



SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the second week of our phased wider opening comes to an end, it has been really pleasing to have seen how all of the staff and children we currently have in school have embraced our new way of working. They continue to take all of the protective measures and new routines in their stride, creating what can only be described as a very calming and contented atmosphere. We are looking forward to welcoming some more of our pupils back next week and must thank those parents for providing us with enough notice so we can ensure we have sufficient space and can maintain the safety measures embedded within our practice. As has been the case since 1 June, those who are currently eligible to return (Nursery, Reception, year 1, year 6 and children of our key workers) are always welcome to contact us at any time should you wish to discuss a potential return. I must point out that due to an increase in numbers for places this week, many of our 'bubbles' are now growing to their full capacity. Due to the space within our school and because we have to ensure appropriate social distancing guidance can be adhered to, it may be that we are unable to fulfil some requests as the safety of the children and staff must come first. We will endeavour to do our very best with every request that is made and please bear with us if this is the case. You know that we are always here to support you in any way we can.



Schools have also featured significantly in the media this week! I wrote to you on Wednesday following the announcement made by the Secretary of State for Education. He confirmed that while schools are not able to welcome all primary children back for a full month before the summer, they are working closely with us in the education sector on the next steps to allow schools *that have the capacity* to bring back more children in smaller class sizes before the summer holidays. We await further guidance and will provide you with further details as and when this becomes available. Please keep checking the 'COVID-19 Info' page on our school website for all the latest updated information and news.

I know that many of you are thinking about the return to school in September. We do not have any confirmed guidance from the government with regards to what this will look like yet. We remain optimistic and are hoping that it will be as it always has been! When we receive further information we will update you - until then we are planning for 'normal' service!

As always, our home learners have been doing some tremendous work! If you haven't seen what they have been doing on Twitter, some snapshots are available for you to view in the 'Shobnall Showcase' on the next page! I must apologise for the technical glitch that occurred for our Reception parents on Monday with downloading the work. This has now been rectified and you should find that all of next week's home learning tasks for every class are now available on the COVID-19 info page on the school website. Please keep up the good work and we look forward to hearing how the children get on with their tasks next week!

Hopefully, the weather will improve over the weekend! Whatever it is you are doing, we hope that it is a safe and relaxing one.

Remember, we are always here should you need any support. Take care of yourselves and I look forward to writing to you again next week!





SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!



There has been some tremendous work and learning going on this week, at home and in school! As always, keep your eyes peeled on our Twitter page for a showcase of the children's latest achievements and news!

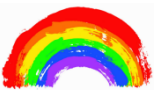


Here are just a few snippets of what the children have been doing...

Nursery children have been looking at the work of artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo and have created their own range of faces using fruit, vegetables and natural materials. What fantastic work from our youngest pupils!



Faces using natural materials.



Year 5 children have been creating their own Greek flags from materials around the house and were tasked with organising their own mini Olympics! One family took part in their own badminton final!



Year 1 were tasked this week with learning a new skill – British Sign Language Finger Spelling! If you haven't seen Halima spelling her name with her fingers, please do so! Some of Year 6 have been looking after their wellbeing and have been on a walk through Shobnall woods.



Lockdown Literature!

This book is a great read for pupils aged 9+...

The Girl Who Stole an Elephant

Written by Nizrana Farook

Published by Nosy Crow

Chaya is a thief. But does that mean she is a bad person? She certainly doesn't think so as she steals pointless trinkets from rich and privileged people in order to buy the bare essentials for the most needy in her community.

With hindsight, breaking into the palace and taking precious jewels from the Queen's bedside table might not be her best decision. She has unwittingly put her closest friends and family in the most serious danger and has no idea how to put things right. Could stealing an elephant really be the answer?

An exotic setting and hypnotic storytelling make Chaya's story impossible to put down. The young characters all have their flaws but are all driven by an underlying desire for a better, fairer way of living.

With themes of morality, friendship, teamwork and loyalty, this book will have wide appeal to middle grade readers as it incorporates tension and jeopardy in an exciting coming-of-age adventure.



Bubble Awards

We have some new rules in school and to help the children understand and follow these new rules, we have been awarding them stamps and stickers which go towards a weekly total for the bubble! At the end of the week, these are collated and the winning bubble is rewarded with some extra 'golden time'. This week's winners are:

Key Worker Children (Miss Toon's Bubble)

Well done to all of the children in the bubble for following the rules so well and to Miss Toon and Mrs Traczyk for promoting them!

