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Weekly Newsletter: wb 18th January

Following the rules

I appreciate the ever-changing rules are difficult to keep up with. It is, however, important we follow them – regardless of our own personal opinions. This is our best chance of reducing the spread of the virus and returning to normality once enough people have been vaccinated. For example, this means:

- Staying at home where possible
- Wearing face coverings and keeping social distance when in public
- Not travelling outside the local area except for work / medical reasons
- Not attending any social gatherings (e.g. going round to a friend's house for tea or having a sleepover).

There are also strict criteria about what constitutes a 'support bubble'. It is worth checking this as you can be fined substantial amounts for breaking the rules. For more info, see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

Free School Meals

There has been a lot in the press about free school meals recently and the quality of the hampers. Our hampers (provided by Taylor Shaw) have been very much appreciated by those who have received them. Nevertheless, we will be using the Government's new voucher scheme from this week onwards (launching Monday). If you are eligible for vouchers, we will get them to you as soon as possible. If you do not currently claim free school meals but feel you may be eligible, please go to <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schoolmeals> to submit a claim.

Support with sleep

Does your child struggle to get to sleep at night? Unfortunately, this is surprisingly common amongst young children – especially with all that is going off in the world. Sheffield Council have put together a page full of useful resources / ideas; including advice about where you can go for further support. It is definitely worth a look: <http://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/kb5/sheffield/directory/advice.page?id=5uj4c05oMyY>

Sheffield Schools 'Get Active' Challenge

As part of our aim to be the most active school in the North of Sheffield, we are taking part in the Sheffield Schools 'Get Active' Challenge which runs until half-term. Go to <https://www.sheffieldgetmoving.co.uk/> to find out more and get involved with the challenge. Can you beat Mr Hartley?

Widgit

If your child has speech & language problems, they may find it difficult to understand simple instructions or express themselves properly, causing frustration. Widgit is a company that produces a variety of resources to support families with this. Access is usually quite expensive but they are offering a FREE trial throughout January. Click [here](#) and enter the code **JAN2021** to claim your 30-day free trial. They also have plenty of free 'COVID Support Materials' that are downloadable with registering (click [here](#)). Thank you to parent Sarah Baines for sharing this with us.

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** *Leela* (Ash); *Lily & Alfie R* (Willow); *Lincoln, Benji & Reuben* (Rowan)
- ★ **Silver:** *Alicia, Alex G & Maddison* (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** *Oscar & Lily* (Ash); *Sienna BR & Eloise* (Willow); *Joe & Betsy* (Rowan); *Bradley C, Thomas C, Thomas E & Gracie* (Sycamore); *Harley* (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** *Celeste & Skyla-Grey*
- ★ *Isabella J & Florence M* have been taking part in an online art club with children from across the city. Is anyone else doing this? Please let us know!
- ★ *Layla & Hollie* recently passed their dance exams with flying colours - well done girls!
- ★ Thank you to all who have entered the bus stop competition so far. There is still time to get your entries to me!
- ★ Finally, well done to the children who have guitar lessons with Paul. These have continued via Zoom during this lockdown - regardless of whether children are in school or not.

This week's 'School Standard' is:
 Take some responsibility
 (for your own home learning)



This week's birthdays: *Braxton* (7), *Rory* (6), *Elliana* (5) and *Billy* (9). Hope you all have a lovely day!

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings' letter of the week is e. Try to help your child find things beginning with e... Also, see if you can make an obstacle course in the house!

The Learning Zone will continue with their writing from last week.

Ash will be learning all about weight & capacity. They are also experimenting with floating and sinking.

Willow are doing 'life processes' in science. How do we know if something is classed as a living thing? (Remember 'Mrs Gren')

Rowan will be practising carrying and exchanging for column addition and doing art on Thursday afternoon. Don't forget to save your cardboard toilet rolls!

Sycamore will be learning about West African music and using body percussion to play a range of different rhythms.

Oak will be dancing with Megan from Links of Tuesday.

Please keep sharing your wonderful examples of home learning!



Sheffield Music Hub
 learn sing play enjoy!



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