



SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

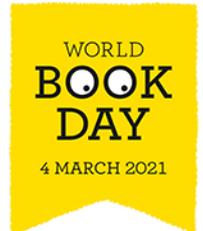
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"A room without books is like a body without a soul."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here at Shobnall Primary School and within our community this week, not only have we been preparing to welcome back all of our pupils on 8 March, we have also been talking about books, books and more books! Celebrating World Book Day in the way that we have done has been the perfect way to end this period of restrictions for schools and celebrate the return of pupils on Monday. More about World Book Day later on in the



You should have received a letter providing you with details and further information about our plans for 8 March. A copy of the letter has been added to the [Covid-19 Info](#) page on the school website should you need to refer to it at any time. This page will continue to be updated with all the latest information related to schools and the pandemic so please keep checking it regularly.

We would also like to extend our utmost and sincerest of thanks to each and every one of you for all your hard work (especially with helping make our remote education offer work), patience and support over recent months. There is always such a great sense of spirit and collaboration here at Shobnall Primary School which sees us through anything. For all of this, and on behalf of all the staff and Governors here in school, we truly thank you!

Remember that you are more than welcome to contact the school if you have any further queries or questions and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday!

World Book Day – Thursday 4 March 2021

What an amazing day we had, in school AND at home! The children (and staff) had a great time on Thursday by dressing up as popular and made-up 'Little Miss and Mr Men' characters! I'm not quite sure who had the most fun – the staff or the children?! The effort with the costumes from children (and parents!) was absolutely fantastic and it was incredibly hard for the teachers to judge the best dressed! In addition to this, the children took part in some collaborative activities and

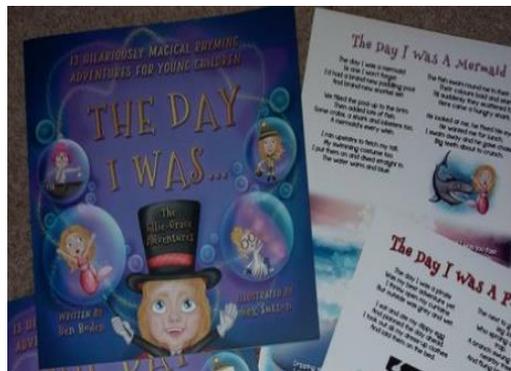


competitions with other children across the JTMAT. If you haven't visited <https://jtmatlovesreading.co.uk/> already, please do so as there are some fantastic entries and incredible work. This website will now remain live and will be used as a resource to support reading across the Trust. Children will be notified in due course if they have been successful in winning one of the competitions they've entered. Each class also had a special guest reader on Zoom to read a story to them as well as finding some 'extreme' places to read! A great day was had by all and huge thanks to everyone who contributed and got involved!



Ben Boden – Author of 'The Day I Was...' Virtual Visit

Author of 'The Day I Was...', Ben Boden, introduced himself to our children on Zoom this week! Having written an inspiring collection of children's poems during the first lockdown last year, he is planning to visit our school and hold a book signing session when it is safe to do so.



However, in order to pique the children's interest and build up the anticipation of his visit, the children participated in a series of activities over the week culminating in a live Q & A session on Friday! The children learnt a lot about where Ben finds inspiration for his poems and how he writes them. When he is able to visit our school, he is going to bring along an exclusive poem which will be written just for us! How exciting! Thank you @BenBodenAuthor, and we look forward to seeing you again soon!

Shobnall Stars – Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast Club will resume from 7:30am on **Monday 8 March 2021** and **After School Club** from 3.30pm – 6.00pm on the same day. Prices (to be paid via ParentPay) and further information can be found via the leaflet on the [Covid-19 Info](#) page. As we need to ensure that the children eat and undertake activities in an area with children from their class bubble, **we must ask that sessions are booked a week in advance** so that this can be catered for in line with our protective measures. Bookings can now be taken for via email: shb-wraparound@shb.jtm.co.uk.



Parent Consultations

The class teachers would like to thank all parents who met with them virtually or via phone this week. They felt really uplifted from all of the positive feedback you gave them and were sincerely appreciative of all of the information you shared which has helped plan for a safe and smooth transition back to school for all pupils next week.

Travelling to School Safely



We thought it prevalent to share with you the following advice from the government with regards to safe travel to school next week. In addition to this advice, we would like to make you aware of the current ongoing construction work taking place along Shobnall Road outside the school. It may be pertinent to park at the Albion Pub and walk up for those travelling by car and also to consider setting off from home a little earlier because of the traffic

lights either side. Please take care when crossing the road and listen out for ongoing traffic. However you do travel to school, stay safe.

GOVERNMENT ADVICE

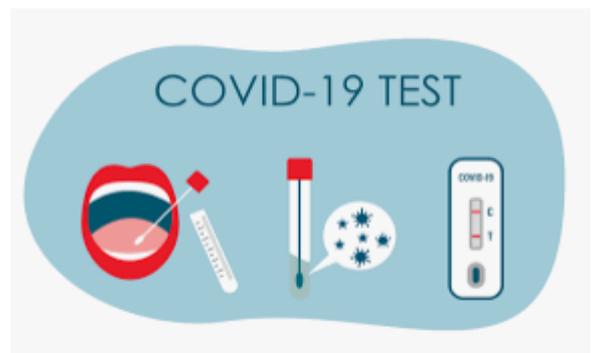
- If you live a short distance from your school or college, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so
- Avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- If you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey
- When you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, don't forget to:
 - wear a face covering (unless you are exempt, including if you are aged 11 and under). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station
 - social distance where possible
 - wash or sanitise your hands regularly
 - be considerate to fellow passengers and staff.

Further information can be found in our [guidance on transport to school and other places of education](#). The Department for Transport has also created [resources](#) that can be downloaded and used by education settings to promote safe travel to school.

Asymptomatic Testing Information for Parents and Adults in Households with Children at School or College

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.



Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

AF Advanced Technology Cleaning Donation

Huge thanks to Emma Plummer from AF International based in Ashby De La Zouch for her very kind donation of anti-bac spray and cleaning products to help support us in keeping our school safe.





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'My School Fund' Initiative

Some time ago, we announced that Shobnall Primary School had joined the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.

How does it work?

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend, you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

How to get involved

Visit myschoolfund.org to register for free and link to Shobnall Primary School. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

Sign up today at myschoolfund.org.

British Science Week: 5 – 12 March 2021

Next week is **British Science Week** so keep an eye out for lots of Science work being undertaken by the children in school...



Year 5 & 6 France Trip – October 2021

It will come as no surprise that due to the uncertainty with the lifting of restrictions on travel and with the current guidance on overnight residentials, we are unable to proceed with the planned trip to France for Year 5 and 6 in October 2021. It would also have been unfair to proceed at this time because of the financial burden this would place on our families. This trip is a prominent fixture in our calendar and very much enhances our curriculum offer so we are exploring options for a potential visit later in 2022 (next academic year) so that the current year 4 and 5 children do not miss out on this incredible experience. We will keep you posted with further information as and when we know more.



Year 5 Swimming

Before the Government enforced lockdown on 5 January, Year 5 were due to start swimming lessons at Meadowside Leisure Centre. With the confirmed reopening of leisure facilities, I am pleased to say that we have had confirmation that school swimming can now resume after the Easter holiday. I will re-issue the original letter to parents well in advance of the break to refresh you of the arrangements and safety procedures.

Forest School at Sinai House

We have been working alongside the restoration team at Sinai House for some time now and have been asked to forward some information to you below, which we hope you may be able to help with:



“My name is Ben Gomme and I am part of the team working to restore Sinai Park House in Shobnall, Burton. A key part of this is the development of an outdoor learning programme, including the construction of a forest school on site. This is primarily aimed at local children but will cater for a range of groups, including adult learners and those with SEN. As one of Burton’s primary schools this may be of benefit to your pupils, and we hope you can give us a few moments of your time.

During the ongoing pandemic we have seen the impacts of the lockdown on the mental health and social lives of children, as well as the challenges of home schooling for parents and teachers. Forest schools have proved to be effective in improving pupils’ performances at school, particularly attitude to learning, focus and team skills. The direct engagement with nature and the environment helps better mental health among children, particularly after weeks and months of confinement indoors. We also hope that the variety and uniqueness offered by a forest school at Burton’s oldest building will open new doors for pupils and present new opportunities and prospects in the long term.

To help our fundraising efforts we are gathering opinions on this project, and we would be grateful if you could complete the following short survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BWDVLHV>

Many thanks for your support with this.”

School Uniform Exchange

In response to the school uniform exchange idea suggested on last week’s newsletter, I would like to express my thanks to one of our parents, Amy Roobottom, who has very kindly agreed to begin coordinating this for us! Alongside another parent, she is going to begin constructing a website whereby parents who have any reusable items of uniform will be able to log what they would like to donate for others to make use of. Until this is up and running, there will be a box situated by the gate on the school car park for any parents who may have items they wish to donate. Amy will very kindly sort and collate this. 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.jtmat.co.uk and we will ensure this is forwarded to her. As a starting point, Amy has to offer:

- 2 age 3-4 grey pinafores
- 3 age 7-8 v neck school jumpers with logo
- 2 age 7-8 grey ‘boys’ style shorts
- 5 age 7-8 boy/ plain/ straight cut style grey trousers
- 1 pair unworn black pumps size 2
- 1 pair age 8-9 grey boy/ plain/straight cut style trousers
- Age 8-10 plain navy PE sweatshirt and jogging bottoms
- 2 age 9-10 v neck school jumpers with logo
- 3 age 9-10 ‘boys’ style grey shorts
- 2 age 9-10 grey boys/ plain/ straight cut style trousers
- 2 age 9-10 boys shirts

If anyone could make use of any of these items, please contact Amy Roobottom via the office email above.

Hot Lunch Options – 8 to 12 March 2021

Lunch options for the forthcoming week are:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Monday	Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Tuesday	Sausage & Mash (Pork)	Sausage & Mash (Quorn)	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing and Gravy	Quorn Roast, Stuffing and Gravy	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Thursday	Pepperoni Pizza	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Friday	Fish & Chips	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

Nursery

The nursery children always enjoy listening to stories, and this week has been no exception! To celebrate World Book Day, staff have been reading children their favourite stories, including Mr Stevens, who appeared as our surprise guest on Thursday! Lots of familiar tales have been used to inspire children with their learning. We have seen stickmen families, Gruffalo claw biscuits and of course many book characters made out of toilet rolls. Mrs Farrington and Mrs Curran have been thrilled with the high level of support and commitment shown towards remote learning, and would like to thank the children and families for their continued hard work and dedication. We can't wait to see you all back in nursery on Monday!



Reception

The Reception children have had a brilliant week joining in with lots of book themed activities to celebrate World Book Day! They had a fabulous time on Thursday when they dressed up as a Mr Men or Little Miss character. They all looked brilliant and our zoom session was extremely bright and colourful. We also had an array of creative toilet roll characters including the Gruffalo, Little Red Riding Hood, Forky.... the list goes on! The children put in a huge amount of effort - a big thank you to all!

It is clear to see that the Reception children are very creative with all of the unusual places they managed to read a book - we certainly have lots of extreme readers!

We were also lucky enough to meet Ben Boden author of, 'The Day I Was...' The children enjoyed the live session in which Ben shared some of his poems and answered their questions.

We are all so excited for Monday when all of the children will return back to school. The children at school have been wonderful and the children at home have all been superstars with remote learning and I am extremely proud of them all!

Year 1

Even to the very end of remote learning, the Year 1 children have continued to astound Miss Martin-Mills with their hard work! This week, Year 1 have loved participating in World Book Day activities. The children used their fantastic writing skills to create their 'Fantastic First 50', which is the first 50 words of a story that captures the reader's imagination. We had some fabulous entries for the 'Loo Roll Story Character', some were so life like, especially Lewis' Gruffalo and Jacob's Tiger! The class had great fun in our 'Guess Who' Zoom, the children had come up with some very interesting clues that really tested both the children's and adults' knowledge of story book characters! The Year 1 team cannot wait to welcome back the rest of Year 1 next week to continue our learning journey together!



Year 2

We had a fantastic week in Year 2. We have celebrated World Book Day and completed various activities at home and in school about our favourite book characters. We have also finished reading The Twits in guided reading and have written a book review based on it. We have continued learning about 3D shapes in Maths and focused on how we can relax and stay calm during PSHCE. Well done Year 2 for your great efforts this week, as always!



Year 3

Year 3 have been working hard this week. They started the week by writing some fantastic shape poetry inspired by erupting volcanoes. They have also been working hard in Maths on their unit about Measurement. World Book Day was amazing, and Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed this. Their costumes were absolutely wonderful and so creative! We had a live Zoom session and played 'Guess Who?' which really got us thinking - some of the clues were very tricky! We really enjoyed listening to Miss Barnard read some of 'Malala's Magic Pencil' and we are looking forward to continuing this story when we get back to school. Year 3 also completed some fantastic work based on 'Voices in the Park' by Anthony Browne. Well done Year 3!





Year 4

Year 4 have loved this week, especially with World Book Day. The children have taken part in lots of JTMAT activities, and the entries have been amazing! This week the children have been researching information about Alexander Graham Bell to prepare for British Science Week next week. The children found out it would have been his birthday on Thursday too! We are all very excited about the school opening on Monday!

Year 5

This week Year 5 have been learning about Antony Gromley in their Art lesson; Gromley was responsible for creating some very striking sculptures that connect humans and nature together like the figures on Crosby Beach. The class have delved deeper into pop music with Mr Mansfield by listening to a range of artists from



The Beatles to The Specials. The fractions unit in maths is nearly finished and I'm really happy with what the class has achieved – perhaps the children can teach their parents how to convert from a mixed number to an improper fraction and vice-versa? Of course, we can't forget World Book Day! All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and did activities such as creating a toilet roll character and extreme reading, all whilst dressing up as their own Mr Men characters; check out Twitter using the hashtag #JTMATlovesreading and the website www.JTMATlovesreading.co.uk. Well done Year 5!



Year 6

It has been a great week for Year 6. We have been making progress with producing our own informative leaflets based on our topic, The Victorians. We have been trying to ensure we keep the reader engaged by using different features, including relative clauses. In Geography, we have been describing how countries and geographical regions are interconnected and interdependent, specifically focusing on trade in South America. Well done Year 6, I can't wait to see you all back in class next week!

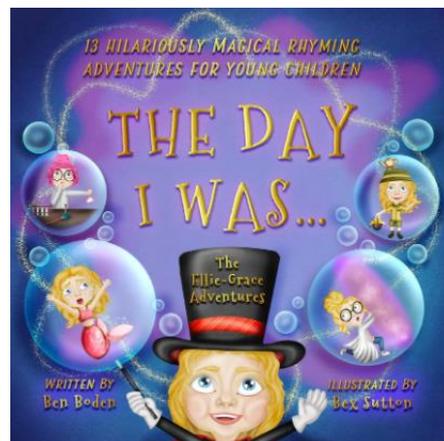
Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children of ALL ages...

The Day I Was...

by Ben Boden

Join Ellie Grace as she adventures into magical worlds through hilarious poems! Watch as she travels through the time, swims into the ocean's depths and performs lifesaving surgeries. The Day I Was...is a collection of 13 hilarious magical poems for young children, inspired by a cheeky pre-schooler with bundles of energy and imagination, and one tired but entertained Dad.



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
School Re-Opens to ALL Pupils	Monday 8 th March 2021
British Science Week	Week beginning 8 th March 2021
Red Nose Day	Friday 19 th March 2021
School Closes for Easter	Thursday 1 st April 2021