



Shobnall Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

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First of all I would just like to apologise for the delay in you all receiving last week's newsletter but unfortunately this was out of our control. Sadly, we have been experiencing difficulties with our photocopier and as a result, waiting for both parts and an engineer made providing correspondence and work in class rooms rather challenging. The photocopier certainly seems to be behaving now so fingers crossed we will have no more problems. However, as a text did confirm, last week's newsletter was uploaded on to the website, alongside other recent documents so if, for any reason, you don't find a copy in your child's book bag on a Friday, please log on to locate it here.

Well, here we are, ready to move in to our final week of the half term and now by next Friday, we will have officially reached the half way point in our academic calendar. It's been a long 1st half term, especially for our younger children and the dark mornings and dark evenings have seemingly prolonged the term for the children however it's encouraging to note the change in daylight hours over the last week and it won't be long before we can begin enjoying more of our outdoor resources and facilities.

It has been a busy week in terms of our children completing considerable work when learning about On-line safety and each class has been involved in various skills and activities throughout. Below is a quick outline of what has been going on:

'Phat Magic' This morning the school welcomed Eddie Young of Phat Magic into our assembly to the delight of the pupils who were transfixed by various card tricks and number skills of the 'Phat Magic Man'. Next week the children will be practising a magic trick in class in order for them to be able to perform to you at home. We look forward to welcoming Eddie Young back into school during the next half term to support maths lessons within the curriculum.

What a busy time it's been in the **Early Years** again this week! After listening to the bestselling 'e-safety' book- 'Penguinpig', the children learned that things are not always what they might seem on the Internet and that they must never arrange to meet someone they've met online.

In the story, a little girl reads all about an exciting-sounding animal which, in the end, turns out to be a frightening grizzly bear instead! The Reception pupils went on to produce some beautiful, extended pieces of writing about the story and both Nursery and Reception children created some collages of the main characters. 'Penguinpig' was a great book that parents might like to consider re-reading to their children to reinforce this important message.

The EYFS pupils have also learned about healthy food choices this week and have had a close look at some delicious and colourful fruit. The Nursery pupils even made their Mums a healthy sandwich!

Advance Notice - Our EYFS Nursery Assembly will be held on Wednesday 22nd March at 9:15 am.

Year 1 have been learning how to be 'smart' using the internet. We had a discussion about how to keep safe and watched some videos of different scenarios that could occur when children are on the internet. We then wrote our own acronym pieces based on smart. Some of Year 1 then fabulously performed the smart rules in the internet safety assembly.

Year 2 learnt a lot about internet safety. The Year 2 children even created their own "SMART" acronym posters. The **S** stands for Safe, as in stay safe online. The **M** stands for meet, as in never meet a person from the internet. The **A** stands for accept, as in never accept files off strangers. The **R** stands for reliable, remember not everyone you meet online is reliable. Finally the **T** it the most important part... Tell an adult you know, such as your parents or teacher. For Internet Safety Day, **Year 3** used Purple Mash to play a game to categorise safe and non-safe scenarios when using the Internet. We learnt lots and used this information to create our own Internet Safety posters to raise awareness using the Pic Collage App on the iPads - safely of course!

This week **Year 4** have been learning about the importance of good Internet Safety. The children have enjoyed several activities which aimed to widen their understanding of how to make the most of the internet in a safe manner. The first exercise the children completed involved learning about the 'SMART' approach to Internet Safety. Here 'SMART' stands for; Safe, Meet, Accepting, Reliable and Tell.

Safe – Stay safe online by not revealing personal details to people you do not know.

Meet – Never meet someone you have met online without being accompanied by a parent/carer.

Accepting – Do not accept or open e-mails or links from people you do not know.

Reliable – Check that the information you see on the internet is reliable before trusting it.

Tell – If you ever feel unhappy about something you see, hear or feel whilst on the internet, immediately tell a responsible adult such as; a parent, teacher or family friend.

The second task set during Internet Safety week was to try and create a poster outlining the ways in which we can keep ourselves safe on the internet. The children's aim was to make a poster that would be suitable for other children their age in the hope that they would be able to use their knowledge to educate others.

Year 5 - This week the children have been learning about the devastating effects that Cyber-bullying can have on children and families alike. We began by looking at ways in which these cyber-bullies can be tackled and then we created our own list of do's and don'ts which included:

* Never retaliate.

* Always tell an adult.

* Do not delete any messages as these could be used for evidence.

* Do not communicate with people that you don't actually know.

* Block the bully.

* Use the 'report' button found on most websites to report inappropriate behaviour.

In addition to this, we created our own anti cyber-bullying posters which highlighted these rules and added additional elements. Next week, we will be learning more about SMART rules for our Internet safety and completing our class display.

Year 6 - As part of Safer Internet Day, Year 6 have been discussing the dos and don'ts of being online. To link in with our English work on persuasive texts, the children designed a poster to persuade others to think before they act when using the Internet. The children have been able to apply a range of persuasive writing techniques to encourage others to stay safe.

General Class News

Year 1 this week have been learning about poetry. We have looked at The Smartest Giant in Town and Down behind the dustbin. Year 1 have learned and performed parts of the poems and thought of their own rhyming words. They have then written their own rhyming sentences and verses. Well done for your hard work this week!

This week **Year 2** have been learning all about fractions. This is Mr Gordon's favourite maths topic because we get to talk in terms of pizza! We have learnt how to half, quarter and third a pizza. Year 2 have also been practicing their English target this week, we have been writing sentences with conjunctions such as because, but, and, or, so.

Year 4 Parent's Assembly

As always, it was a pleasure to welcome our Year 4 Parents into assembly this week and it was an ideal opportunity for our children to showcase the incredible art work that they have been producing with Mr Kennedy. Thank you to all who managed to pop in on Thursday morning and we hope to display these pieces of work within the hall shortly so do please keep a look out. A date for your diaries is the Nursery Parent's assembly which is to be held on Wednesday 22nd March at 9.15 am, we very much look forward to seeing the work that Mrs Wheeler's class produce.

Archery Tournament

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in an exciting Archery tournament last week with Mr Attwood at the Blessed Robert Sutton High School. It was great to see a mixture of year groups working together supporting each other during a sports event. After an inspirational assembly from Mr Gordon the children encouraged one another with the words 'Never give up' to motivate each other even if things weren't going so well. Well done to all of the children for coming in 5th place out of 10 and especially Zac C and Jake C who gained medals for their highest team scores.



Head Teacher Assembly Awards

Reception	Basri H	Isabelle J
Year 1	Safi S	Anaya A
Year 2	Ella H	Jasmine K
Year 3	Lewis T	Junayd A
Year 4	Whole class for their work and presentation for the Y4 Assembly	
Year 5	Haseeb S, Brooke H, Grace C, Hajrah H, Valerja K	
Year 6	Keira P	Saman N

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Elise K
Year 1	Reshaye B
Year 2	Lucy T
Year 3	Scarlett S
Year 4	Emily S
Year 5	Ava R
Year 6	Keira P



Diary Dates/Event	Date and Time
Whole school Parent's Evening	Monday 13 th February 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Year 5 Swimming Last Session	Tuesday 14 th February 2017
Whole school Parent's Evening	Wednesday 15 th February 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Last Forest School Session Year 1	Thursday 16 th February 2017 1.15 – 3.15 pm
Super Hero Day EYFS Nursery & Reception Only	Friday 17 th February 2017
Choir Practice Mr Mansfield 3.30 pm	Friday 17 th February 2017
Year 3 Show Casing Class Work 3.00 pm	Friday 17 th February 2017
Break up for half term	Friday 17 th February 2017 - 3.30pm
Mother's Day Lunches	Week Commencing Monday 20 th March 17
Nursery Class Assembly to Parents	Wednesday 22 nd March at 9.15am
Bikeability Year 5	Thursday 30 th & Friday 31 st March 2017