



**Shobnall Primary School**

**Newsletter**



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Dear Parents,

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This week has been incredibly busy in terms of celebrating the achievements of the school, so do please read on to find out more about these. By the time that this newsletter is emailed out to parents, the school choir will be fully immersed in the final practice for the Young Voices 2019 Concert at Birmingham Resorts World Arena. Twitter will be fully documenting this event, so please log on to have a look at some of the photos and possibly videos of this fabulous event. Of course, next week's newsletter will include some more information about this. Over recent months, we have begun by emailing this newsletter to you but please remember that this is also sent out on twitter, as a link, so if you find it easier to read via social media, just log on to find it.

### **Forest School Achievement**

As a school, we are incredibly proud of our Forest School curriculum and of course, the wide and varied opportunities that our children experience throughout the whole school. As you can imagine, Forest School teaching is not just an opportunity for the children to experience the outdoors, it requires careful planning, thorough staff training and health and safety practices must be delivered to the highest of standards, especially when using the open fire and a wide range of tools. Mrs Farrington completed her Forest School Training around 3 years ago and this put considerable pressures on her to teach Forest Schools, whilst also considering her class responsibilities. However, I am thrilled and proud to announce that both Miss Alexander and Miss Lord have finally completed their Forest School Teaching award. This achievement has taken roughly 12 months to obtain with considerable training and huge amounts of work in terms of building up an incredibly detailed portfolio of evidence. This achievement of both staff members will allow for a greater variety in terms of the delivery of Forest School teaching and we are very excited to see both our members of staff now leading this very important area of our curriculum. Well done both of you!

### **Congratulations to Francesca!**



We were thrilled to learn that Cesca, in Year 5, has been recognised for her incredible swimming talents at her local club, Etwall Eagles. We have always known that she is an excellent swimmer as she frequently represents the school at galas and always seems to win her races! At her presentation evening, held last week, Cesca managed to win two different medals for her incredible efforts in recent Galas, plus a Glass Plaque in recognition of her overall achievements in her swimming. However, most importantly, she came away with the main trophy, the 'Most Improved Swimmer 2018' for Etwall Eagles Swimming Club.

***Well done Cesca, keep up the hard work as we would love to see you representing the country one day!***

## Amazing Eco Silver Award

As part of the School Improvement Plan for this year, the school has actively been looking at ways in which we can help the environment and cut our own costs in terms of resources. Miss Barnard has been leading our new Eco-Team in the successful achievement of the Bronze award, which was celebrated during the Autumn term. However, Miss Barnard has been working tirelessly in terms of progression towards the silver award and I am thrilled to announce that Shobnall School has now been recognised for its on-going efforts in terms of our eco-friendly approach. Miss Barnard has assured me that the work of the Eco-Team, and indeed the school as a whole, will not stop there. We will now be working towards becoming a fully accredited Eco-School with the eventual goal of being awarded with a green Eco-Flag! Well done to Miss Barnard and of course our Eco-Team, I suppose that we had better start looking into sourcing a flag-pole!!!!



## Year 6 Class Assembly

Huge thanks to those parents and family members who came along to the school yesterday morning to see our first class assembly of 2019. We were treated to a journey back in time via the Tardis to World War II, where we found out what the children have been learning about. Who knew that Winston Churchill had released his own fitness video?! The children then transported us back to the present day to tell us all about their residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes before showcasing their projects to parents after the assembly had finished! It was impressive to hear that the children had written and structured the class assembly themselves and I would like to commend and thank them for all their hard work! Well done Year 6!

## Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 10 - 11...

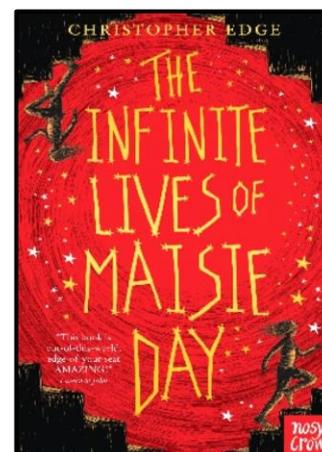
### The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day

*Written by Christopher Edge*

*Published by Nosy Crow*

Maisie is no ordinary 10-year-old: she passed her maths GCSE at age 6 and is now studying for a degree. Yet on her birthday she finds that her family have disappeared and her house is being consumed by darkness.

A brilliant introduction to physics wrapped inside a great story!



## Head Teacher's Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Evie G	Erin S
<b>Year 1</b>	Evelina	
<b>Year 2</b>	Isabel J	Sophia R
<b>Year 3</b>	Finley D	Florence T
<b>Year 4</b>	Zoe C	Holly S
<b>Year 5</b>	Amelia L	Miller B
<b>Year 6</b>	Whole class for their excellent Assembly – Well Done!	

## Lunchtime Star Awards

Esmee G
Ettie D
Zara I
Fezaan
Hettie B
Anah H
Aadam A



Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points w/e 25.1.19	205	252	247	220
Position	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
First Half Spring Term 2019	4	8	8	10
Running Total	48	79	52	65

### Spring Term 2019 – Dates for your Diary

Event	Date and Time
Year 4 Parents Assembly	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2019 9.15am
PFA Fashion Show	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 6.30-8.30pm
Years 4 & 5 Parents French Meeting	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2019, 6pm
Spring Term Parents Evening	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 4.00 – 7.00 pm
Year 6 out at John Taylor Free School for the 'Big Bang' Science Show	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Spring Term Parents Evening	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 4.00 -7.00 pm
Nursery applications for admissions closing date.	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
School closes for half term holidays	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
School re-opens for Spring Term 2	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Thomas Russell Infants' School** a partner academy in John Taylor MAT. Their governors are seeking to appoint an experienced, enthusiastic and hard-working teaching assistant to join their school, working 1:1 with a child in Reception. Fixed term contract working mornings until end of summer term. For further details / how to apply please use link below:

<https://jobsonline.stoke.gov.uk/internetrecruitment/default.asp?Section=Vacancy&VacID=011458>