



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"You make a life out of what you have, not what you're missing."

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been another extremely busy week for all year groups and the school has, once again, been a hive of activity! Forest School has continued for Year 2, a very productive PFA meeting was held and extra-curricular clubs are now in full swing. The work being produced in both choirs sounds fabulous and Miss Martin-Mills is already training our 'Young Voices' superbly. Mr Mansfield is also orchestrating an exciting Christmas extravaganza of songs in preparation for the JTMAT Christmas Concert at John Taylor High School in December - watch this space for further news!

We would love to thank ALL of our parents for their support at the Macmillan Coffee Morning today, whether that be through their attendance or through donations, both monetary and edible! The event was a success and I must thank Miss Lord and Mrs Marston in particular for taking on the organisation of it! We have yet to total up the complete amount raised but have raised **£366.53!** You are still welcome to donate if you can via the QR codes on the posters or via this link: <https://thyq.uk/BUU005038891>.



As always, please keep up to date with all that is going on in school through Twitter, the weekly newsletter and the school website and thank you for your continued vigilance, co-operation and understanding with regards to our Covid-19 procedures. Remember, handwashing is still really important so please ensure your children are washing their hands just before they leave the house. Ventilation is still a priority in school, as is cleanliness of tables, touch points and equipment. We hope that you have a great weekend and, as always, we look forward to seeing you again on Monday!



Hello Yellow Young Minds Mental Health Awareness Day – Friday 8 October 2021

To support World Mental Health Day 2021, Shobnall Primary & Nursery School is taking part in "Hello Yellow Day" on Friday 8 October 2021. Pupils and staff members are invited to come into school wearing yellow to raise awareness of mental health and the importance of looking after our wellbeing.

Shobnall Primary & Nursery School have been working in partnership with the Mental Health Support Team for over a year and this has been a very successful way of supporting the wellbeing needs of our pupils. If you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact the office or Mrs Knight to discuss this.



Shobnall Primary & Nursery School Vs Thomas Russell Junior School

Yesterday, we played our first football match of the season against Thomas Russell Junior School and won 3-2! We saw goals from Charlie, Ashton and Louie. It was a fast tempo game with a lot of action and excitement! Some great saves were made and a very big “well done” to all the team – Cruz, Charlie, Ashton, Freya, Qayyam, Jaiden, Josh, Louie and Harry. Also, thanks to the one and only Mr Bishop for all his support and encouragement!

Harry & Charlie

PFA News – Your Disco Needs You!

Thank you to all of those who were able to attend the first PFA meeting of the year on Wednesday! Charlotte Hayes was elected as Chair, Ian Pullen as Treasurer and Martin Latham as Secretary. The first fundraiser will be a **Fancy Dress Disco on Friday 15 October 2021**! Please note the change of date as the PFA felt that the original date of 5 November would clash with potential bonfire celebrations. Infants disco will be 4.30 – 5.15pm and Key Stage 2 disco will be 5.30 – 7.15pm. Fancy dress is optional, but it would be great to see as many of the children dressed as anything they wish! Tickets will be on sale week commencing 4 October, every morning before school on the Key Stage 1 playground and at Shobnall Stars every morning and evening. They will be priced at £2.50. Nursery children are more than welcome to attend, although we do recommend a parent stays to supervise them should you feel it necessary to do so. On the night, children will need a small amount of spending money for drinks, sweets and tattoos (should they wish to have one) and, unfortunately, we will not be able to subsidise them if they don't. Water will be readily available if children do not bring spending money. We hope to see as many of the children there as possible!



The PFA are keen for more volunteers to come forward and help support our fundraising events. If you don't have the capacity to attend the meetings but would like to volunteer to help out at an event, please speak to Charlotte Hayes who will happily add you to the list. We are beginning work on our sensory garden very soon and would love as many people as possible to come down and help! The next meeting will be on **Thursday 21 October 2021**, 3.30pm in the Year 6 classroom where plans will be finalised for the Christmas Fair on Friday 3 December 2021.



The PFA are going to produce their own newsletter (as there is so much to tell you about) on a half-termly basis, so please look out for this as an addition to the main newsletter in due course! We will also upload the news to the [PFA](#) school website page.



Harvest Festival – Monday 4 October 2021

On **Monday 4 October**, the children will be celebrating harvest in our Harvest Festival assembly at St. Aidan's Church where we come together as a school family to talk about harvest and say “Thank You” for the food and clothes that we have. Each year, we like to support a local charity with donations of either money or food to support those children, adults and families who are less fortunate than us. Therefore, please could I ask if you could make a small donation to our Harvest Festival by sending your child in to school on Monday 4 October with a tin or packet of food

(non-perishable items only). We will once again be supporting the YMCA charity who will come and collect the donations later on during that day. Thank you!

Themed Lunch Day – Thursday 7 October 2021

If you would like your child to sample our 'Drive Thru' menu on Thursday 7 October, please view the choices below. Remember, there is a chance of finding a Golden Ticket to win a prize if children have a school dinner on this day! There is no requirement to pre-order a lunch if children don't usually have one, they simply choose their option at registration via their class teacher and lunches are charged through Parent Pay. We hope as many children as possible will try and engage with the theme!



Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Chicken Burger in a Bun, Hash Brown, Cookie & Drink	Quorn Burger in a Bun, Hash Brown, Cookie & Drink	Hot Dog (Pork), Hash Brown, Cookie & Drink	Quorn Dog , Hash Brown, Cookie & Drink

Online Safety



This week's tip is from [internetmatters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org). As internet use grows, it is important to establish positive behaviour and how you teach your child to stay safe. Please click on

the link [Online safety guide 6 -10 year olds - Internet Matters](#) which will take you to the resource. We hope you find this useful.



School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*, which is continuing this year! There is a box situated by the gate on the school car park for any parents who have items they wish to donate. Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box! 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 – 27 September to 1 October 2021

Lunch options for the forthcoming week are:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans	Cheese, Ham or Tuna Packed Lunch
Tuesday	Sausage Roll & Hash Brown	Cheese & Onion Roll & Hash Brown	Cheese, Ham or Tuna Packed Lunch
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Fillet, Stuffing & Gravy	Cheese, Ham or Tuna Packed Lunch
Thursday	Chicken Curry & Rice	Veggie Curry & Rice	Cheese, Ham or Tuna Packed Lunch
Friday	Fish & Chips	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans	Cheese, Ham or Tuna Packed Lunch

Due to the food shortages, the kitchen may have to change the menu at the last minute. Mrs Inger will try her best to keep everyone updated. Many thanks for your understanding.

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

Nursery

The nursery children have continued to grow in confidence this week and seem so much more settled. We have been sharing some of the children's special interest boxes; talking about family members, favourite toys and places visited and look forward to continuing this next week. The children have been singing further action and counting rhymes and have gained a growing curiosity around magnifying glasses, using them to study conkers and just about everything else around them!

Reception

The children have had fun learning about different types of homes this week as part of our topic 'Home Sweet Home'. They have enjoyed discussing a variety of homes and carefully recognised various features of them making some great comparisons. They were pleased to share all about their own homes as well as the homes of different members of their families. It has been wonderful to see the children create a range of representations



of their homes through drawing, painting, collaging and construction. They were very busy in the outdoor area too using the foam bricks to build houses and bungalows they showed super team work and problem solving skills!

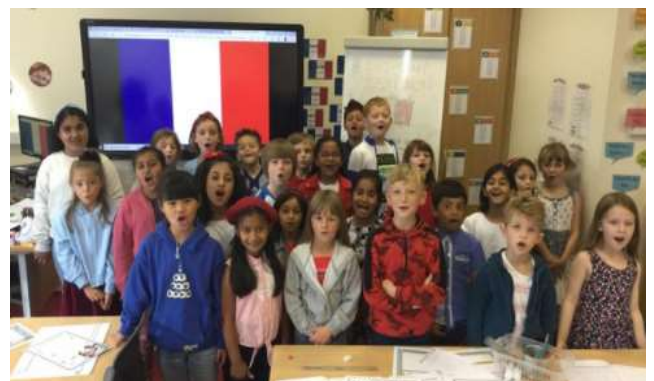
It was 'fantastica' on Friday when the children joined in with languages day by learning about Italy! They were thrilled with the addition of a pizza parlour in our role play area and had fun serving each other a variety of pizzas filled with various toppings. They also had fun joining in with a range of activities including creating Italian flags, threading, designing pizzas and ice creams, learning French greetings and of course their favourite... trying some tasty pizza and pasta! What a marvellous way to end the week!

Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic week learning about the fairy tale Cinderella and discovering what they would do if they had a Fairy Godmother. A lot wished for her to help tidy their bedrooms so I hope their wishes comes true. In maths we have been looking at number lines and discovering what is one more and one less. This week in science we looked at waterproof materials and conducted an experiment to see which material would be the best for Ted's umbrella. Languages Day was a huge hit and we have practically rolled out of the school gates. Thank you to all the parents who sent in delicious food for us all to enjoy!

Year 2

Year 2 have had another jam packed week full of learning! In Maths the children finished their unit on place value and are looking forward to learning about addition and subtraction next week. In English the children planned and wrote their own version of the Gingerbread Man. The stories were a delight to read and it was fantastic to hear all the VERY imaginative ideas that the children had...one story consisted of Mr Adams and Miss Martin-Mills chasing a pencil down to Shobnall Marina! Year 2 had another fantastic Forest School session in which they learnt about how The Great Fire of London started and why



it spread so quickly - the highlight of the session was watching Miss Lord burn down a row of paper houses! On Friday the children participated in Languages Day – they were in Mexico! They taste tested salsa's and guacamole, learnt Spanish greetings and even learnt how to say their name in Spanish!

Year 3

This week Year 3 have continued learning about play scripts in English. We have written our own play script based on our guided reading text George's Marvellous Medicine. What a horrible lady Grandma is! In science we have been learning all about the fossilisation process, palaeontology and the work of Mary Anning. We have completed our place value unit in maths and are looking forward to starting our next unit of addition and subtraction next week. A great week Year 3, very well done!

Year 4

Year 4 have had another great week. We have been writing a letter, describing different emotions after reading 'The Day the Crayons Quit' as our writing prompt and they have been a thoroughly enjoyable read! The children finished off their week by celebrating National Languages Day by coming to school dressed as the colours of the French flag. This was followed by a whole day of French being taught. Bien fait (Well done) Year 4!



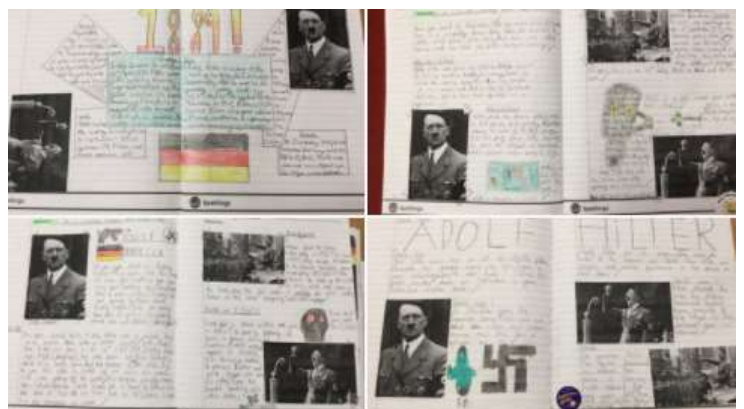
Year 5

The children in Year 5 have enjoyed beginning their Harry Potter Unit of work in English writing. They have started off by writing a descriptive paragraph about Harry's appearance using a variety of descriptive features. The children have continued learning about Place Value in maths, looking particularly at Roman Numerals and also rounding.

In Science, the pupils have been learning about different materials and which would make the best lunchbox to stop the ice from melting. It has been great to hear about swimming and how much they enjoyed the first few sessions.

Year 6

We have had another great week in Year 6! After completing our maths unit based on place value, we have moved on to revise the four operations, where we have used resilience whilst solving problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Afternoons have been busy for us this week, not only have we been lucky to have two workshops with teachers from John Taylor High School but our history unit has also continued, finishing our biographies based on Adolf Hitler and learning about the concept of propaganda during WW2. We finished our week by celebrating Languages Day, where our class focused on the French language - a great opportunity to begin our French unit and put our pronunciation skills to the test!



Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 10+...

My Sister Lives in the Mantelpiece

Written by Annabel Pitcher

Heartbreaking and funny in equal measure, 10-year-old Jamie's direct and wide-eyed account of the emotional chaos he and his family live through following the death of his sister in a terrorist attack is poignant and warm-hearted. Beginning a new life in the Lake District with his older sister and his father, who mourns his daughter through alcohol and a wild rage against her killers, Jamie knows he should feel sadder than he does. The truth is, he can hardly remember his sister; and what is happening with his new school and new friends, especially Sunya, is more urgent – as is his yearning for his absent mother. Emotionally charged, this is a wonderfully touching story which never slips into worthiness.



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Ayesha N	Saifullah M
Year 1	Alizah A	Jackson B
Year 2	Rosie T	Oliver M
Year 3	Dexter K	Kian S
Year 4	Evelina K	Joseph W
Year 5	Musa H	Rosie E
Year 6	Betsy W	Reshaye B

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Theodosia D
Year 1	Ava B
Year 2	Finlay B
Year 3	Bhuvana S
Year 4	Amelia A
Year 5	Kaden P
Year 6	Isabella E

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 24.09.21)	173	99	138	109
Position	1 st – 4 Points	4 th – 1 Point	2 nd – 3 Points	3 rd – 2 Points
Running Total	12	3	8	7

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Event	Date/Time
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 22 nd October 2021
INSET Day	Monday 1 st November 2021
PFA Christmas Fair	Friday 3 rd December 2021
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 th December 2021
INSET Day	Friday 17 th December 2021
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Young Voices	Thursday 27 th January 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 18 th February 2022
INSET Day	Monday 28 th February 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 1 st March 2022
School Closes for Easter	Friday 8 th April 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 25 th April 2022
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 9 th May 2022 – Friday 13 th May 2022

School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 27 th May 2022
INSET Day	Monday 6 th June 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 7 th June 2022
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 8 th July 2022
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 20 th July 2022

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
Harvest	Monday 4 th October 2021
Year 2 Bhangra Dancing, JTHS	Tuesday 12 th October 2021
PFA Halloween Disco	Friday 15 th October 2021
Parents' Evening	Monday 18 th October 2021 Wednesday 20 th October 2021
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 22 nd October 2021
INSET Day	Monday 1 st November 2021
School Re-Opens	Tuesday 2 nd November 2021
Open Evening	Wednesday 10 th November 2021, 4.30-6.00pm
Odd Socks Day	Monday 15 th November 2021
Year 2 Class Assembly	Thursday 18 th November 2021
Year 6 Class Assembly	Thursday 25 th November 2021
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 1 st December 2021 to Friday 3 rd December 2021 Inclusive
JTMAT Christmas Concert	Thursday 2 nd December 2021
PFA Christmas Fair	Friday 3 rd December 2021
Christingle	Monday 6 th December 2021
EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 7 th December 2021, 9.15am
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 8 th December 2021, 9.15am
PFA KS1 Christmas Movie Night	Wednesday 8 th December 2021, 3.30pm
PFA KS2 Christmas Movie Night	Thursday 9 th December 2021, 3.30pm
Year 3 Cosy Celebration	Friday 10 th December 2021, 9.15am
KS1 Nativity	Monday 13 th December 2021, 9.15am AND 2.00pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 15 th December 2021
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Lichfield Garrick, Peter Pan	Thursday 16 th December 2021, 1.30pm
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 th December 2021
INSET Day	Friday 17 th December 2021

