



SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"There might be times when you put your whole heart and soul into something, and you're met with cynicism or scepticism, but you can't let that crush you. You have to let that fuel you. We live in a world where anyone can say anything that they want about you at any time. But remember that you have the right to prove them wrong."

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, this week has been Mental Health Awareness Week. In school, we have been immersing ourselves in the '5 Ways to Wellbeing', while reconnecting with nature across the week through Forest School and other wellbeing activities. You can read more about the work each class has undertaken in the 'Shobnall Showcase' further on in the newsletter. The '**5 Ways to Wellbeing**' are a set of pillars which are key to improving our mental health. Modelled by the New Economics Foundation, they're geared around themes of social connectedness, physical activity, awareness, learning, and giving. This has been a focus of our work in school for some time now and if you would like to find out more information or services that you can access, please visit our [Mental Health and](#)



[Wellbeing](#) page on the school website.

We would also like to take this opportunity once again to wish all of our Muslim families a very happy, peaceful and prosperous Eid, which was celebrated this week. Eid Mubarak! The children have been exploring Eid in school, with Year 1 holding their own celebrations in class today!



The Prime Minister has also confirmed that Step 3 of the Roadmap will proceed as planned on 17 May 2021. Not much will change with regards to current procedures in school as a result of this, although we have received updated advice with regards to trips, residential visits and transition events in school. For secondary school pupils, face coverings are no longer required to be worn in classrooms or communal areas by pupils. With the rise in cases of the Indian variant in the Midlands, you may be interested to hear that a pop-up Vaccine Clinic will be running at the Burton Caribbean Association community centre on Uxbridge Street on **Friday 21 May 2021**, between 11am and 4pm. Eligible people include:

- All those 38 years of age and over or people turning 38 before 1 July 2021
- Household members of the above, aged over 18
- Frontline health and social care workers
- Adults who have received a letter from the NHS notifying them that they are clinically extremely vulnerable
- People with learning disabilities
- People over 16 with underlying health conditions

- Paid carers

Take up is strictly by advance booking and for first vaccine doses only. Eligible people should call Staffordshire County Council on **0300 111 8050** to book their vaccine slot. The cut off for bookings will be 5:00pm on Wednesday 19 May but please view the poster attached to the newsletter for further information.

Please take care of yourselves over the weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday!

Step 3



If things go well, step 3 will start on Monday, 17 May.



From Monday, 17 May:

- you can meet who you like outdoors
- but you can't meet people in a group of over 30 people.

30+



We will look at whether it is OK to be closer to people. We will look at whether it is OK to hug people.



Restaurants, cafés and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table inside.

Sleep Workshop

One of our school governors, Dr Vanessa Willis has organised a parent presentation



Other indoor places will also open, like cinemas, children's play areas, hotels and bed and breakfast places.



Some larger outdoor sports and shows will be able to have people watching.



Up to 30 people will be able to go to weddings, funerals and events to remember someone.

and drop in about sleep, as many children have struggled with sleep in lockdown and as we are coming out of lockdown.

It is being held on Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 11am with Staffordshire Educational Psychologists via the teams link below and they are doing a drop in session on 7 June 2021 too. Please use the link if you think it will be of interest to you.

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Heroes Stamp Design Competition



There is still time for the children to submit their entries for the Royal Mail's Special Stamp Competition! Millions of key workers have kept the country going when most of us were told to stay home for our own safety. And there have been many people who volunteered to help people in their communities who needed help or support. What these people have done makes them heroes, so Royal Mail wants to honour them by producing a set of eight stamps from designs created by children!

There are some great prizes to be won in addition to Her Majesty The Queen choosing the final eight! To enter, the children must complete their design on the entry form they have been given and return it to their class teacher by **Friday 21 May 2021**. This will allow us to collate them and send them to Royal Mail by the closing date. Good luck!

Eid al-Fitr

Eid al-Fitr, also known as “Festival of Breaking the Fast,” is the most prominent Islamic festival celebrated by 1.8 billion Muslims all over the world that marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. Here are some other interesting facts about this holy festival:

- ★ Eid al-Fitr is the day of celebrating the happy end of Ramadan. Many sweet treats and delicacies are consumed to celebrate the sweet end of this holy month.
- ★ The festival traditionally holds a three-day celebration which involves praying, feasting, family gatherings, exchanging gifts and helping the needy.
- ★ Eid al-Fitr is a day of thanksgiving to Allah for showering the eternal blessings and giving all a chance to enjoy the blessings of the month of Ramadan.
- ★ Zakat al-Fitr is a kind of donation where you lend a hand to the poor and needy conducting the charity at the end of the fasting month, Ramadan. Such a practice is done to cleanse a Muslim soul from any sins, committed during the month of Ramadan as well as for inner peace and happiness. This is the most beautiful part of this festival which is done with great love. Muslims shower the needy with great gifts, sweets, clothes and food items to the needy and bless their day with eternal joys.
- ★ Like many festivals, Eid al-Fitr involves the practice of gifting. As we all know, gifts act as a perfect medium for expressing your emotions. Be it expressing the feelings of the heart or conveying the best wishes of the occasion; they are often given to increase the charm of the moment.
- ★ Hillary Clinton hosted the first Eid al-Fitr at White House in 1996. Later, the Clintons continued the tradition every year after. The dinner was attended by the prominent members of the Muslim American community, including politicians, leaders and students. With the passage of time, the Eid al-Fitr dinner tradition has continued with every president. George W Bush and Barack Obama hosted the Ramadan dinner every year of his presidency.



Random Acts of Kindness (RAOK)

Mr and Mrs Burton have generously set up RAOK, giving out food donations to people in our local area that may be struggling and running low on food items. If anyone is able to help out with donations, please contact the school office at shb-office@shb.itmat.co.uk, listing the items you are able to provide and they will ensure it is forwarded to Mr and Mrs Burton. Current items that they are in need of are: tea, coffee, sugar, hot chocolate, long life milk, cereals, crisps, personal care items, toilet rolls, cleaning products, washing powder, tinned meals such as meatballs, hotdogs etc., other tinned items such as baked beans, spaghetti hoops, soups etc., pasta and pasta sauces. Many thanks if you are able to support in any way.

Global Health Insurance Card Scam



The introduction of the Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC), which replaces the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), has led to criminals creating fake websites designed to look like that of the NHS.

The sites claim to either fast-track or manage your application process before charging you an up-front fee.

It's important to remember that the Global Health Insurance Card is:

- Free to use and can only be obtained directly via the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>
- Not required until your current European Health Insurance Card expires.

If you notice scam ads appearing in paid-for space online you can report this by visiting the Advertising Standard Authority's website and completing their quick reporting form <https://www.asa.org.uk/>

School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*! There is a box situated by the gate on the school car park for any parents who have items they wish to donate. 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 – 17 to 21 May 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	Chicken Burger	Veggie Burger	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing and Gravy	Quorn Roast, Stuffing and Gravy	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Thursday	Sweet & Sour Pork Meatballs & Rice	Sweet & Sour Quorn Meatballs & Rice	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Friday	Fish & Chips	Cheese & Onion Pasty	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

"I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!" This has been echoed around the Nursery classroom this week, as the children re-enacted the story of The Three Little Pigs. We explored what the word 'waterproof' means, by carrying out an investigation to see which material would keep the Three Little Pigs dry in their homes and tried to build our own houses using straw, sticks and



bricks. It was not as easy as we thought it was going to be! Although we had a quiet Forest School session on Thursday, the children had great fun searching for the Big Bad Wolf, painting wood cookie pigs and playing hide and seek. The muddy puddles were a big pull for most of the children; now we know why Peppa Pig has so much fun jumping in muddy puddles!! As part of Wellbeing Week the children experienced tree hugging and had their snack sitting in our newly established Wellbeing Area at Forest School. It certainly helped them to stay calm and listen to sounds around them, after another exhilarating session.

Reception



It has been a great week in Reception with the children joining in with lots of activities based on this week's focus story 'The Three Little Pigs'. They have used their imagination and exploration skills fantastically when building a range of houses to keep the pigs safe. They also showed super team work and explained their ideas brilliantly.

The theme continued at Forest School as the children counted how many wolves they could spot hidden around the area and created wood cookie pigs. They have also enjoyed learning about the celebration of Eid and showed a lot of interest in the different ways this is celebrated. They created some wonderful artwork linked to this including henna patterns and threading prayer mats.

Year 1

This week Year 1 have been planning stories in English after learning about the story of The Snail and the Whale and Christopher Columbus's voyage last week. They have been planning out a story about The Snail joining Columbus on his voyage - it has been great to see how imaginative they can be in their writing, we certainly have some interesting characters joining The Snail and Columbus on their trip! In the afternoons, Year 1 have been learning about different religious rituals.



The children have learnt about Salat and Puja, which are prayer rituals in Islam and Hinduism. On Friday, to celebrate Eid, we had an Eid party where the children were able to taste traditional treats, create Eid cards and mehndi patterns.



Year 2

In year 2 they have had a brilliant week. In maths we have been recapping key areas such as their 2 and 5 times tables. In English we have been editing our nonsense poems and the children have enjoyed improving their work. In Geography the children went on a field trip and were discussing human and physical features as well as locational language.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a very busy week this week! Last Friday, we found a dragon egg outside which the children were very excited about! We have started to write a story based on the events. We have been enjoying reading 'How to train your dragon' and the children have been designing their own dragons and naming them. The children enjoyed



Forest school on Tuesday learning lots of new skills. In Science, the children have been starting a new experiment, learning about plants and the effects sunlight has on them. The children had lots of fun taking part in wellbeing activities with a Burton Albion visitor on Thursday too. Well done Year 3!



Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about Living things in science this week. They have found out what poses a danger to living creature in different habitats. The pupils have enjoyed taking part in a science investigation, looking at litter and what impact litter has upon our environments. In English this week, the children have been learning about Egyptian poetry and mummification. I know all pupils have enjoyed learning about this process and what is involved.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a very enjoyable week this week. On Monday we planned our own story based on a different culture and have spent the week drafting and editing ready to write up our final piece today. In Maths, we have completed our decimal unit and have learnt how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. Another fantastic and sunny session at Forest School on Wednesday as well as a super swimming session. Mrs Welch and Mrs Marston are exceptionally proud of how hard the children are working and the progress that they are making. Keep up the hard work Year 5!



Year 6

What an amazing week it has been for Year 6. In reading, we have seen some great role play performances making predictions for what is coming next in Kensuke's Kingdom. In maths, using what we have learnt last week about measuring angles and their properties, we have been calculating missing angles around a point and on a straight line. During our science lesson, we have looked at what makes a healthy diet and how this

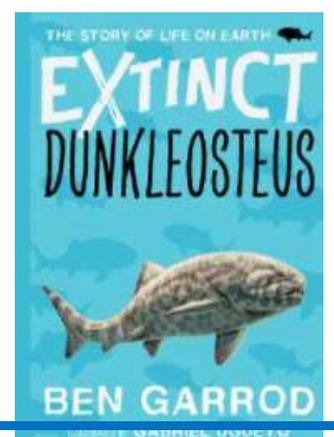
effects our bodies and what can help us maintain not just our physical health but also mental health, which ties in brilliantly with Mental Health Awareness Week.

Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 7 to 11...

Dunkleosteus
by Ben Garrod

TV scientist Ben Garrod presents the biggest extinction events ever, told from the point of view of evolution's superstars, the most incredible animals ever to swim, stalk, slither or walk our planet.



Whether you're 9 or 90, his unique exploration of the most destructive, yet most creative, force in nature makes top level science fun.

Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Kristen T	Layla N
Year 1	Aleena A	Alicia F
Year 2	Dexter J	Alfie P
Year 3	Oliver O	Freddy W
Year 4	EVERYONE!	
Year 5	Fezaan A	Alfie L
Year 6	Holly S	Reuel P

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Kailen S
Year 1	Keyarah B
Year 2	Esmee G
Year 3	Charlotte K
Year 4	Keeva D
Year 5	Harry F
Year 6	Martyna B

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (<i>Week Ending 14.05.21</i>)	89	71	85	95
Position	2 nd – 3 points	4 th – 1 point	3 rd – 2 points	1 st – 4 points
Running Total	24	22	15	20

Summer Term Diary Dates

Many of our dates for the summer 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
Year 6 'Mock' SATs Week	Monday 17 th May 2021 to Thursday 20 th May 2021
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 28 th May 2021
INSET Day	Monday 7 th June 2021
School Re-Opens	Tuesday 8 th June 2021
Year 5/6 JTMAT Football Tournament	Thursday 24 th June 2021
Year 6 – John Taylor High School Induction Day 1	Friday 25 th June 2021
Year 6 – John Taylor High School Induction Day 2	Monday 28 th June 2021
Year 6 – John Taylor High School Induction Day 3	Tuesday 29 th June 2021
Year 2, Year 5/6 JTMAT Athletics Tournament	Wednesday 30 th June 2021
Year 4/5/6 Recorded Production of Treasure Island Available	Week beginning Monday 5 th July 2021
End of Year Reports to Parents	Monday 5 th July 2021
EYFS/KS1 Sports Day	Wednesday 7 th July 2021 – AM
KS2 Sports Day	Wednesday 7 th July 2021 – PM
Optional Parent Consultations	Thursday 8 th July 2021
Year 5/6 JTMAT Cricket Tournament	Monday 12 th July 2021
Year 6 – DeFerrers Induction Day	Tuesday 13 th July 2021
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Friday 16 th July 2021 – AM
Year 6 Leavers' Party	Friday 16 th July 2021 – PM
Year 6 Enterprise Fair	Monday 19 th July 2021
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 21 st July 2021
INSET Day	Wednesday 1 st September 2021
School Reopens for Pupils	Thursday 2 nd September 2021



NHS

Have you had your vaccination?

We know people from black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds are more vulnerable to Covid-19 and worryingly, uptake for the vaccine is generally lower than average. So, to encourage take up we will be holding a pop-up vaccine clinic in your local centre.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic: 11am-4pm
FRIDAY 21 MAY
at **Burton Caribbean Association**
346 Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3JS
- **First Doses only** -
- **Appointments must be booked** -

If you are aged 38 and over, a health and social care worker or have received a letter from the NHS to say you are clinically extremely vulnerable – call **0300 111 8050** to book your appointment. Anyone over 18 in your household can also be vaccinated at this clinic.



Lines open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; weekend voicemail only.
Booking lines will close at 5pm, Wednesday 19 May.
Anyone unable to be vaccinated at this clinic can also book appointments via 119 or
<https://www.nhs.uk/book-a-coronavirus-vaccination>



BURTON-UPON-TRENT

FOOTBALL COACHING

COURSE

AT: SHOBNALL LEISURE COMPLEX

SHOBNALL ROAD, BURTON-UPON-TRENT, DE14 2BB

STARTING: THURSDAY 20TH MAY 2021

Thursdays: Group 1: School Years Reception and Year 1.....5.00pm-6.00pm

Group 2: School Years 2 & 3.....6.00pm-7.00pm

Group 3: School Years 4, 5, 6 & 7.....7.00pm-8.00pm

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last **20 years**, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in May 2021. The course will run for 8 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by **F.A qualified coaches**, who are **DBS** checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be fully supervised at all times.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an **indoor** course held in the sports hall, therefore children may wear trainers and sportswear. We also have **outdoor** pitches available to use in good weather.
- **Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Leicester City player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- **Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have

presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

We will all have to obviously adhere to government guidelines with regards to covid-19 to consider the safety of all children, parents and staff.

Presentation of trophies and award

- On the final week of the course we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY AND CERTIFICATE.**
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including '**premier league**' and '**penalty shoot out**' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £7.00 per week; payment is made in 2 installments with the first payment of £28.00 due on week 1. **Please Note:** Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

Mark Frith (course co-ordinator)

www.soccercoachinguk.co.uk

**TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:
SHOBNALL + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3)
and receive confirmation by text to:
07827 322780**