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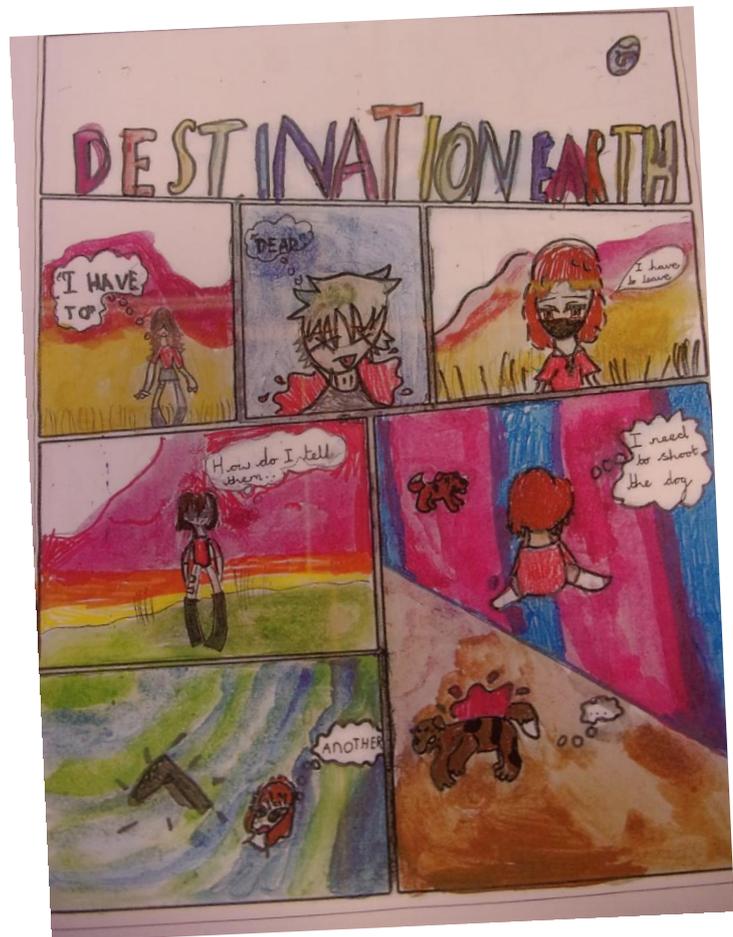
### Friday 25th June 2021

Shrewsbury Bookfest was founded in May 1999. It was at the time the only exclusively children's literary festival in the country. Since then, Bookfest has grown considerably, developed new projects and has established a fine reputation for excellence amongst authors, publishers and keen supporters.

It obtained charitable status in 2007, and in 2009 won a Queen's Award for Excellence in the Voluntary Sector – the equivalent of an MBE and the highest award that can be given to a voluntary organisation.

Shrewsbury Bookfest has always been an independent, not-for-profit organisation, governed by a non-executive Board of Trustees. The Committee is primarily made up of a group of dedicated, hard working volunteers who collectively put in hundreds of hours to deliver continually evolving and successful reading development projects.

Our children at St Mary's love all the books and the associated activities. Here our Year 6 children were asked to create a graphoc novel and here are our winners. School purchased three lots of Alex Rider Book Sets as prizes.





## Year 6 Greek Day

We have been having lots of fun and learning all about the Ancient Greeks and how they have influenced us today.

For our Greek Day we all dressed up in the fashion of the day, cool, white clothes for the hot climate, or soldier outfits. We have been working in our bubble which we have split into four Greek city States, Athens (the clever ones) Sparta (the angry warriors), Corinth (the ones who invented money and trade) and Argos (the musicians and artists).

We started our day with a Greek Theatre experience which was amazing, we learned some Greek myths and legends and all about the Olympics.

After this we created our own Greek feasts ready for dinner time, we earned points for our city state for the best laid tables and had a Greek bake off style judging of our creations.

After our Feast we had to work like archaeologist, we had to work through the sand with our brushes to find different bits of the artefacts. In our teams we had to try to piece together our artefacts and decide which city state they would have come from. We realised this was not as easy as we had first thought.

We ended our day joining in some ancient Greek Olympic events, we chanted the mottos we had made for our city states to egg our competitors on. Finally we were back in class and completed our day with one final competition between our states-reciting the city pledges we had created the day before.

All in all a fantastic experience that helped us understand a bit more about what life would have been like in ancient Greece.







### **COVID case in School**

**Unfortunately we had to close our Year 5 Bubble as we have had a positive test. All first contacts, the pupils and staff who have come into contact with the child, will need to isolate until 12pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and they can return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July. We do hope the child concerned makes a full and speedy recovery...we are all sending love and best wishes.**

#### **COVID update**

Please take the time to read the following update from Telford and Wrekin, particularly the section regarding precautionary symptoms.

Could we ask too that you keep checking your telephones regularly throughout your day as it has been very difficult for us to contact some parents when we have needed a quick response.

Your ongoing support and understanding is much appreciated. Thank you

Reminder:

Coronavirus update from  
Telford and Wrekin Council

17 June 2021

## **Cases rise for third week in a row**

Ninety-nine new cases have been reported between 7 June – 13 June. Eight more than the previous seven-day period.

We are above the regional average but below the national average.

No residents have died within 28 days of a positive Covid-19 test in the past week. Two patients with Covid-19 were in a local hospital as of 13 June.

Local health leaders warn that Coronavirus has not gone away, and we must all play our part to keep cases low and everyone safe.

Local health leaders are asking people to get vaccinated and help prevent the spread of the virus so restrictions can lift.

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## Take up your vaccination

With cases rising locally and nationally, we need to vaccinate as many people as possible.

Make sure you get vaccinated twice, as two doses provide much greater protection than one.

39,000 people aged 20 or over have not yet received their first vaccination in Telford and Wrekin.

It is also crucial to get tested when you have symptoms to help slow the spread.

As a council, we are asking everyone in Telford and Wrekin to get a PCR Test if you have 'precautionary symptoms.'

**Precautionary symptoms include symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache. Our website has more information on precautionary testing.**

We are doing everything we can so restrictions can be lifted as soon as possible.

You can help by getting vaccinated and getting tested.

Thank you to everyone who has been vaccinated so far. Each one protects you and those around you.

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## Getting tested twice a week

Even if you have no symptoms and even if you have been vaccinated, you can still carry the virus without knowing and spread it to others.

Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms.

### **HOME TEST KITS COLLECTION POINTS:**

- [Find your nearest collection point](#)
- [Order test kits online](#)

### **ASSISTED TESTING:**

- Assisted testing will continue to be provided at a range of local pharmacies by appointment only  
[Book an appointment](#)

This is to help you access home test kits to Check for Covid twice a week.

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- From 12 June, assisted testing will close at the following sites:
  - The Place, Oakengates
  - The Anstice, Madeley
  - Cosy Hall, Newport

Anyone with [main or precautionary Covid-19 symptoms](#), however mild, should [book a free PCR test](#).

## Sun Safety

We kindly ask that parents ensure that your child is equipped with a sunscreen that is clearly labelled with your child's name unless you apply sunscreen that lasts for the entire school day before sending your child in.

It is recommended that all sunscreen provided by parents should have a minimum Sun Protection Factor (SPF) 30+, be 'broad-spectrum' to provide both UVA and UVB protection and if labelled with a UVA star rating, carry a minimum of 4 stars

We ask that parents also ensure their child has access to a suitable sun hat with them. Sun hats should be either broad brimmed (bucket style) or legionnaire to shade the face, neck and ears. Baseball caps are not recommended.

Thank you

**Diocese of Shrewsbury in partnership with Telford and Wrekin LA**

**Lunchtime Supervisor - Scale 1 (Temporary 12 month post)**



Term time only, required to start on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 for 6.25 hours per week (1 hour 15 minutes per day). We are looking for a lunchtime supervisor to assist our current team in securing the safety and welfare of our children during lunchtime. You will support the children by taking a lead in developing good behaviour through leading play activities and ensuring they have a positive lunchtime experience. Previous experience is not necessary but you will need to be reliable and committed, have an interest in working with children and be a good role model for the children by demonstrating qualities of compassion, trustworthiness and politeness.

### To Apply

Application forms can be collected from the school or online at WMJobs and should be returned direct to the school for the attention of Suzanne Evans – School Business Manager or by email at [suzanne.evans@taw.org.uk](mailto:suzanne.evans@taw.org.uk). The appointment will be subject to enhanced DBS clearance for the successful applicant.

Closing date: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 @ 12.00 noon

Interview date: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**[Dates for the Diary](#)**

Week Beginning	Activity
21 <sup>st</sup> June	24th June Year Five Curriculum Activities Day **Date change <b>This will be rescheduled</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> July	13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> Whole School Olympics Days for the children only.  15 <sup>th</sup> Whole School Picnic on the field
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year Six Leaver's Days 20 <sup>th</sup> July Break-up for the Summer Holidays