



SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Believe you can and you're halfway there."

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will see from reading the 'Shobnall Showcase' later on in the newsletter that this week has been another fruitful and busy week for our children in school. Our Summer Wellbeing Club started today and lots of Forest School activities have also been taking place! It has been lovely capturing the children's positivity, which we feel has also been enhanced by some of the lovely warm weather we have been experiencing!



Please don't forget to send your child to school with suncream on and sunhats when we are due to have a particularly hot day. This is especially important in the current climate, as schools are encouraged to work outside and in as much fresh air as is possible. Many thanks for your support with this.

We are continuing to be very cautious in school though as the restrictions in our community are beginning to ease. As always, we will be responsive to any changes in the guidance and will let you know how these changes impact upon our routines in school. You have all done such an amazing job of adapting to the many changes we have experienced to date!

We hope that you enjoy the long weekend ahead and, as always, stay safe. We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday!



Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Election – Thursday 6 May 2021

You will already be aware from previous correspondence that school is closed to staff and pupils on Thursday 6 May because of the local election. This decision has been taken to minimise risks to staff and pupils at this current time in accordance with our risk assessment. Learning will be delivered remotely, so please could we ask that the children log on to SeeSaw so that we can still have as normal a school day as possible. Class teachers will provide some instruction to the children the day before so that they are all clear of the expectations.

Additional funding has been provided by the Local Authority to help cover the costs of thorough cleaning that will be required after the polls close and we can confirm that we will be open as usual on Friday 7 May.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you once again for your understanding.

May Day

May Day is a festival that celebrates the arrival of Spring. This day is celebrated throughout the world. In many countries it is a major holiday such as the United Kingdom, India, Romania, Sweden, and Norway. In many countries the day is celebrated as Labour Day. Here are some facts about the day...

- ✚ May Day has a long history and tradition in England. The day is celebrated with music and dancing. Perhaps the most famous part of the celebration is the Maypole. Children dance around the Maypole holding onto colourful ribbons. Many people use flowers and leaves to make hoops and hair garlands as well. A lot of towns also crown a May Queen on this day.

✚ May Day has changed throughout history. In Greek and Roman times, it was a day to celebrate spring and specifically the goddesses over spring. In early Gaelic times as well as in pre-Christian times in Scandinavia, May Day was also a day to celebrate the coming of Spring. When Christianity came to Europe and England, May Day became intertwined with Easter and other Christian celebrations.



✚ Morris Dancers in England wear hats decorated with flowers, suspenders, and ankle bells. They stomp their feet, wave handkerchiefs, and bang sticks together when they dance. One traditional May Day dance in England is called the Cumberland Square.

✚ A Maypole stands all year long in Inkwell, England. It has been there since 1894. Maypoles were sometimes made from old ship's masts.

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.jtmat.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.



Mrs Clarke

Mrs Clarke, who has been a Lunchtime Supervisor leaves our school family as of today. She has worked here in for twelve years now and wish her lots of luck in her new role and all the best for the future!



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.jtmat.co.uk and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.

Hot Lunch Options – 3 to 7 May 2021

Lunch options for the forthcoming week are:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Monday			
Tuesday	Sausage Roll with Beans & Hash Brown	Cheese & Onion Roll with Beans & Hash Brown	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing and Gravy	Quorn Roast, Stuffing and Gravy	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Thursday			
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

In Nursery, our Word of the Week is 'curious', a perfect word to accompany our Alice in Wonderland themed week! We sequenced the story, created crowns for the Queen of Hearts using a range of 2D shapes and made the queens guards using a pack of playing cards. Lots of learning and great fun too! At Forest School our Alice in Wonderland theme continued. The children used lots of different natural materials to mix up their own 'Drink Me' potion, used mud paints to paint the White Rabbit, did a spot of water play by preparing for the Mad-hatter's Tea Party and turned wood cookies into mini doors for Alice to squeeze through! The children are loving their Forest School experience so far!

Reception

This week the children have had lots of fun exploring the story of Alice in Wonderland. They have had a great time completing lots of activities and discussing the story in detail. We had some great role play as the children acted out the story in their Mad Hatters Tea Party role play area.

The Alice in Wonderland theme continued at Forest School as the children searched for the hidden Cheshire cats and created Mad Hatter hats and clay roses.

The children have also completed some great Maths work focussing on patterns and we have been very impressed with their understanding of this. Another fabulous week well done Reception!



Year 1

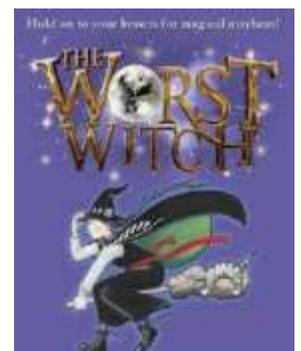
This week the Year 1s have been working on multiplication and division in Maths. The children are able to count in equal groups as well as partition numbers into equal groups.

In English, the Year 1s continue to work hard on their Newspaper reports so that they can update you on Spike the dragon and what he did to our classroom. The children are creating some beautiful pieces of work and it is wonderful to see how our presentation and handwriting is improving.

In Topic, we have been learning about Christopher Columbus. The children have created a timeline of his life, recounted his first voyage to the Americas in 1492 and had a debate on whether they believe his trip was worth it.

Year 2

We had a brilliant week in Year 2. In Maths we have finished our learning on fractions. In English we have begun to plan our own nonsense poems and children have enjoyed listening to the poem 'The Gnome, the Gnat and the Gnu.' We have started our new Guided reading book 'The Worst Witch' which we are very excited about. And we have also started our new topic in Geography learning about cities in the UK and have been using atlases to find them.



Year 3

This week, year 3 have had a very enjoyable week this week. In Geography we have been learning about pollution and have investigated the air quality in our local area. We have also been learning about the Water Cycle and have written non-chronological reports to explain each part of the process. On Wednesday, Year 3 had music and PE. In music the children are learning about music from Asia and they found this fascinating. The children were learning to play pentatonic scales and a traditional Chinese song called Jasmine Flower. Year 3 also really enjoyed their second Forest School Lesson and were able to use mora knives to whittle the end of sticks to create a round edge. They were also able to create a Celtic cross by tying two sticks together using a square lashing knot. Well done Year 3!



Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about decimals this week in maths and making links between fractions and the decimal equivalent. The pupils have been working on their times tables, trying to complete as many as they can in preparation for the Multiplication Check in June 2021. In English, the pupils have been working with Mr Bishop to begin to write a story based on Tom's Midnight Garden.

Year 5

It's been another great week in Year 5. The children have been experimenting in their computing lessons with changing certain aspects of their game's environment and are keen to complete their games. It's been great to hear from the children about their experience of swimming so far and they are definitely enjoying forest school! The class have been working hard in maths with decimals and have begun their D&T lessons on structure, ready for the marble games! Well done year 5!



Year 6

In maths, Year 6 have been continuing to crack on with their statistics unit, where they have linked pie charts and percentages and identified and calculated the mean. In English, the pupils have been revising some key grammatical skills and applying these to their writing. Using learnt descriptive techniques and imagination, they have started writing recounts based on 'Titanium'. Year 6 are extremely excited about being able to work towards a performance of Treasure Island this summer term and it was fabulous to see so many of the Year 6 pupils audition for various roles. Well done to all of the pupils for auditioning - all roles will be revealed next week!



Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 9 to 11...

The Life and Time of Lonny Quicke

by Krsty Applebaum

Kirsty Applebaum's *The Life and Time of Lonny Quicke* takes a timeless folkloric concept and transforms it into a heartfelt contemporary story that will surely grip readers who enjoy adventures infused with magic.

"The buzzing shifts. Shudders down my neck. Squeezes past my shoulder, my elbow, my hand. Pushes out through the ends of my fingers." That's how Lonny Quicke experiences his special, secret gift.

He's a lifeliner, which means he has the power to heal and bring creatures back from the dead. But, as he explains, *"talents like this don't come free, you know. There's always a price. Give a bit of life, lose a bit of life."* That is to say, by extending the lives of others, he shortens his own, which is why Lonny's watchmaker dad keeps him and his little brother in the forest, safe from the rest of the world.



The thrilling climax that surges during the Farstoke Lifeling Festival will keep readers on the edge of their seats, willing all to be well for Lonny and Midge as they face tremendous decisions and high-risk situations. Exploring loss and illness within its folkloric premise, this is a thoughtful tale, told with clarity and heart.

Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Kristen T	Olivia K
Year 1	Lewis L	Keyarah B
Year 2	Saif N	Tabatha L
Year 3	Inaya S	Darcey G
Year 4	Basri H	Owais H
Year 5	George P	Anaya A
Year 6	Lacey G	Matthew S

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Musa H
Year 1	Finlay B
Year 2	Tabatha L
Year 3	Joseph W
Year 4	Zoya H
Year 5	Isabella E
Year 6	Nosheen S

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 29.04.21)	131	145	123	136
Position	3 rd – 2 points	1 st – 4 points	4 th – 1 point	2 nd – 3 Points
Running Total	20	17	10	14

Summer 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
INSET Day	Friday 30 th April 2021
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2021
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Election	Thursday 6 th May 2021
Year 6 'Mock' SATs Week	Monday 17 th May 2021 to Thursday 21 st 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