



Shobnall Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

1st February 2019

As the temperatures continue to hover just above freezing, I would like to remind all of our parents and families about our school procedures should we receive any substantial snow fall in the coming weeks. The school will endeavour to remain open in the first instance and that closing the school will only ever be chosen in the final instance. Please can I ask that you do not contact the school office, asking if we are open as we will always use our main methods of communication in the event of such a decision. You will all receive a text message and the school Twitter account will also be used to state that this decision has been made. We hope that we are not required to close and that such a decision has to take into consideration many factors, not just the amount of snow on the school grounds. Safety of parents and families and their journey to school, the travelling situation of staff (many of whom travel some considerable distances through remote areas) and of course the current weather forecast and advice provided all play a part. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Morning Punctuality

As the year has progressed, it has become noticeable that a number of our families have begun to struggle with the children's punctuality in the morning. The school gates are open from 8.30am and the doors open at 8.45am. The final bell rings at 8.55am for the start of the school day and children are still arriving after this time. Please can I ask you to re-evaluate your morning routines if this applies to you and consider ways in which you can educate your child on the importance of punctuality. I am also aware that it is not always the fault of the children that many are late, although traffic congestion can sometimes play a part. However, many of our families do walk to school from the local community and therefore, please can I ask you to aim to arrive at school on time. Please note that this is merely a polite request and is not something that we should need to continue to offer reminders for.

David Wilson Homes – Building Buddies Project

Two creative pupils at our school have been crowned the winners of the first two activities in David Wilson Homes' academic year long Building Buddies Award scheme. The first two tasks included getting the pupils to invent their own housing development and logo and then they were asked to write a short piece to market their new development. After receiving a variety of imaginative entries, David Wilson Homes selected Junayd's 'Meadow Hills' suggestion as the winner of the first activity, and Elliot's inventive description of his development as the winner of the second. Both winners were each presented with a £25 book token as prizes at the halfway stage of the project. The pupils taking part in the Building Buddies Award will now progress to the third task, a drawing competition to design the best wildlife friendly garden for their development's show home. John Reddington, Managing Director at David Wilson Homes East Midlands, said: "It's great to see the pupils at Shobnall Primary School are so engaged with our Building Buddies Award scheme and the quality of the entries has been very high. We're looking forward to showcasing the abilities of the children with the activities throughout the academic year and helping them learn more about the construction process at our nearby Shepherd's Rest development."

Later in the year, the pupils will partake in a site visit and poster competition. Whilst the winners of each activity will be rewarded with individual prizes, Shobnall Primary School will receive the coveted Building Buddies Award in a ceremony at the end of the school year.

East Staffs Dodgeball Tournament

Year 5 and 6 took part in the East Staffs Dodgeball Tournament at Robert Sutton on Thursday, this proved to be a very popular tournament with over 16 schools competing. Our children were very excited about this tournament as they play it a lot in PE and also at lunch time and after school. The team did tremendously well in the group stages winning 8 out of 9 matches. They then went on to play Richard Wakefield in the semi-finals and it was a very close match, Shobnall just missed out on going through to the finals, losing to Richard Wakefield 2-1. Shobnall's end position was 4th out of 16 teams which is brilliant and they should all be very proud of themselves.



EYFS Firefighters Visit



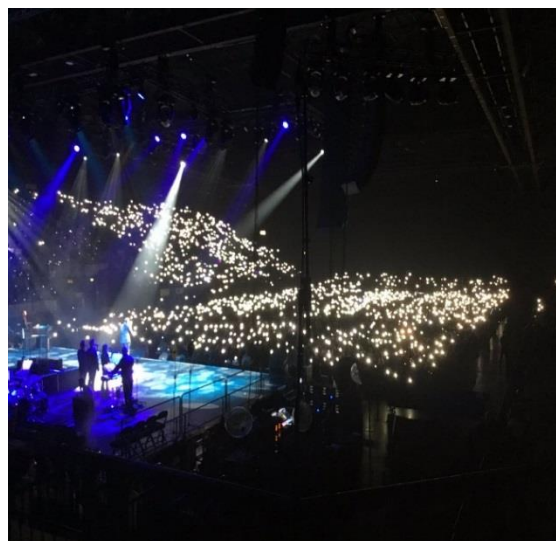
On Thursday, the fire fighters from the Burton Community Fire Station visited the Nursery and Reception children, as part of work around our topic on, 'Our Heroes', and what a wonderful morning they had! They listened attentively as they were told about the role of a fire fighter, safety in the home and the protective clothing that needs to be worn. The Reception children had a competition to see who could get dressed first in their uniform, Miss Walton or Mr Kolat, our student. Mr Kolat had a clear disadvantage with his height and foot size, but undeterred he persevered with the challenge to come in second place! The children then wrapped up in their winter attire and braved the coldest day so far, to sit in the fire engine,

look at the tools and lengths of hose and their favourite activity of course, squirting water from the fire hose! The children were so inspired and had so much fun they didn't complain once about the cold weather. We did have a nice hot chocolate afterwards though, to thaw us out!

Thank you Mr. Pullen for organising this event and giving the children a memory to treasure for a very long time.

Young Voices

Once again, our school choir experienced a fabulous day and evening of singing and dancing at the Young Voices Concert, held at the Birmingham Resorts World Arena last Friday. It was an amazing event, full of amazing performances from the children and of course Tony Hadley and Urban Strides. Miss Lord and Miss Martin-Mills even managed to meet Tony Hadley himself and there is evidence of this on our Twitter page! The children were absolutely fantastic throughout the day and after speaking to the Year 2 children in assembly, it appears that we will have many keen Young Voice choir members to pick from once again next year. Well done to everyone involved in making the event so spectacular!



Year 4 Class Assembly



We would like to say a huge “thank you” to all of our parents and family members who came along to the school yesterday morning to see Year 4’s class assembly. We were delighted to be taken on a tour of Australia, which the children had researched and prepared themselves especially for the occasion. They seem to be fully immersed in their new topic and were pleased to know that by the end of the assembly, Mr Adams’s knowledge of the country extended beyond *Neighbours*, *Home and Away* and *I’m a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!* We would like to congratulate them for a great assembly and thank them for all their hard work! Well done Year 4!

Fortnite – Advice for Parents

Due to an increasing number of questions, concerns and issues raised in school recently, and with Safer Internet Day approaching on Tuesday 5th February, we thought it appropriate to provide a link to the UK Safer Internet Centre’s guidance for parents, regarding how to deal with the online game, ‘Fortnite’. The link below takes you to the website to help you find out more:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-fortnite-battle-royale>

Reading Corner

This week’s recommended read is for children aged 4 - 5...

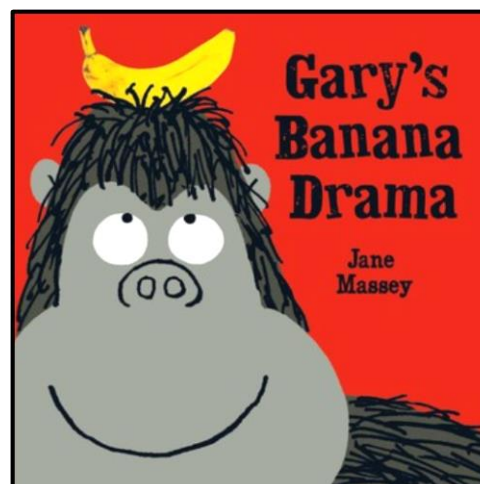
Gary’s Banana Drama

Written by Jane Massey

Published by Simon and Schuster

When Gary the gorilla runs out of his bananas, his favourite food, he’s forced to go out and find more. Although he sees bananas everywhere he goes, Gary can’t eat a single one of them!

An engaging central character and bold illustrations packed with visual puns will make this comical story an instant favourite.



Head Teacher’s Awards

Reception	Faryal S	Bhuvana S
Year 1	Hafsa UH	Rafael P
Year 2	Rosie E	Elise K
Year 3	George P Anaya A Louie S	
Year 4	Whole Class for brilliant assembly	
Year 5	Harley H	Noah J
Year 6	Eve W	Brielle P

Lunchtime Star Awards

Bhuvana S	
Zahra H	
Elise K	
Louie S	
Matthew S	
Chloe S	
Millie G	

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points w/e 1.2.19	155	152	138	181
Position	2 nd – 3pts	3 rd – 2pts	4 th – 1pt	1 st – 4pts
First Half Spring Term 2019	7	10	9	14
Running Total	51	81	53	69

Spring Term 2019 – Dates for your Diary

Event	Date and Time
PFA Fashion Show – 6.30 – 8.30 pm	Monday 4 th February 2019
Years 4 & 5 Parents French Meeting – 6.00 pm	Thursday 7 th February 2019
Spring Term Parents Evening – 4.00 – 7.00 pm	Monday 11 th February 2019
Year 6 out at John Taylor Free School for the 'Big Bang' Science Show	Tuesday 12 th February 2019
Spring Term Parents Evening – 4.00 – 7.00 pm	Wednesday 13 th February 2019
Nursery applications for admissions closing date.	Thursday 14 th February 2019
School closes for half term holidays	Friday 15 th February 2019
School re-opens for Spring Term 2	Monday 25 th February 2019