



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Even though it has been a much shorter week in school, due to the bank holiday and Eid celebrations for several of you, we have still managed to squeeze in so many different activities! I hope you enjoy reading about what each class has been up to in the 'Shobnall Showcase' further on in the newsletter!

Next week will be just as busy as this one, especially for our Year 2 and Year 6 children, who will be completing their SATs. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the children the very best for next week as they sit these tests, the first time any cohort has done so for three years. Not only have the children themselves been working very hard to get themselves prepared so that they are equipped to try their hardest, the teaching team have also worked exceptionally hard to get them ready. As we build up to next week, I am positive that the children will shine as they always do and I hope that they use this weekend to relax so that they are fresh and energised to give them their absolute best on Monday.



We have finally seen some signs of summer this week and with much warmer weather now approaching, 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. Please may we also remind everyone that adults and children who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, should follow the [UKHSA guidance](#). Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. As always, please refer to the [Covid-19 Info](#) page on the school website if you need any further clarification.

We hope that you all enjoy the weekend ahead and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

This summer our patron, Queen Elizabeth II, has her Platinum Jubilee. It is the longest reign of any British monarch. For many of us in the UK and abroad, she is the only head of state that we have ever known. In those 70 years that she has been queen, the world has changed in many ways. Over the course of the last week of this half-term, we will be engaging with a variety of activities to mark this long reign and very special, one-off historical occasion...



The Big Jubilee Curriculum – The children will be engaged in themed learning over the course of the week. As well as focusing on British Values in assemblies and in classrooms, the children will be exploring some history in learning about the life of our Queen and the key events of her reign, culminating in a whole school display at the end of the week.

The Big Jubilee Dress Up - On Friday 27 May, children (and staff) will be allowed the opportunity to dress up as British icons as part of a 'Best of British' theme. An icon from the past 70 years would be ideal! Alternatively, children can choose to dress in red, white and blue if they would prefer.

The Big Jubilee Party - On Friday 27 May, we will be having a big party for the children on the field, weather permitting, in the afternoon. Children will be able to enjoy playing a variety of traditional games, music and snacks to celebrate the Queen's long reign!

The Big Jubilee Lunch – Mrs Inger is shaking up the school menu for the *whole* week, culminating in a traditional tea party on Friday 27 May. She will be cooking all the classic favourites over the course of the week! Please see the menu below...

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Monday 60s School Dinner	Cottage Pie	Italian Baked Fish	Cheese Flan
Tuesday British Banger Day	Pork Sausage & Mash	Quorn Sausage & Mash	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans
Wednesday Traditional Roast Day	Turkey, Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Roast, Stuffing & Gravy	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans
Thursday Seaside Special	Fish & Chips	Quorn Nuggets & Chips	-
Friday Jubilee Tea Party	Sandwich (Cheese, Ham or Tuna), Drink, Cake, Pizza, Sausage Roll (Pork or Cheese & Onion) & Crisps		

The Big Jubilee Gift – ALL children in state-funded primary schools across the United Kingdom will, from mid-May, begin to receive a free commemorative book to mark Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. Designed as an official once-in-a-lifetime commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee and written in collaboration with royal experts and historians, the book will tell the story of a young girl, Isabella, visiting her Great Granny Joyce who tells her about the Queen and this year's Jubilee. In the story, Isabella sifts through Great Granny Joyce's treasure box of souvenirs, which act as introductions to the contents of the book. These include recent and historical events across the United Kingdom and Commonwealth, inspirational people, landmark innovations and inventions, and a selection of the best art, design, and culture. The book will also include famous quotes from the Queen, facts on the coronation ceremony, content on the lives of famous Commonwealth figures such as Nelson Mandela, notable kings and queens and a timeline of Queen Elizabeth's life. The book goes on private sale from 23 June.

The Big Jubilee Bank Holiday – Don't forget the wider programme of events and activities planned for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, including a concert, street parties, and an extra bank holiday for the Jubilee weekend itself from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June 2022. As this is over half-term, we still benefit from the additional bank holiday by finishing a day early on Wednesday 20 July!

Vesak

Vesak is one of the most important Buddhist festivals. It is also known as Wesak or Buddha Day. It is a celebration of Buddha's birthday and, for some Buddhists, marks his enlightenment (when he discovered life's meaning). This takes place today, 6 May. Here are some other interesting facts about this holy festival:

- ★ Vesak is celebrated once a year. This year, it falls on Friday 6 May. The date of Vesak changes each year as it takes place at the time of the first full moon of the ancient lunar month of Vesakha, which usually falls in May or early June.
- ★ The festival traditionally holds a three-day celebration which involves praying, feasting,



family gatherings, exchanging gifts and helping the needy.

- ★ Each Buddhist culture has its own traditions for the day, but it is celebrated in lots of different countries, including many across Asia such as: India, Thailand, and North and South Korea. Many Buddhists will go to their local temple and some might even stay there throughout the day and night of the full moon. Many will do good deeds, take part in chanting and meditation, reflect on Buddhist teachings, bring offerings to the temple and share food with people.
- ★ Families may decorate their homes with lanterns, take part in processions and wear special white clothes to mark the occasion. Friends and family may also send cards to each other.
- ★ A ceremony called Bathing the Buddha may also be held when water is poured over the shoulders of the Buddha to remind people to clear their minds of negative thoughts like greed and hatred.

Reminders!

Please don't forget to look at the diary dates at the end of the newsletter each week, as these are updated on a regular basis. The diary is filling up thick and fast now as we move further into the summer term. Some important dates to note are the final class assemblies of the year:

- Year 5 Class Assembly – Wednesday 25 May 2022
- Year 4 Class Assembly – Thursday 26 May 2022



Both will start at 9.15am and will be held in the school hall. We look forward to seeing as many parents there as possible!



PFA Midsummer Movie Night – Tuesday 24 May 2022, 3.30 – 5.15pm

Tickets go on sale from Monday 9 May for the forthcoming PFA Midsummer Movie Night on Tuesday 24 May. They can be purchased at the key stage 2 playground entrance every morning from 8.45am (please look out for the sign!) and after school. They will be priced at £3.50, which includes the film, a drink and some sweets. Additional snacks will be available to purchase on the night (i.e. crisps, popcorn), so the children are allowed to bring in a small amount of spending money on the day if they would like to do this. Pick up will be from your child's usual gate at 5.15pm.

Thank you once again to everyone for supporting the PFA – your time and fundraising really does make a difference to the children of our school!

Online Safety Tips

Does a child you know ever feel lonely when they're online? In a study by the UK's Office for National Statistics, 14% of 10–12-year-olds said that they DID often feel lonely – so any child experiencing those feelings is, sadly, far from unusual. To support Mental Health Awareness Week – which this year has the theme of 'loneliness' – the National Online Safety Centre spoke to a group of children and teenagers, who told them some of the things that make them feel isolated when they're online. They also suggested some ways they use technology to make themselves feel better when that happens, and in this week's guide compiled their ideas into a loneliness-busting poster. In the guide, you'll find tips such as taking breaks, playing single-player games and listening to your favourite audiobooks.



School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*, which continues! There is a box situated just by the main school office 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.itmat.co.uk and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.



Hot Lunch Options – 9 May – 13 May 2022

WEEK 2 11th Oct, 8th Nov, 29th Nov		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH		Chicken with a side of BBQ sauce	Pork meatballs in a tomato sauce	Roast turkey and stuffing	All day breakfast	Fish fingers
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH		Margherita pizza	Vegetarian Bolognese	Quorn fillet and stuffing	Vegetarian all day breakfast	Quorn nuggets
ACCOMPANIMENTS	5	Herby diced potatoes Garden peas Sweetcorn Salad bar	Pasta Garlic bread Broccoli Carrot batons Salad bar	Roast potatoes Green cabbage Sliced carrots Salad bar	Bread wedge Baked tomatoes Mushrooms Baked beans Salad bar	Chips Sweetcorn Mushy peas Salad bar
DESSERTS		Chocolate sponge and custard	Fruity flapjack	Strawberry jelly and fruit	Shortbread	Fresh fruit and ice cream
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT	5	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt
JACKET POTATOES & SANDWICHES		Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

Nursery

The children (and staff) in nursery have been really excited this week as we have placed 12 eggs inside an incubator and are counting down 21 days until hatch day! We have lots of non-fiction books that we are using to learn more about chicks and will soon be chick experts! Through our Commando Joe scheme of work, we were introduced to Eddie Empathy and worked as a team to rescue Mr Owl from a tree, bandaged up his poorly wing and found out what owls eat, by researching this online. We then found some food to help make him better. Commando Joe would be very proud of us! This week, we have also learnt about jungle animals and have compared the jungle environment to life in Burton. We decided we like living in Burton and prefer not to come face to face with tigers whilst walking around!



Reception



It has been a brilliant week in Reception with lots of additional visitors to our class!

The week began with the children exploring the celebration of Eid Al-Fitr! They enjoyed listening to the different ways some of their friends celebrated and had fun sharing the super Eid decorations they had made for their homework.

Later in the week the children found some ants on the playground and thought it would be a good idea to have them in our classroom to watch them more closely. They all enjoyed setting up an ant world and are excited to see the ants busy at work creating tunnels.

Forest School was fantastic as the children enjoyed exploring in the sunshine! Activities including searching for colourful worms,

creating caterpillar collages, pond dipping for tadpoles and making a wormery. There was also a very friendly butterfly that decided to make Miss Alexander's hair their new home!

The children now have an impressive research role play lab with ants, tadpoles and a wormery, I wonder what next week will bring?

Year 1

Year 1 have had a great week this week. We have been focusing on division in maths and we have used lots of concrete resources to support our learning with sharing into equal groups. The children displayed great resilience towards their tasks and activities. In English we have been writing our newspaper report on the biscuit thief. The children have really enjoyed this activity as they have been picturing themselves as journalists. In the wider curriculum this week we have concluded our topic in science, which focused on the seasons. The children have been spotting patterns in the weather as part of their investigation. As you can probably guess that the recording of the weather has been a little wild as the typical British weather can't make up its mind!

Year 2

"Twas the week before SATs, when all through the land, Year 2 pupils were working to Miss Martin-Mills' astound." This little poem sums up the hard work that the Year 2 children continue to put in towards their SATs next week. All the adults cannot believe how hard the class have continued to work, right up until the last minute. From comprehension to reasoning, arithmetic to SPAG the children are raring to go and full of confidence for next week. The highlight of the week of course, was their Eid celebration on Friday. It was so wonderful to see the children dressed up in their Salwar Kameez and other party clothes. There was an abundance of food and party games, as well as dancing and celebrating – the perfect end to a busy week!



Year 3

We have had a fantastic week in Year 3. In our DT unit, the children have been learning about a healthy balanced diet and designed their own healthy meal. Later in the week, the children made delicious strawberry smoothies using a range of ingredients. The children enjoyed experimenting with the quantities of each ingredient to get the perfect consistency.

The children have continued to work hard in their maths lessons. This week they have been finding fractions of amounts and using a range of resources to help them. Another great week in Year 3!



Year 4

Year 4 have had another fantastic week! In Maths, the children have continued to learn about decimals applying their knowledge of tenths and hundredths to answer a variety of reasoning and problem-solving questions. In English, we have started to explore the features of an information text. This is in preparation for the children to write their own information text about the Ancient Egyptians! In Reading, we have started to look out our new book for this term, *The Firework-Maker's Daughter*. The children have been making

predictions using clues from the front cover and the blurb and have read the first chapter of the story. Across the curriculum, we have completed our French unit for this half term looking all about time! Finally, it has been wonderful to see so many children presenting their Ancient Egyptians extended projects this week, which has been amazing!! A super week Year 4.

Year 5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed this week, especially at Forest School in the rain! The children made dens in the Forest School area, which the children really enjoyed. A group of children looked closely in the pond and found tadpoles! Mr Hussein was sharing his wealth of knowledge with the children all about the lifecycle of a frog.

The children have started to hand their projects in about Early Islamic Civilization, and they will be sharing these during our class assembly on Wednesday 25 May.



Year 6

Year 6 have spent the last few days revising and preparing for their KS2 SATs tests, which begin next week. We are extremely proud of each and every one of them: they have worked incredibly hard and have put in 100% effort with their revision.

Reading Corner

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

Scrivener's Moon

Written by Philip Reeve

The seventh awe-inspiring adventure in the World of Mortal Engines series by superb writer Philip Reeve, at the height of his powers. In a future land once known as Britain, nomad tribes are preparing to fight a terrifying enemy - the first-ever mobile city. Before London can launch itself, young engineer Fever Crumb journeys to the wastelands of the North to seek out the ancient birthplace of the Scriven mutants. In the chaotic weeks before battle begins, Fever finds a mysterious black pyramid. The extraordinary secrets it contains will change her world forever. **Mortal Engines** is now a major motion picture from Peter Jackson's studio, **WingNut Films** and stars Hera Hilmar, Robert Sheehan & Hugo Weaving.



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Saifullah M	Ava O
Year 1	Harry K	Layla N
Year 2	Safa Q	Alfie H
Year 3	Erin S	Bhuvana S
Year 4	Charlotte K	Henry M
Year 5	Chaanakya S	Alex H
Year 6	Betsy W	Hasan A

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Bradley F
Year 1	Kristen T
Year 2	Jacob R
Year 3	Halima L
Year 4	Lilly L
Year 5	Sophia R
Year 6	Louie S

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 06.05.22)	96	73	85	90
Position	1 st – 4 points	4 th – 1 point	3 rd – 2 points	2 nd – 3 points
Running Total	8	2	4	6

Summer Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 9 th May 2022 – Friday 13 th May 2022
Young Voices	Thursday 19 th May 2022
PFA Midsummer Film Night	Tuesday 24 th May 2022, 3.30pm – 5.15pm
Year 5 Class Assembly	Wednesday 25 th May 2022, 9.15am
Year 4 Class Assembly	Thursday 26 th May 2022, 9.15am
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration	Friday 27 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
New Parents Meeting for Nursery & Reception Parents	Thursday 9 th June 2022
Father's Day Lunches – Reception	Monday 13 th June 2022
Father's Day Lunches – Year 1	Tuesday 14 th June 2022
Father's Day Lunches – Year 2	Wednesday 15 th June 2022
Father's Day Lunches – Year 3 & Year 4	Thursday 16 th June 2022
Father's Day Lunches – Year 5 & Year 6	Friday 17 th June 2022
Sports Day	Monday 20 th June 2022
Reserve Sports Day	Wednesday 22 nd June 2022
Year 4, 5 & 6 Brewhouse Performance – Robin Hood	Thursday 30 th June 2022
Non-Uniform Day	Friday 1 st July 2022
PFA Summer Bingo	Wednesday 6 th July 2022
JTMAT INSET Day – School Closed	Friday 8 th July 2022
Nursery Graduation	Tuesday 19 th July 2022
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 20 th July 2022

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Event	Date/Time
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 9 th May 2022 – Friday 13 th May 2022
Young Voices	Thursday 19 th May 2022
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations!	Friday 27 th May 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 27 th May 2022

INSET Day	Monday 6 th June 2022
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JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 8 th July 2022
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 20 th July 2022

LONELINESS ONLINE:

What Causes It and Ways to Feel Better

Have you ever been online and felt a little bit lonely?
In a recent study, 14% of 10–12-year-olds said they often felt lonely, so you're not the only one who sometimes feels that way. We spoke to a group of children and teenagers, who told us some of the things that make them feel isolated when they're online.

CAUSES OF LONELINESS ONLINE

-  Seeing photos or videos of friends having fun without me
-  Being excluded from group chats or games with friends
-  Friends or family not replying to texts or answering my calls
-  People being unkind to me online
-  When friends leave my group chat

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

So if these things happen to you and you start to feel down, what can you do? The same young people also told us how they make themselves feel less lonely when they're online – and we've collected some of their advice to share with you.

- ✓ Tell a friend or a trusted adult that you feel lonely
- ✓ Watch funny videos of cats and pandas
- ✓ Watch yoga videos and do some exercises
- ✓ Play single-player games you enjoy
- ✓ Listen to happy music
- ✓ Listen to your favourite audiobooks
- ✓ Send nice messages to your friends and family
- ✓ Play games with friends who you trust, if they're online too



TAKE A BREAK

Sometimes the best thing you can do is to take a break from technology and do something offline that makes you feel happy.

Here's what our group suggested!

- ✓ Paint or draw pictures
- ✓ Play with a pet
- ✓ Write about your feelings
- ✓ Hang out with your family
- ✓ Get outdoors & enjoy nature



FURTHER SUPPORT

Remember, it's normal to feel a bit lonely sometimes – but if it's really upsetting you, and you have no-one to talk to, you can call Childline for free on

0800 1111



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