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Weekly Newsletter: wb 13th January 2025

Corrections

Apologies for the errors on last week's newsletter. Hopefully by now you have seen the corrected version, but if not:

- We break up for **Easter** on the 28th March (not April!)
- **World Book Day** is Thursday 6th March (not the 4th). More information will be sent out about this closer to the time.

Uniform discount code

Parents often start thinking about new uniform at the start of a new term. With this in mind, we thought it'd be an appropriate time to offer you a discount! Remember, you can now order your uniform from **My Clothing** in addition to our usual supplier, Pinders Schoolwear. Order directly from <https://myclothing.com/collections/wharcliffe-side-primary-school-28862/> and use the code **UNIFORM10%** at checkout (expires 31/3/25).

Meanwhile, remember that our PTA, FoWSS, will be running a '**Pre-loved Uniform Shop**' on the 2nd Wednesday of every month (2:45 – 3:45pm in the school bungalow). If you would like further information about this, you can contact them directly on friends@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk.

Phonics

Now Christmas is out of the way, teachers start thinking about the end-of-year National Assessments (e.g. the **Phonics Screening Check** for **Y1 children** in June). With this in mind, our English Leader, Ms Harrison is hosting a Phonics Information Workshop for parents of children in Reception and Y1. Further details will be sent home later this week; please keep an eye out for them and attend if you can. It is a long-established fact that phonological understanding is the number one predictor of future reading success... Equally, the ability to read is fundamental to future educational and economic success.

Miss Burgess

Following a few enquiries from parents, I am delighted to reveal some good news about Miss Burgess. Baby Lyla was born just before Christmas, weighing in at 6lb 8oz. Both mother and baby are doing well and they look forward to coming to see us soon.

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Erin (Willow); Aaron (Sycamore); Zachary (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Xander (Ash); Caleb H (Willow); Harriet, Darcy (Rowan)
- ★ **Gold:** Macie (Ash); Joely (Sycamore); Esme (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Hugo & Rory (Seedlings); Hunter & Nova (Saplings)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Despite the snow, we still achieved a respectable 95.3% overall this week. The winning classes were Willow (KS1) with 96.8% and Oak (KS2) with 98.4%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** It was another win for Oceania this week!
- ★ Finally, well done to the 15 children who attended the citywide **Peer Mediator Conference** on Wednesday at Sheffield Hallam University. They were, as ever, excellent representatives of our school (look out for the YouTube video coming soon!).



This week's birthdays:
Violet (5), William R (6)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Good speaking and listening

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings are doing sticking whittling and making leaf caterpillars in their Forest Schools session this week.

Ash will be learning about significant space explorers like Neil Armstrong.

Willow have just started their new dance unit and have been practising counting in beats of 8.

KS1 children in The Learning Zone are starting to write their versions of the story 'Giraffes Can't Dance' by Giles Andreae.

Rowan will be continuing with their weekly swimming lessons until further notice (they didn't go this week because of the snow). Meanwhile, in class, they will be learning all about reports in English.

Sycamore's new class novel is 'Goth Girl' by Chris Riddell.

Oak's new class novel is 'Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief' by Rick Riordan.

Meanwhile, Y4 children will be attending a basketball competition at Bradfield School on Monday (please remember your permission slip if you haven't already brought it!)

