



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had another busy week here at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School that culminated in a fantastic performance at the Brewhouse Arts Centre yesterday by our Year 4, 5 and 6 children! They took us on a trip to Sherwood Forest and performed their own version of Robin Hood, which did not disappoint!

For those of you who managed to purchase a ticket for either the matinee or the evening performance, you definitely witnessed a great show. We were so proud of all the children, as not only was their performance in line with 'Broadway' expectations, their conduct, attitude and behaviour were outstanding for what was a very long day. The singing, acting and choreography were amazing, and it was a real treat to see all the hard work the children and staff had put in come together. Thank you to all of you who came along and supported, it was a fabulous show made great by two incredible audiences!



We also had a surprising visitor wander into Year 2 this week – Jonah's cat, Theo! He had been missing for a few months and Jonah couldn't contain his excitement when he saw the cat trot into the classroom. We think he must have been looking for him as it looked like Theo was very happy to be reunited with his beloved owner! Miss Martin-Mills is going into hospital next week for an operation, so Miss Barker will be taking the helm with Year 2 until the end of the academic year. We wish Miss Martin-Mills a very speedy recovery!

We look forward to seeing a significant number of you for our **PFA Summer Bingo** on **Wednesday 6 July**. Doors open at 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start. The PFA would like to thank you for your donations collected from our non-uniform day today, which will be used to provide a glamorous array of prizes for the night. We look forward to seeing you there!



Please don't forget that **Friday 8 July** is an INSET day, so school will be closed for the pupils. A slightly shorter newsletter will be published on Thursday of next week for you. As always, we wish you all a very relaxing and restful weekend! Enjoy!

Nursery Places Still Available for September!

Please note that there are still a few places left in our nursery for September, so enquire if you or someone else you know within the community, would like a place in our outstanding school.

Further information can be found on our school website [Admissions](#) page on how to apply for a place and we look forward to receiving your application!



Summer Reading Challenge 2022



As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the Summer Reading Challenge runs in 95% of UK public libraries and online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk and begins on **Saturday 9 July**. The Summer Reading Challenge can:

- Help to prevent the summer reading 'dip' for pupils
- Ensure pupils are ready for their return to school in the autumn
- Support the transition between year groups and key stages
- Improve language skills, especially for those for whom English is a second language

As is the case every year, we strongly encourage our children to get involved! If you read, you succeed! We have a special assembly being delivered, around the time that the challenge is being launched, to tell all the children how they can get involved. Further details will be published imminently...

Online Safety Tips

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In the guide, you will find tips on a number of potential risks such as in-game purchases, addiction and chatting with strangers.

Health Information Fair @ Burton Library



Saturday 2nd July 11am–2pm

Chat to local health care providers and support groups

Find out about health apps and discover ways to improve your wellbeing.

Activities for the kids and free healthy snacks too!

All welcome.

For further information, please contact
Burton Library
Riverside, High Street, Burton upon Trent, DE14 1AH
01283 881208



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 – 4 July – 7 July 2022

<div> <div>NUTRITIONIST APPROVED</div> <div>5 AM</div> </div>					
WEEK 3 4th July	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Chicken burger in a soft bun	Chicken and vegetable pie	Roast Chicken and Yorkshire pudding	Chilli beef	CLOSED
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Quorn burger in a soft bun	Vegetarian Bolognese	Vegetarian toad in the hole	Cheese and vegetable frittata	INSET
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Herby diced potatoes Baked beans Garden peas Salad bar	Mashed potatoes fluffy rice Carrot batons Broccoli Salad Bar	Roast potatoes Green cabbage Sliced carrots Salad bar	Potato wedges Cauliflower Garden peas Salad bar	DAY
DESSERTS	Chocolate crunch	Jam sponge and custard	Orange muffin	Fruit meringues	CLOSED
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	INSET
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	DAY

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

Nursery

This week the Nursery children became scientists and set up an experiment to explore the affects of different liquids on eggs (that represented our teeth). Just after two days, we couldn't believe the difference! The egg in orange juice turned the shell bumpy and very rough and the egg in vinegar went soft and lost the brown shell colouring! "It's bouncy, like a dog's bouncy ball!" The egg in water showed no change, so we had lots of discussion about what was best to put in our water bottles when we come to Nursery! We have carried out lots of Dentist role play this week as well as telling our own stories and practicing for our forthcoming Graduation!



Reception

The Reception children have had a brilliant week exploring holidays.

They have focussed on various holiday destinations and shared their own experiences of travelling in different ways.

"I travel in a caravan to the Woolley Grange, It's a hotel in England!" –Charlotte

"It's only 31 sleeps until my holiday I'm going on a plane!"- Fynn

"I went to Turkey on a plane it went really high."- Ayesha. F

"My grandma lives in Greece and another country, I went on a boat to see her with my family."- Theodosia

In maths the children have explored capacity and volume using sand and water. They made some fantastic comparisons using mathematical vocabulary.

The children have also been celebrating their achievements by revisiting goals they set themselves earlier in the year. These included golf distance shots, swimming without armbands, using the correct letter formation, riding a bike without stabilisers and tidying up more. They have certainly shown a great deal of perseverance and we are very proud of them!

Year 1

Year 1 have had a great week this week. They made their scrumptious salads last week and this week they have evaluated their work. In topic this week we have started Science and they have been exploring plants. The children have already started to use their investigative skills by identifying different trees and flowers. We are going to continue this exploration next week with an experiment. This week in Maths they have started learning how to tell the time. This can be a tricky concept for children; however, they have been extremely resilient! The children were so excited for their trip to conkers this week and they all had an amazing time. The children behaved fantastically on the trip as well as applying their knowledge from the science lessons. They have also taken away a lot of new vocabulary that they will apply to their poetry writing next week. Well done Year 1!

Year 2



Year 2 have had a wonderful final week with Miss Martin-Mills! This week was the children's final testing week which was an opportunity for the children to demonstrate the wealth of knowledge that they have gained this year. As always Year 2 did their best work, and it has been wonderful for them to reflect on how much they have learnt this year and how ready they are for Year 3! Once tests were complete, the fun could begin! Year 2 had the fantastic opportunity to be the first children in the school to use the BRAND NEW IPADS! And wow, they truly are amazing and a huge improvement on the old ones. The children used ScratchJr to create their own programs and create moving pictures. In addition to computing, the children had a DT day where they were able to create moving pictures using sliding, wheel and lever mechanisms. Using split pins certainly was a challenge, but all the children had great fun and completed some fantastic traditional fairy tale inspired moving pictures. However, this DT day was no ordinary day because a

MIRACLE happened! The children were hard at work, when suddenly commotion started as a cat strolled into the classroom! Miss Martin-Mills jumped into action and picked up the (assumed to be) stray cat. However, Jonah suddenly leapt out of his seat and said 'That's Theo! He is my cat and he has been missing for months!'. It was a happy reunion for both, and Theo is now safely at home, reunited with his loving family. On Friday, Year 2 celebrated the past two years with Miss Martin-Mills with lots of activities, a party and another furry friend in the classroom - Miss Martin-Mills' brand new 8-week-old puppy! The children loved meeting the puppy that they have been hearing about for the past 8 weeks and it was a brilliant way to round off their 2 years with Miss Martin-Mills as their teacher. What a great week!

Year 3

Year 3 have completed their summer assessments this week. They have worked extremely hard and I am very proud of each and every one of them. Along with assessments, the children have finished their Iron Age topic and are writing a non-chronological report to consolidate their learning. Over the year, the children have enjoyed learning about the changes and developments in Prehistoric times from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. In RE, we are currently learning about the meaning of commitment and the different things that people are committed to. This links with our focus of Sikhism and will support us in

answering our key question - What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God? Another lovely week, well done Year 3!

Year 4

Year 4 have had a wonderful week this week. With the Brewhouse performance taking centre stage this week, the children have fully immersed themselves in the performance and I am so proud of how well each and every one of them did! This week has involved rehearsals in school and at the Brewhouse. Not only have the children had to learn every song word by word, but some of the children have even had to learn dances to two of the songs which were amazing! Alongside all our Brewhouse production preparations, the children have also started their DT unit for this term. The children have been evaluating juggling balls in preparation for creating their own in the coming weeks. A fantastic week Year 4!



Year 5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed this week as it has been the final week of rehearsals and the show of Robin Hood. The children did incredibly well to learn all the songs ready for their performance and I know they all loved taking part!

It has also been a sad week as Year 5 have said goodbye to Mr Hussein who has been training to teach this year at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School. Mr Hussein has been wonderful and I know the children are really going to miss him for the rest of the term.



Children in Year 5 have also started to design and make their mechanical animals for design and technology which I know they have really enjoyed.



Year 6

What a week! All of the pupils' hard work rehearsing has paid off as they were FABULOUS in both performances of Robin Hood at the Brewhouse - they should all be very proud! There are clearly some very talented performers in Year 6 and we hope you enjoyed the show as much as we did. To finish the week, we had an art day, taking inspiration from Albrecht Dürer's art before moving on and creating self-portrait sculptures using modelling wire.

Reading Corner

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

The Secret Sunshine Project

Written by Benjamin Dean

Bea, her big sister Riley and their mum have moved from London to stay with their gran in a small country town. All three are looking for escape after the sudden death of the girls' father. As she starts to make friends, Bea is ever more conscious of her sister's sadness, until she suddenly realises there is a way to bring Riley out of herself. Now the only obstacle is the town's resident busy-body and general 'do-badder'. It's surprising what you can achieve though when everyone accepts one another and works as a team.

As sunny and cheering as the rainbow design on its sprayed edges, this is a story that recognises the importance of standing up for what you know is right, and for others. In its depiction of grief and depression, it strikes just the right note and delivers a message of inclusivity and tolerance with the lightest touch.



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Hasnain Q	Isla G
Year 1		
Year 2	Reece A	Jonah M-Y
Year 3	Dexter J	Ellie W
Year 4	Millie C	Hafsa U
Year 5	Archie G	Keeva D
Year 6	Everyone	Everyone

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Hasnain Q
Year 1	Alizah A
Year 2	Sebastian J
Year 3	Evalyn W
Year 4	Joseph W
Year 5	Sophia R
Year 6	Reshaye B

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 01.07.22)	121	105	113	147
Position	2 nd – 3 Points	4 th – 1 Point	3 rd – 2 Points	1 st – 4 Points
Running Total	12	4	8	16

Summer Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
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
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 8 th July 2022
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 20 th July 2022

Diary Dates 2022-2023

Event	Date/Time
INSET Day	Monday 5 th September 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 6 th September 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Thursday 20 th October 2022
INSET Day	Friday 21 st October 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 31 st October 2022
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 16 th December 2022
INSET Day	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
Young Voices 2023	Friday 13 th January 2023
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 30 th January to Friday 3 rd February 2023
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 17 th February 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 27 th February 2023
School Closes for Easter	Friday 31 st March 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 17 th April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May 2023
Borough and Parish Elections – School Closed	Thursday 4 th May 2023
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 8 th May 2023 to Friday 12 th May 2023
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 26 th May 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 5 th June 2023
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 7 th July 2023
School Closes for Summer	Friday 21 st July 2023
INSET Day	Monday 24 th July 2023
INSET Day	Tuesday 25 th July 2023

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MINECRAFT

AGE RATING

7+

Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying: it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too untoward in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unnerve young ones.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lots of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of moaning zombies or creepers damaging your build.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

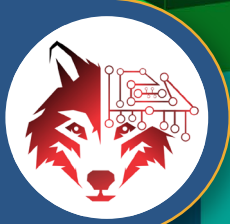
It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

Meet Our Expert

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