



Shobnall Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

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It certainly has been a full on week this week and it has been littered with so much exciting and creative learning, ranging from the Year 3 Roman Day, the Year 4 D&T day and of course the sporting events throughout the week. I always enjoy writing this newsletter to all of our families as it enables the school to reflect on the huge amount of exciting opportunities and creative learning which happens each and every week. In addition to this, as I mention each week, do have a look on our website and Twitter account as this provides even greater detail about other exciting events such as Pet Club and their special visitors as well as other items which you may have missed.

Next week we look forward to welcoming our female members of our families in to school for our Mother's Day lunches and a huge thank you to everyone who has returned their food selection form. Mrs Inger and her team in the kitchen has reliably informed me that we are expecting just short of 170 mums, grand-parents, aunts and other female relations during the course of the week and so thank you for coming in to enjoy the celebrations and time with your child.

D & T Man Visit

On Wednesday, Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic day with the D&T Man. The children used their learning in Geography, on earthquakes, as inspiration to create a wooden marble maze. The class were split in half, with 18 children climbing on board the mobile D&T bus in the morning and the other 18 children doing the same in the afternoon. During their visit the children learnt and then practised skills such as sawing, sanding, measuring, hammering and gluing. The finished products are fantastic and the children have learnt some very valuable life skills during the experience. Who knows, maybe they'll be able to help out around the house a little more now?



Comic Relief

As a reminder, the school have organised for 4 canoe rowing machines to be connected to the screen in the school hall for this event. Spare sponsor forms are available from the office should you need an additional one! Alongside the sponsored row which will take place during the whole week, we will also be having a non-school uniform day where the children can **"wear something red"** on Friday 24th March for a donation of £1. Please remember to get those sponsorship forms completed!!!!



Nursery Assembly

A reminder that it is the Nursery Class Assembly on Wednesday 22nd March 2017 at 9.15 am in the School Hall. The theme is 'Mother's Day' so it would be great to see lots of Nursery Mums there! As always, refreshments will be available prior to the assembly so do feel free to drop off your child and come in to our hall for a drink and catch up prior to the assembly starting. We are looking forward to seeing all of our Nursery Mums and of course other family members on this morning.

Year 3 Roman Day

Year 3 had an outstanding visit from 'The Specialists' on Tuesday. Gregorius Manlius beckoned us into his Legionary and taught us all about Ancient Roman clothing, buildings and entertainment. We created the tortoise shell formation in our Legionary, before becoming gladiators with spears and nets! We made our own clay Votives, wrote our names in Ancient Roman lettering and dressed up in chainmail, tunics, helmets and togas. We finally wrapped up the day with an Ancient myth for Storytime... What a jam-packed Roman day!



French Excursion

Please keep an eye on our Twitter account this weekend as Mr Yates and Mr Gordon are busy working over in France, gathering as much information as possible about next academic year's French Trip. Both teachers will be visiting various historical sites from both World Wars as well as Rouen and local markets. They have been provided with a detailed itinerary and list of questions to research in readiness for a Parent's Meeting for our Year 4 and 5 parents on Thursday 30th March 5.30 pm. Hopefully this will allow all of us to see, for the first time, some of the locations that our children will be visiting in October when both teachers Tweet.

Dove Valley Netball League Finals

Once again the school netball team have been crowned as Dove Valley Champions for the 4th consecutive year. We were so proud of the children, as always with their conduct and excellent behaviour.

The children qualified for the upper half of the league all the way back in October, therefore, this week's tournament was always going to be a challenge with the stronger teams from the Dove Valley being present.

The children started strongly, beating Thomas Russell School 3-1. We then played William Shrewsbury and played superbly, eventually winning 5-0. We knew a win against Rolleston would clinch the shield once again and a 1-0 win secured the title once again. Huge thanks to our travelling supporters and well done to:



Paige B, Demi R, Liam C, Ethan W, Aoife M, Millie R and Ava R.

Shobnall v Richard Crosse Football League Match

Year 5 and 6 boys played a league Football match this week against Richard Crosse. The match was very tight with Shobnall going 1-0 up with a great a goal from **Zayn R**, sadly they conceded 2 goals in the second half to make it 2-1 Richard Crosse. Mr Attwood was particularly proud of how they played as a team and carried on battling until the end.

England U19 v Spain U19

We were delighted to receive a phone call from St. George's Park this week, asking us if we would be able to provide 12 ball boys and girls from the Year 4 and 5 classes on Friday 24th March for this game. This is an incredible opportunity for the 12 selected pupils and I know all are incredibly excited already. This is, in fact, the second time in 12 months that we have been asked to support the National Football Centre as some of you may remember that last year, a number of our pupils were required for the Manchester City V Aston Villa U17 Cup final. The children clearly did a wonderful job last time so to be invited for an international match of this calibre is extremely exciting for everyone. Please look out on Twitter for photos next week!

Science Week at Shobnall - EYFS

Nursery and Reception children have had a very exciting week carrying out a wide range of experiments. We helped the Three Little Pigs find a suitable roof for their house by testing a range of materials to see if they were waterproof and strong. We looked at what happens to Chinese leaves when we placed them into coloured water and were very surprised to see bright red leaves in their place. Finally, the gingerbread men were shaking in their boots when they found themselves swimming in hot or cold water! We were all fascinated by the changes that took place and the effects that water temperature had on them. We won't be 'dunking' our biscuits for very long next time!



Year 1- Humpty Dumpty Experiment!



Year 1 have been busy experimenting the best material to prevent Humpty Dumpty breaking from his fall. This experiment linked well with our current 'materials' topic as we were able to explore different properties and suitability of everyday materials. Using 6 boiled eggs and 6 bags of materials including cotton wool, shredded paper and glass marbles. We dropped each egg from 'Humpty's wall' to see which cracked and which was still whole. Well done year 1 for a fun and scientific experiment.

Year 2 – “Changing Shadows”

We created shadows and measured them at different times throughout the day to test if they moved or changed over time. The children worked well and wrote their Science experiments as if they were real Scientists.



Year 3

This week, Year 3 have reflected on our Forests School session last Friday where we made our own popcorn on Mr. Gordon's fire! We learnt about reversible and irreversible change and how heat is very important when changing materials.

Year 4

For Science Week, Year 4 have been learning about the changes that can occur when looking at Solids, Liquids and Gases. The class were introduced to terms such as evaporation, condensation, melting and freezing to help describe these changes. For the children's experiment they examined how, depending on where it is placed, the rate at which an ice cube melts can change. The ice cubes were placed in different locations around the school, and the rate of melting was measured so that the children could draw their own conclusions about the effect temperature can have on the melting process.

Year 5

As our science topic this half term is 'Animals including Humans' and the science week theme being 'change', year 5 chose to look at tooth decay. We discussed as a class changes that happen to us as humans. One area that the children particular focused on was our diet and what we eat. We shared how we thought we could carry out an investigation to look at this, in the time frame we have. We arrived at how different solutions that we drink, have different effects on our teeth. That is why we need to take care of them! As we discussed and researched the investigation further, we found a hard-boiled egg can act in the same way as our teeth (for the purpose of the investigation), as the shell contains calcium (like the enamel). Over the course of 5 days, we are going to observe the different changes that occur to the shell, and from this see how these liquids would affect our teeth. It's going to be egg-cellent fun!

Year 6 - The Human Body

As well as exploring what British Science Week is all about, Year 6 have also been exploring the changes that occur within the human body. The children have been drafting, editing and writing an explanation text about the vital organs in the human body. They used the iPads to research their chosen subject matter and produced some excellent writing.

How the Lungs Work

The lungs work very simply but at the same time are complicated. The lungs help you because they let you breathe! They are full of tissue and when you breathe in air it turns into oxygen. The primary functions of your lungs are to transport oxygen around your body. *Clarkson Santiago*

What is the Pancreas?

The pancreas is a vital organ when it comes to human survival. Enzymes, or digestive juices, produced by the pancreas are pumped around the small intestine to further break down food. What happens when the pancreas stops working? *Natalia Edwards*

Head Teacher Assembly Awards

Reception	Sophia R	Chaanakya S
Year 1	George P	Adam C
Year 2	Hettie B	Jack M
Year 3	Ethan H	Roby W
Year 4	Adam A	Amber W
Year 5	Sam F	Malai ka A
Year 6	Charlie S	James W

Lunchtime Star Awards

Ashton M	Playing well with and being kind to all
Kaia P	Being kind to friends
Oscar McC	Having lovely manners
Amelia L	Being kind to her friends
Rhys L	Having lovely manners
Bethia P	Always being kind and caring
Natalia E	Being kind to the younger children

Diary Dates/Event	Date and Time
Mother's Day Lunches – All Week	Monday 20 th March 2017 – Fri 24 th March 17
Sponsored Row for Red Nose Day	Monday 20 th March 2017 – Fri 24 th March 17
Nursery Class Assembly to Parents	Wednesday 22 nd March at 9.15am
Comic Relief Red Nose Day / Non Uniform Day	Friday 24 th March 2017
Year 5 & 6 Hockey Tournament	Friday 24 th March 2017
Bikeability Year 5	Thursday 30 th & Friday 31 st March 2017
Years 4 & 5 French Parents Evening 5.30 pm	Thursday 30 th March 2017
KS2 SAT's Meeting 3.45 pm Year 6	Thursday 6 th April 2017
School Closed to pupils – Polling Day	Thursday 4 th May 2017