



Shobnall Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

24th May 2019

The children have experienced such an incredible week within so many of our classes and it really has been a fitting way to end the 1st half of the summer term. Once again, we have experienced incredible success on the sports field, claiming the titles of Dove Valley Hockey winners and also ESSP Handball winners for the second successive year. The trophy cabinet really is full now and I continue to be amazed by the achievements of our incredible children who compete in all sports. The fact that we regularly win against significantly bigger schools is testament to both the children and of course the adults who spend considerable time coaching and transporting our children to and from these events.

In addition to this, no doubt many of you will have loved seeing the photographs on Twitter of our Y5&6 children at Harry Potter Studio Tour on Tuesday. It sounds like they had an amazing time and the photos published really supports the many wonderful stories that I have heard all about.

Please can I ask you to refer to the diary dates at the base of this week's newsletter as we have included so many key dates for your diaries and calendars all the way through to the end of the academic year.

Please can I remind you that the school will be closed to children on Monday 3rd June and we look forward to welcoming the children back at 8.45am on Tuesday 4th June.

Intra-School Sponsored Sport's Day



This was the first time we have run an event like this and I was absolutely delighted with how the children participated, listened and of course fund-raised. The sporting opportunities were plentiful and it was wonderful to see the children from Years 1 – 6 involved in a wide range of events, from indoor rowing, to Boccia to archery, handball, dodgeball and other fabulous events. Congratulations go to **Trent Team** who claim the title of winners but of course I

would like to thank all parents and family members who have helped to raise the money. We are still waiting for plenty of sponsorship to come in to school and please could I politely ask you to return this no later than Friday 7th June. I hope to be able to share the total money raised with you as soon as possible after half term.

The day culminated with a Staff v Treble Winners netball match and it came as no surprise to see that the children easily won 6 – 4. The staff were left feeling deflated and are already demanding a rematch as Mrs Ellerton was not available for selection. Who knows? Perhaps the second leg may be played before the end of the term but based on the staff shooting, I doubt we will see a change in winners!!!!

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking both Mrs Welch and Mr Attwood for their time and energies in organising such an event. As I am sure you can appreciate, this day required considerable planning and both members of staff worked tirelessly in their own time to ensure that the children had a fabulous day.

Annual School Talent Show

We were treated to some wonderful performances once again at this year's talent show and many thanks go to Mr Mansfield and a small group of School Council representatives who helped judge. It really was a very close call but it was difficult to argue against our overall winner – Hettie B in Year 4. She was absolutely incredible and her voice blew the crowd away – as the X-Factor judge's would say – “She nailed it!” Her rendition of “Happy Working Song” from Disney's Enchanted was amazing.

Congratulations must also go to the rest of the finalist who overcame a tough semi - final within their own classrooms to be sent through to the final stages. Well done to everyone involved.



ESSP Handball Champions



Year 5 and 6 took part in the East Staffordshire Handball tournament on Monday at St George's Park. The girls and boys had been particularly looking forward to this tournament as Shobnall are reigning champions and did not want to lose their title! Shobnall invested money into the handball PE equipment such as new goals and handballs, so the children have been practising different skills in PE and lunch time. Shobnall were up against 10 different schools and the girls and boys didn't let us down, with the girls winning every one of their games and the boys winning every one of their games par from one! The points were totalled at the end of the tournament and Shobnall were announced champions of the tournament once again! Well done to all the boys and girls that took part and thank you to all the parents that help out with lifts and supported us!

Dove Valley Hockey Champions

Shobnall helped organise the Dove Valley Hockey tournament down at the Shobnall Leisure Centre on Friday with other 14 teams taking part. After a long week of the SATS this was a real treat for the Year 6's, there was also Year 3, 4, 5's that took part with over 40 children from Shobnall participating with 4 teams. All of the teams played some really good hockey using their skills they have learnt from PE and extra-curricular clubs. One of the teams from Shobnall did particularly well progressing through to the semi-finals and managed to beat Rangemore who they lost to in the qualifying stages, therefore progressed through to the final up against William Shrewsbury who were the reigning champions from last year. The final was really tight and both teams were playing really well and didn't want to lose. In the end neither team managed to score so the end result was 0-0, so both teams were awarded the win and Gold medals and will share the Dove Valley shield throughout the Year.



Early Years Visit to Twycross Zoo



Earlier today the excitement built up for the Nursery and Reception pupils as they got ready for their visit to Twycross Zoo. The anticipation of the coach trip, seeing their favourite animals and of course having their picnic lunch was a joy to see on their faces. Looking at the pictures on



Twitter, it seemed like they all had a great time. What a wonderful way to conclude their topic on 'All Creatures Great and Small'.

Year 5 Forest Schools

Year Five has had a fantastic time at Forest School this term. The weather has been extreme from sunny days to non-stop rain but the children have embraced their sessions no matter what.

All of the sessions have allowed for the children to enhance their learning about our topic 'Expelliarmus'. During our time at Forest School, we have had the opportunity to make our own wands, dragon eggs, deathly hallows necklaces, broomsticks, cooking trolls toes on the open fire as well as a host of other fantastic activities. We have all gained our bill hook certificate and were all able to successfully chop a log in half both safely and securely. Also, we have learned how to do a tension knot and this has enabled us to apply these skills during our time making dens.



We finished off our final session this week by reflecting on our wonderful time at Forest school this year and all the amazing things we have made. The children already cannot wait for next year!

Supporting the Trent & Dove "Dementia Awareness Day" Event



Mr McComish, one of our Governors, invited the school to bring along a small group of our older children to this event today which was aimed at raising Burton's awareness of this truly awful disease. Pupils were chosen from a small selection based on the fact that they already had a brief knowledge of dementia as sadly they all have a member of their family who is currently suffering or has suffered in the past. We were incredibly proud of their mature attitude to this experience and they even had the chance to experience what it would be like to be a dementia sufferer by boarding a virtual

tour on the bus provided. To top off the experience and to add a more positive element to this trip, the children were thrilled to be able to meet Burton Albion's manager, Nigel Clough at this event. Thanks to Mr McComish for inviting us today and raising our children's awareness of such.

Year 3 & 4 Homework Project



Wow! The dinosaur themed homework projects that have come into Year 3 and 4 this week have been outstanding! From cakes to models to presentations, we have been blown away with the children's efforts. Thank you to all the parents and family members who have supported the children with these.

Reading Corner

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

Kat Wolfe Investigates

Written by Lauren St John

Published by Macmillan Children's Books

Kat Wolfe loves her new home in idyllic Bluebell Bay, especially as it comes with a resident wildcat. But when she starts pet-sitting for pocket money, she finds that beneath the town's perfect surface lie some dark and dangerous secrets.

The first in a new adventure series by a very popular author.



Year 5 & 6 Visit to Harry Potter World



The Year 5 and 6 children had a magical time on Tuesday at 'The Harry Potter Studio Tour'. All children (and staff) were fully immersed into the world of Harry Potter from visiting the Great Hall to the Forbidden Forest as well as tasting the famous butter beer. The behind the scenes tour allowed us to develop an in-depth knowledge of how the costumes and masks were made for each of the films. Twitter has captured many memorable moments of this trip and of course the children have made some memories to last a lifetime. As always, the children have represented the school perfectly and it was a magnificent ending to our Expelliarmus topic.


Team Points – Week Ending 24th May 2019

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points w/e 24.5.19	119	102	81	124
Position	2 nd - 3	3 rd - 2	4 th - 1	1 st - 4
Points for Summer Term 1	7	5	2	6
Claymills	Winning Team for 1st Half Summer Term			
Running Total	129	98	109	117

As a reward for winning the team points for the first half of the Summer Term 2019 **Claymills Team** are allowed to wear something **RED** on Friday 7th June 2019.

Head Teacher Assembly Awards

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Whole Class for their excellent work with animals this week		Faryal S	
Year 1	Zahra K	Safa UH	Hafsa UH	
Year 2	Everyone for their SAT's work		Sophie M	
Year 3	Joshua L	Millie D	Isabella E	
Year 4	Isabelle L	Eleeza H	Nosheen S	
Year 5	Alika A	Eshan UH	Chloe S	
Year 6	Whole Class		Amber W	

Dates for your Diary	Date and Time
School Finishes at 3.30 pm for Half Term	Friday 24 th May 2019
Inset Day School Closed	Monday 3 rd June 2019
School re-opens	Tuesday 4 th June 2019
School Photo Shoot for Reception and Year 6 only	Thursday 6 th June 2019
Claymills Team non uniform 'Red' Day	Friday 7 th June 2019
Father's Day Lunches commence for Yr 4 –	Friday 7 th June 2019
Father's Day lunches – Year 3	Monday 10 th June 2019
Father's Day lunches – EYFS	Tuesday 11 th June 2019
New intake meeting for Reception and Nursery for September 2019 starters	Tuesday 11 th June 2019 – 6.00pm
Father's Day lunches – Year 2	Wednesday 12 th June 2019
Father's Day lunches – Year 1	Thursday 13 th June 2019
Father's Day lunches – Year 5 & 6	Friday 14 th June 2019
Annual Sport's Morning	Monday 17 th June 2019
Music Share Concert at Swadlincote	Tuesday 18 th June 2019
Reserve Sport's Morning	Wednesday 19 th June 2019
Year 1 & 2 Visit to Dudley Zoo	Monday 24 th June 2019
Year 1 Class Assembly to Parents.	Thursday 27 th June 2019
Years 3 & 4 Think Tank Trip	Friday 28 th June 2019
Years 4, 5 & 6 Brewhouse Performance	Thursday 4 th July 2019
Year 6 Party - Shobnall Community Hall	Friday 5 th July – 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Reports home to parents.	Monday 8 th July 2019.
Dove Valley Athletics evening at Shobnall School.	Monday 8 th July 2019 – 6.00pm onwards
Optional Parents Evening	Thursday 11 th July – 3.45pm – 4.45pm
Year 6 Enterprise Fair – morning	Monday 15 th July 2019
Nursery Graduation	Tuesday 16 th July 2019
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	Wednesday 17 th July 2019
Final day of the school year	Friday 19 th July 2019

