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Weekly Newsletter: wb 4th March 2024

World Book Day

It is World Book Day on Thursday and once again, we will be celebrating all things book-related with a variety of activities within each class. As previously advised, we suggest children come to school in their 'comfy' clothes in which they enjoy reading (e.g. their pyjamas!). Once again, we would encourage you NOT to buy a fancy dress costume; we would much rather you spend the money on a book (or more!). Throughout the week, Friends of Wharnccliffe Side School (FoWSS) will be running a children's book swap on the yard. They will also be holding a competition and helping us to host a reading café at the end of the day on Thursday 7th March (see separate flyer).

Driving and walking around school

If you live locally, you may have already received a letter about this through the post... Sheffield City Council have decided to introduce an 'advisory' speed limit of **20mph** at key times throughout the day. This is in order to reduce the risk of accidents outside school and I'm sure you will agree, is very welcome.

Meanwhile, would you like to be rewarded for walking to school? **Better Points Sheffield** is a brand new app for doing just that. You earn points which can then be exchanged for drinks vouchers in local cafes, High Street Gift Cards or online shopping vouchers. You can also donate them to Sheffield Children's Hospital, St. Luke's Hospice and more. Simply download the app from your app store and enter the code **wharn** on registration. Let us know how you get on!

Nursery price increase

As advised previously, our Nursery prices are due to increase slightly soon. The Sheffield School Forum set the new figures at their meeting on the 26th February and we always price match this to keep things as transparent as possible. With that in mind, prices will be rising to £5.50 per hour (or **£16.50** per session) with effect from the **1st April**. Thank you for your understanding.

Holidays in term-time

Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good attendance enjoy better wellbeing and school performance than those who don't. As you may have heard on the news recently, the fine for unauthorised absences during term-time will soon be rising to **£80** (if paid within 21 days). Read more [here](#).

Things to do

- For British Science Week, The Sheffield Children's University have teamed up with Sheffield University to offer a FREE 'Science Alive' workshop on Sunday 17th March. Find out more or book tickets [here](#).
- Bradfield Parish Council are sponsoring some football sessions hosted by SWFC. These are FREE and will take place every Friday (from the 22nd March) at 3:45 – 4:45 at Dungworth Park. For more information, email paul.hebda@swfc.co.uk.

Secondary transitions

Y6 children found out which secondary schools they will be going to on Friday. As usual, the majority of our pupils will be attending either Bradfield or Stocksbridge High; though we have other children going elsewhere. Rest assured, whichever school your child is going to, we will work with them to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible. I know this can be an exciting yet daunting time for our children (and their families!) but there is still a long way to go and a lot of work to do (we will miss them when the time comes though!).

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Arnie-Grey, Felicity, Macie (Ash); Evie, Rayhan, Jacob B (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Sienna B (Ash); Leela (Rowan); Orla, Lexi, Ellie-Mai, Jacob S (Sycamore)
- ★ **Gold:** Caleb H, Ruby, Cooper, Erin (Willow); Elliana, Ida (Rowan); Ameera, Millie-Mai (Sycamore); Tommy-Lee (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Ford & Theo R
- ★ **Healthy Eating Champion:** Freddie
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was a pretty good 95.6% last week. The winning classes were Willow (KS1) with 98.3% and Rowan (KS2) with 96.8%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** It was another win for Africa last week!



This week's birthdays:

Isla (9)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Enjoy my reading

What's Happening?

Following on from their 'Beasties Encounter', Little Seedlings & Saplings will be doing some animal dances this week!

For World Book Day, Ash will be focusing on the book 'The Pirate Cruncher' and taking part in a range of fun activities & adventures in the outdoors (Forest School clothes recommended!)

Willow will be tasting soup and learning about how it is made.

KS2 children in The Learning Zone will be writing their own narratives and focusing on speech.

Rowan will be practising peeling and chopping vegetables in preparation for making their own vegetable tarts.

Sycamore will be starting their 'salvation' unit in RE.

Meanwhile, Oak will be using P4C as a vehicle to explore the question: 'Who was responsible for the death of Jesus?'

Finally, it is last chess club on Monday. The winner will be announced in Friday's assembly.



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