



Shobnall Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

27th January 2017

We are very grateful for Father Stanley who came in to assembly on Monday to talk to the children about truth and honesty. Telling the story of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" was the main element of his message and the children were reminded about the importance of being true to one another as well as their parents and family. The children always enjoy listening to Father Stanley and his stories and so thank you very much for your visit this week.

The work around the school this week has been both creative and exciting in our classes.

In the **Nursery** this week, the children have been busy making models and talking about the 3D shapes they used. Please pop in and see their creative masterpieces on display!

The **Reception** children have been studying subtraction as part of their maths work and have been using number lines to solve problems. They have quickly grasped this concept and completed work to a very high standard. They have also experienced programming our Superhero 'Beebot', which is a simple technological toy.

Year 1 have enjoyed a fun and active week in and I was very impressed with the excitement and energy the class displayed, particularly on Thursday. Miss Dhadwal and her team of helpers have been working on writing instructional texts over the past two weeks and learning about 'imperative' verbs (otherwise known as bossy verbs) and this week the children have not only written instructions but they have been able to follow these when making some delicious looking rice crispie cakes. It looked very messy and challenging as I walked in but as always, the children and adults produced a fantastic job of tidying away.

In maths this week **Year 2** have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, later in the week they also learnt how to create prisms! Using the I-pads and our new "purple mash" computing scheme, the children have also been able to draft, edit and create a poster for the Chinese New Year which will be this Saturday. The children have also been continuing their history research surrounding Florence Nightingale and the class have created some beautiful shape poetry which is now on display in the Year 2 classroom... please feel free to pop in and admire the children's poetry!

Our **Year 3** children have been very busy this week writing our very own Myths, using lots of fantastic vocabulary and direct speech. They also made their very own muscles using card, split pins and elastic bands. Check out Twitter to see them!

Year 4 children have had a real blitz on mathematics and have been looking at ways in which the children can push and challenge themselves further. Mr Yates has been utilising new school resources to provide those extra challenges and I know he has been delighted with the response of the children in terms of rising to the challenge – well done to our Year 4 mathematicians.

Year 5 children have been studying how to write a Biography. They have researched Ho Chi Minh and David Attenborough. They have written about these and produced factual evidence. In Maths we have been concentrating on negative numbers and in Science bird lifecycles.

Year 6 - As well as revising hard for our SATS, Year 6 have been writing a story with a flashback. I think we may have some budding authors in the making!

"I was in the hallway with torn, angular paintings on the brown, damp wallpaper when I heard something. It was calling my name. It sounded like it was coming from upstairs but I couldn't tell exactly. I stumbled upstairs in to a dark, damp room; there was a cold, eerie silence and breeze circling around me. It led me to a basin with odd metals around the rim and the substance inside was spiralling wildly."

Reece MacGowan

Young Voices

Our school choir are very excited as am I about the forth-coming trip to the NEC Genting Arena on Monday afternoon/evening. I had the pleasure of listening to them sing on Tuesday evening and I was very impressed with both their voices but also their ability to learn so many different and diverse songs. The children will be leaving at around 12.15pm and head to Birmingham with myself, Mr Yates, Mrs Osbourne, Mrs Foster and Mrs Roach. Please keep an eye out on twitter during the course of the day for regular and frequent updates as well as videos which we hope to post during the event.

Mother's Day Lunches

Owing to the success of our Father's Day lunches and the many comments by our wonderful Mums, it is more than my life's worth to ignore the request to invite our female members of the family so please can you make a note in your diary for the following dates: Monday 20th March – EYFS children, Tuesday 21st – Year 1, Wednesday 22nd – Year 2, Thursday 23rd – Years 3 & 4 and Friday 24th – Years 5 & 6. More details will follow shortly.

Website – Our school website is now up and running again and can be accessed on the following link: www.shobnallprimaryschool.co.uk – Please note currently this website is not accessible via the google link, please type in the full address.

Head Teacher Assembly Awards

Reception	Archie G	Amy R
Year 1	George P	Qayyam A
Year 2	Haniya N	Rocco G
Year 3	Ashton G	Zeb S
Year 4	Shauna S	Elliot S
Year 5	Safiya N	Damian E
Year 6	Charlie S	Kyle H

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Archie G.
Year 1	Adam C.
Year 2	Megan B.
Year 3	Francesca E
Year 4	Lewis C.
Year 5	Leo H.
Year 6	Olivia G



Spring Term 2016 – Dates for your diary

Event	Date and Time
Young Voices Concert – NEC, Birmingham	Monday 30 th January – leaving around 12.15 pm – 10.15 pm
Internet Safety Day	Tuesday 7 th February 2017
Year 6 Height and Weight Check	Tuesday 7 th February 2017
Year 4 Class Assembly	Thursday 9 th February 2017 9.15am
Non Uniform Day	Friday 10 th February 2017
Whole school Parent's Evening	Monday 13 th February 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Whole school Parent's Evening	Wednesday 15 th February 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Break up for half term	Friday 17 th February 2017 - 3.30pm
World Book Day – More details to follow	Thursday 2 nd March 2017
Mother's Day Lunches (More details to follow)	Week beginning 20 th March 2017
Non Uniform Day	Thursday 6 th April 2017
PFA Bingo	Thursday 6 th April 2017
YMCA – Pyjama Day/Parents Coffee Morning	Friday 5 th May 2017
Proposed Date for PFA Quiz	Friday 5 th May 2017