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Weekly Newsletter: 19th February 2024

Parents' Evening and SEND Reviews

Details about our forthcoming SEND Reviews should now be with parents – please attend your child's meeting if you can. For everyone else, our Spring Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 28th February (school) and Tues 27th / Thurs 29th (Nursery). Request an appointment using the links [here](#) (school) and [here](#) (Nursery). Thank you! Meanwhile, if you have yet to return our Home-School Agreement; please do so at your earliest convenience.

After-School Clubs

You can now use sQuid to book places at our After-School Clubs for Spring 2...

Monday: Girls' Football (am, FREE); KS1 Football (pm); Chess Club (continuing from Spring 1 – no new members)

Wednesday: Yoga

Friday: Dodgeball (KS2)

Sheffield Young Artist / Panini competitions

- Entries for the Sheffield Young Artist Competition should be with Mrs Coulson by Friday 23rd February. There is no theme this year but they should be no larger than A4 size.
- Entries for the Panini 'Design a Football' competition should be with Mr Gaughan by Tuesday 27th February. Good luck in both (you've got to be in it to win it!). If you have any questions, please get in touch!

World Book Day

World Book Day is on the 7th March. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character but please don't waste money on a fancy costume – we would much rather you buy a book! £1 book vouchers have already been sent home and they can be spent in many different retailers (see www.worldbookday.com for more information).

Support and advice for parents

- Remember, we are hosting a 'Family Communication Seminar' for the Sheffield Parent Hub on Thursday 7th March (4:30pm start). Find out more or book your place [here](#).
- On the same day, Sheffield Parent Hub are also running a 'Cost of Living Advice Session' at Shirecliffe Community Centre (9:30am start).
- If you are struggling and need some individual support, Sheffield's 'Family Intervention Service' (FIS, formerly known as MAST) may be able to help. Please get in touch and I can make a referral for you in the strictest confidence.
- Remember, we are still taking part in the Peak Edge 'Bags of Kindness' scheme. If you would like a bag; just ask!

School food supply issues

- There has been a shortage of bagels at the KS2 snack bar. Hopefully, this will be rectified soon!
- Taylor Shaw's shepherd's pie should be made with lamb but we had been using beef because of a lamb shortage... Last week, it was finally made with lamb – and the majority of the children didn't like it! We will therefore return to using beef from now on!

School Gates

Our school gates are there to keep the children safe and therefore remain closed during the day time. If you do need to drop off / collect during these times, please press the buzzer and wait for a response. When activated, the gates open and close automatically and should not be forced under any circumstances. Thank you!

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Koby, Roscoe, Kaiden, Frankie-Lola, Joseph (Ash); Penny (Willow); Braxton (Sycamore); Austin (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Jude (Ash); Oscar B (Sycamore); Casey-Leigh (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Thomas P, Briar, George (Ash); Astrid, Erica, Mazikeen (Willow); Simon, Angus (Rowan); Ameera, Josh G, Lily P (Sycamore); Edie, Ellessa (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Poppy & Henry
- ★ **Healthy Eating Champion:** Josh G
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was 93.9% overall last week. The best classes were Willow (KS1) with 91.1% and Rowan (KS2) with 100%! (excluding the Thursday afternoon which was severely affected by snow!)
- ★ **House Point winners:** Africa won the house point trophy for the second week in a row!
- ★ Well done to the 12 children from KS2 who represented us at last week's 'AquaFest' competition at Ponds Forge. We came 3rd overall!



This week's birthdays:
Maddie B (6)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Talk about my feelings

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings' new topic is: 'I wonder what it's like to be an animal'

Ash will be continuing with their 'keeping healthy' topic but focusing more on how to keep plants healthy by growing some of their own and doing observational drawings of them.

Willow are starting to look at making their own soups as part of their 'keeping healthy' project.

Children from The Learning Zone will be going to Concord Sports Centre during the first week back to take part in a Panathlon challenge against children from other schools.

Rowan will be visiting Creswell Crags to learn all about the mysteries of Stone Age Britain.

Sycamore are starting a new unit on fractions in Maths. They will also be receiving a visit from teachers / pupils at Stocksbridge High School on the Friday!

Mr Hartley (Oak) will be hosting an information session for parents about the forthcoming SATs and the Y6 residential to Thornbridge. Please come if you can! (Thursday 22nd at 5:30pm)

Meanwhile, a select group of school councillors / art ambassadors will be preparing an assembly all about the new 'Dragon of Wantley' sculpture... Watch this space!



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