



Brightholmlee Lane
Wharcliffe Side
Sheffield
S35 0DD
Tel: 0114 2862379

Email: enquiries@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk
Website: www.wharcliffeside.org.uk

Headteacher: Mr M Gaughan
Chair of Governors: Mrs S Brookes
Admin Officer: Mrs T Daghish



Find us on Facebook!



Follow us on Twitter: @Wharcliffe_Sch



Subscribe to our YouTube channel!

Weekly Newsletter: 20th January 2025

A difficult week

As you will know, this has been a difficult week for everyone. The whole school community has been left devastated by the sudden death of one of our much-loved parents. I just wanted to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your support, patience and understanding. I know the family have taken a great deal of comfort from this and will continue to do so in the forthcoming weeks, months and years.

As advised on Thursday, we took the decision to talk to ALL our children about this (with the family's permission). Without exception, children in all year groups have shown an incredible amount of compassion and support for their peers. We are incredibly proud of how they have responded to this tragic news.

News like this can of course stir up old memories. We all process grief in different ways and this may have affected your children in ways that you didn't expect. **Winston's Wish** is a charity that supports bereaved children and their families. They have a helpline, guidance documents, information sheets, resources and more. It is well worth a look if you or someone you know is struggling. Find out more here: www.winstonswish.org.

Wellbeing Garden Project

Following on from our successful funding bid (thank you Natalie from FoWSS), the Wellbeing Garden Project group met this week and have some great ideas about how we can transform the internal 'quads' into better spaces for the children to use. Thanks also to the school council for your contributions to this!

More information coming soon – watch this space!

FoWSS AGM

Speaking of FoWSS, they have their AGM (Annual General Meeting) coming up soon. They are meeting for 30 minutes after school on Thursday 13th February to discuss plans for the year ahead. All are welcome and free drinks / cakes are available as a thank you for attending! If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact them via email: friends@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk.

NeurodiverCity

Yes, I did spell that correctly! NeurodiverCity is a Sheffield-based support service for parents of children with all forms of neurodiversity (the usual spelling!). They offer a range of information, training and support and you can even self-refer. Contact them by phone on (0114) 2412733 or visit their website [here](#).

Small request

The Learning Zone would like to request a donation of any spare jogging bottoms you may have. These are needed when a child has an accident (and it is always useful to have spares). We will accept these in any size or colour but dark colours & larger sizes are preferred. Thank you!

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Abigail (Sycamore); Gretchen, Lily P (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Ari, Ellis (Ash); Kaiden, Roscoe, Tommy M (Willow); Iris, Josh F, Celeste (Rowan); Poppy (Sycamore)
- ★ **Gold:** Teddy R, Briar (Ash); Erica (Willow); Holly (Rowan); Leela (Sycamore); Matthew (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Giovanni & Tabitha (Seedlings); Lucas & Leo (Saplings)
- ★ **Rowan's Swimmer of the Week:** Tori
- ★ **House Point winners:** Oceania beat Asia by 2 house points this week!
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Overall attendance was 96.0% last week. The winning classes were Willow (KS1) with 97.4% and Oak (KS2) with 96.7%.
- ★ **Meanwhile,** well done to everyone who received a certificate for their attendance across the Autumn term (including 24 children who got 100%!)
- ★ Willow H, Josh F, Ida, Abigail, Evie F & Tori did a brilliant job at the Y3/4 basketball competition on Monday.



This week's birthdays:

Willow G (7), Braxton (11),
Elliana (9), Rory (10)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Have a growth mindset

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings are focusing on the learning characteristics shown by Charlie the Challenging Crocodile and Ellie the Engaging Elephant!

Ash are starting their new focus book: 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy.

Willow have been enjoying learning how to play the ocarina. They know two pieces already!

KS2 children in The Learning Zone are writing descriptions of Africa.

Rowan are starting their new book: 'The boy who grew dragons' by Andy Shepherd.

Sycamore have been learning about self-esteem and body image in their RSHE lessons.

Oak are learning the names and locations of all the different countries in North America.

Meanwhile, we were sorry to hear that last week's coding club needed to be cancelled. At the time of writing, it is scheduled to go ahead on Monday as planned. They will again inform you directly if that changes.

