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Weekly Newsletter: wb 1st February

The next few weeks

You will have by now seen last week's announcement that schools will not be reopening to more children until the **8th March at the earliest**. It is important not to focus too much on a specific date – the principle is that schools will reopen fully when it is safe to do so. They have promised to give us 2 weeks' notice when a decision is made so we will continue to keep you informed. Until then, please let us know if you need another exercise book for your home learning – these are available to collect from reception.

Meanwhile, schools will NOT be open for vulnerable / critical worker children during half-term but we will continue to provide track & trace for our families – so please continue to inform us if your child tests positive for COVID-19. The Government will not be providing vouchers for FSM families during half-term but I have been informed that Sheffield City Council will be – eligible families should receive this through the post before we break up.

Children's Mental Health Week

Mental health is a very real problem in today's society and nobody should have to face this alone. This week is Children's Mental Health Week so we will be promoting this in school and via our remote learning. This year's theme is 'Express Yourself' and is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts and ideas through creativity (e.g. art, music, writing, poetry, drama or photography). For more information, take a look at www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk.

Freestyle Football – World Record Attempt

In conjunction with Links, we are helping 23 time world record holder and South Yorkshire based football freestyler Ash Randall try to break the world record for the longest football chain video (currently 467 people). All you have to do is:

- Film a video in portrait mode
- Football rolled in from YOUR right hand side
- Show us what you can do with the ball then pass it out of shot on the other side
- The clip needs to be between 5 & 10 seconds long
- Email it to footballchainvideo@hotmail.com with the name of the people taking part.

Demo and more info here: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=427276295380965>

Acorn Project (Children's University)

The Acorn Project from Sheffield Children's University is an opportunity for schools to win **£250** to be spent on extra-curricular activities (when schools eventually reopen). Our School Council are ready to submit an application but we need your help! Ask your child to share their ideas via our Google Form: <https://forms.gle/dEuM2nLVNHZntdXg8>

Links Sports Quiz & Active Travel Activities

We have decided to do the Links Sports Quiz as part of our weekly celebration assembly* on Fridays; we hope you enjoyed this if you joined us on Friday! Meanwhile, Modeshift Stars have started producing weekly 'Active Travel' activities – which can be found on the home learning page of our website: www.wharncliffeside.org.uk/home-learning.html. This week's activities are Active Travel Word Scramble, Road Sign Bingo and Be Bright, Be Seen Colouring Activity.

**Note: This week's assembly will take place at the slightly earlier time of 1pm (usual link).*

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Corey (Rowan); Billy (Sycamore); Cameron, Hollie & Edward (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Blake (Willow); Ellessa & Lincoln (Rowan); Sam (Sycamore);
- ★ **Gold:** Max, D'low & Hope (Ash); Lucas, Will, Jacob & William (Willow); Junior & Reuben (Rowan); Connie & Elodie (Sycamore); Maddison & Ania (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Caleb H & Oliver
- ★ **Everyone** in Ash class for their enthusiastic alien investigation work!
- ★ Our **school council** had a very productive meeting via Zoom on Friday afternoon. Mrs Brookes (Chair of Governors) joined us and she was very impressed with their maturity.

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Looking after my mental health



This week's birthdays: Gretchen (7), Gray (4), Aaron (6) & Edward (10) all have birthdays this week!

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings' learning will this week be centred around Children's Mental Health Week. Amongst other things, they will be making up stories with yoga poses and doing lots of music / singing!

The Learning Zone will be writing a recount of making foxes (KS1) & planning interesting worlds to be visited by the 'girl in the bubble' (KS2)

Ash have been on the hunt for aliens after a mysterious visitor arrived during the week.

Willow have been producing some beautiful water-inspired pieces of artwork. One parent (whilst supporting their child at home) said "It's like therapy!"

Rowan will be exploring multiplication in Maths and continuing with their 'Scare at Shadow Fair' book

Sycamore will be writing a story based on the man who bought a mountain

Oak will be learning to sing in harmony via the Oak Academy and using the rowing machine we have loaned from Links. Will anyone beat Mr Hartley?

Finally, a new MAT-wide competition on TT Rockstars starts this week - COME ON WHARNCLIFFE SIDE!

Please keep sharing your wonderful examples of home learning!



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