full of great characters, I can recommend Serena Patel's new story to anyone – indeed, everyone – who's at primary school. They'll giggle with recognition at the setting and be thoroughly caught up in the story. In this new adventure, the second in a series, our hero Anisha is set to show off her volcano project at the science fair and has high hopes of winning the prize and a trip to the national space centre. But disaster strikes when her volcano erupts prematurely and floods the school. Anisha is disqualified and begins to suspect sabotage. With the help of her best friend Milo and his pet rat, she sets out to find the culprit. Anisha's family are as much a part of the story as her schoolmates and readers will put down the book feeling they have increased their circle of friends considerably. Illustrations throughout by Emma McCann add to the overall liveliness of the telling. Great stuff!



Spring Term Diary Dates

Many of our dates for the spring 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
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 9 th February 2021
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 12 th February 2021
INSET Day	Monday 22 nd February 2021
School Re-Opens	Tuesday 23 rd February 2021
Mental Health Support Team Parent Workshops	Thursday 25 th February 2021 1-2pm & 5.30-6.30pm
Parent Consultations	Week beginning 1 st March 2021
World Book Day	Thursday 4 th March 2021
School Closes for Easter	Thursday 1 st April 2021