



SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters!"

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe how quickly this term seems to be flying by – we are already over halfway through! The children continue to work hard and so many of them have been to see me this week with their work and for their positive behaviour. Keep up the good work children!

We will be informing you early next week of arrangements for parent consultations and would like to thank you for bearing with us. Unfortunately, many of our traditional calendar events cannot be conducted in the way we would like due to current restrictions but we will do our very, very best to find alternative safe ways and ensure things remain as 'normal' as possible for the children.



Year 6 Hands Space Face Campaign

In light of the Prime Minister's messages this week, Year 6 have been tasked with designing a poster to promote these key messages within our community, with prizes for the best entries. The children are hoping that when they are displayed in and outside of school that it will remind our community of the importance of ensuring our hands are washed, wearing a face covering and making space to help control infection rates. We look forward to showcasing their work after the closing date next Friday.

The children would also like to thank you yourselves for helping keep them and their families safe by ensuring that you keep your distance from others when dropping off and collecting children from the gates and for wearing your face coverings too.



NHS Week (New Healthy Start)

Our NHS Week was a great success last week and we know the children really enjoyed it. Your child will come home with their artwork on Friday 9 October 2020 so make sure you look out for this. They have worked so hard on their piece of artwork, which was inspired by a famous artist. We are raising money for the NHS and are therefore asking for a donation of at least £1.00 towards each piece of artwork. ALL money will be given to NHS Burton Hospital as a 'Thank You' for the amazing work they do.

Your donation can either be made during the week 19 October via Parent Pay, given to your child's teacher or in the donation boxes near the entrance in the morning.

Harvest

A quick reminder that our Harvest Festival assemblies will be taking place in our class bubbles next week. We would be very grateful if you are able to make a small food donation. If so, please could I ask if you could send your child in to school on Monday 5 October with a tin or packet of food (non-perishable items only). We will once again be supporting the YMCA charity who will come and collect the donations later on during that day. Thank you!



Walk to School

Can you walk, scoot or cycle either all or some of the journey to and from school? September 2020 has not been the normal start of the school year for any of us and there is a risk that if more parents choose to use the car for the whole of the school journey areas will see increased congestion, parking problems and air pollution.

Please click on the link below for details of 'Walk to School Month', promoted by Staffordshire County Council:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Schooltransport/Active-school-travel/September-2020-Back-to-School-Active-School-Travel.aspx>

Year 2 Forest School

Year 2 had a wonderful afternoon at Forest School. This week, they continued learning about The Great Fire of London. They used clay and natural materials to make clay fire structures. The children then used the sticks that they previously cut down with loppers to create a clove hitch fire stick. The most popular part of the day was using the Dutch oven to melt chocolate so that they could dip their fruit skewers into it. A fantastic afternoon at Forest School!



SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

Let's have a sneaky peek as to what has been going on in our classrooms this week...

Nursery

The nursery children continue to grow in confidence and are becoming more independent as our routines are really becoming embedded. This week we have carried out lots of conker exploration as many children have brought them into nursery from walks within our local area. There is something very magical about opening up a spikey shell, to find a beautiful, shiny conker inside! Mrs Farrington and Mrs Curran have also showed the children photos of their families and have talked about similarities and differences. Next week we look forward to hearing all about the children's families!

Reception

It has been another busy week in the Reception class. The children have enjoyed their Maths learning all about the number 4. They have counted accurately and completed lots of different creative activities to show representations of 4.

They have been very thoughtful in sharing different ways they can be kind to their friends and had fun doing some



role play scenarios to support this. They also really enjoyed practicing their rainbow breaths as part of our circle time listening very carefully to the chime.

We had some fantastic guided reading sessions this week and I was so pleased to see the children applying their phonics knowledge to read words- well done Reception!

Year 1

Year 1 have had their best week yet! The children have really settled into the routines of Year 1 and are becoming superstar independent learners, Miss Martin-Mills is so proud!

In English the children have been writing about the Gruffalo. The children were able to write some super sentences describing the Gruffalo using adjectives. They were also able to remember all their writing rules including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In Maths the children have been learning all about adding. They are now able to use part-part-wholes and ten-frames to help solve our addition number sentences - what superstars!

Year 2

This week we have written our own fantastic traditional tales based on 'The Gingerbread Man'. We have started our addition and subtraction learning focusing on related number facts. During the afternoons, we have been completing our wonderful art work and our Science learning, based on 'Materials.' Well done Year 2 for a wonderful week!

Year 3

This week, year 3 have started their new maths unit on addition and subtraction. We have also been planning, drafting and writing letters in our English lessons. Year 3 have enjoyed learning about 3 different artists and comparing their work. They have also started to think about use of colour in preparation for painting their own family portrait in the style of Rembrandt. Well done Year 3!

Year 4

Year 4 have really enjoyed this week. In English, we have started to write an information text about Lowry and we have finished our artwork ready for the children to take home on Friday 9 October. In maths, the children are learning how to add and subtract using the column method. We are using place value counters to help us with this.



Year 5

This week Year 5 have started their second maths unit, which is based on addition and subtraction. The children have worked incredibly hard with recapping their prior learning from Year 4 and applying their new learning from Year 5. In English, the children have written their own performance poetry based on a traditional tale of their choice. Mr Stevens was also really impressed with the children's pronunciation of traditional French names. Keep up the fabulous work Year 5!

Year 6

Hardworking, resilient and fun are three words to describe the Year 6 pupils this week! We have been working hard on using formal methods for multiplication and division in maths and we have started a new unit in writing - flashback narratives. The children have been beginning to look at a short silent film called The Piano by Aidan Gibbons, which features an old man playing the piano whilst remembering his past memories linking to World War Two. Year 6 will use their learning to help them produce their own flashback story based on this short film. In history, we have been able to practise our use of spelling, punctuation and grammar by writing an information text about Adolf Hitler. Well done Year 6 - a great week as usual!

Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 9+...

The Jungle Book

Written by Rudyard Kipling

Published by Usborne Publishing Limited

Kipling's **Jungle Book** stories and poems remain some of the best-loved children's literature, his stories of Mowgli, Bagheera, Baloo and Shere-Khan, and of Rikki-tikki and Toomai, retaining all their power to fascinate and intrigue young readers. Complete and unabridged, this version features lively colour illustrations throughout, certain to appeal to its audience. It also includes a short biography of Rudyard Kipling himself, just enough to introduce the man to modern children.



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Alizah A	Nancy M
Year 1	Safa Q	Fatima S
Year 2	Saif N	Ellie W
Year 3	Amina H	Joseph W
Year 4	Bethan P	Zoya H
Year 5	Reshaye B	Anaya A
Year 6	Lano M	Jasmine K

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Lily B
Year 1	Alicia F
Year 2	Saif N
Year 3	Safa U
Year 4	Alex H
Year 5	Ibrahim K
Year 6	Seren Y

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 02.10.20)	162	161	159	199
Position	2 nd – 3	3 rd – 2	4 th – 1	1 st – 4
Running Total	13	8	6	13

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Many of our dates for the autumn term remain under review due to adhering to government guidance and advice. Some of our traditional calendar fixtures may not be honoured. We will keep you informed of our arrangements and procedures.

Event	Date/Time
Parents' Evening	Week beginning Monday 19 th October 2020 – more details to follow...
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 23 rd October 2020
INSET Day	Monday 2 nd November 2020
School Re-Opens	Tuesday 3 rd November 2020
Open Evening	Tuesday 10 th November, 4.30-6.00pm
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 18 th December 2020

YMCA BURTON

Sleep in or sleepout, it's your shout

One night can make a difference,
Register today!

Friday 6th November

**We are adapting to the social distancing
measures which are still in place so this
year Sleepout will be virtual!**

There is no registration fee but we are asking you to register
and crucially, we are still asking you to raise money to help
us continue to support the most vulnerable in our society.

Sleepout on your kitchen floor, your garden, your workplace
or sofa surf. Sleepout by yourself, with your family, with
your friends, your work colleagues, or your pets!

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YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.

SUPPORT & ADVICE

ACCOMMODATION

FAMILY WORK

HEALTH & WELLBEING

TRAINING & EDUCATION