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## Weekly Newsletter: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Oughtibridge Brass Band

On Monday, we treated to a performance from Oughtibridge Community Brass Band. It was very interactive and the children really enjoyed it. They practise from 6:30 - 7:45pm every Friday evening in the band room opposite Coronation Park (Oughtibridge). They currently have vacancies in all age categories (children and adults) and you can even borrow an instrument! If you would like to know more, please contact Tony on 07769 823086 (mob) or [ajwoodley65@gmail.com](mailto:ajwoodley65@gmail.com) (email).

### Big Ambition Survey – message from the DfE

The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people, and parents across the country. This is an opportunity to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting. The survey will be used to encourage policymakers to think about children and young people's needs, to ensure children's voices are reflected in the decisions that will affect them in years to come.

To find out more head to [The Big Ambition page](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition). To take part in The Big Ambition survey visit: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition).

### Vaccinations

- Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting school in England at risk of catching the disease. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated, 9/10 children in a classroom can catch the disease if just 1 child is infectious. Please read the NHS Back to School guidance [here](#) and consider getting the MMR vaccination if you haven't already.
- Meanwhile, we will be offering the annual flu vaccination in school towards the end of this month (more information to come).

### October Half-Term

October half-term is fast approaching. A few notes / reminders:

- We break up on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October (school is closed on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> for an INSET Day) and return on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Our first **Parents' Evening** of the year will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November (letter with booking instructions to come this week).
- Our after-school providers 'Kids Love Yoga' are running a Half-Term Yoga Camp for children age 4-10. This is based in Meersbrook and takes place on 4 days during the holiday (9am-3:30pm). It costs £25-£30 per day (with a 10% sibling discount using the code SIBLING10). Find out more or book [here](#).
- As part of the Household Support Fund, Sheffield City Council will once again be providing £15 food supplement vouchers for children on Free School Meals. As before, vouchers will be posted to families in the week 16<sup>th</sup> October. If you think you may be eligible but haven't yet applied, you can do so [here](#) (or pop in and speak to me for advice).

### FoWSS Halloween Costume Shop

Halloween is straight after the October half-term and we understand many of you like to go trick or treating (please stay safe!). Costumes can be expensive and FoWSS are here to help with this... They are running a Halloween Costume Shop on 16-18<sup>th</sup> October (on the yard, before and after school) where you can donate old costumes, swap them for different sizes or buy new ones!

*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Hibah, Frankie-Lola, Harvey (Ash); Skyla-Grey, Eser (Willow); D'Low, Isla, Simon (Rowan); Ameera, Hugo, Millie-Mai (Sycamore); Betsy, Riley, Rayhan, Jacob B, Will HS, Evie (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Briar (Ash); Willow H (Rowan); Franklin (Sycamore); Mickey (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Isaac & Violet
- ★ **Rowan's Swimmer of the Week:** Willow
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Overall attendance was only 92.9% last week. The winning classes were Willow (KS1) with 97.6% and Rowan (KS2) with 95.6%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Asia won the house point trophy for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in a row!
- ★ **Oak's tag rugby** team gave a very good account of themselves at last week's competition organised by LINKS; finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and qualifying for the regional finals!
- ★ Also, a team from our **Learning Zone** were runners-up in the LINKS '10 Pin Challenge' (organised as part of the Panathlon Challenge).
- ★ All the children who completed Stocksbridge Library's Summer Reading Challenge: Gretchen, Molly, Ida, Astrid, Amelie, Eloise, Caleb H, Charlotte, Felicity, Alfie R, Iris, Holly, Maddie B, Angus & Esme. You will all get your certificates this week!
- ★ Lukas K has won a GOLD award from the **Children's University** and has been invited to attend a special ceremony in a few weeks' time.
- ★ The MTC Challenge is now over. Well done to all the children who took part; especially Gretchen & Esme who were our highest scoring players in the final round.
- ★ Lily K (and her Mum) are completing a skipping challenge in October to raise money for Cancer Research. If you would like to sponsor them, you can do so [here](#).



This week's birthdays:  
Freya (11) & Matthew (10)

This week's 'School Standard' is:  
Understanding Feelings  
(Correction: last week's was 'Be Happy')

## What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings are exploring 2D shapes and making shape pictures in Maths.

Ash are learning about human and physical features of the Polar regions.

Willow are rehearsing great 'story sentences' to enable them to write great stories!

KS1 children in The Learning Zone will be describing a character from 'Olly the Octopus' whilst KS2 children write descriptive stories with an 'under the sea' theme.

Rowan have been learning to make comparisons via 'The Town Mouse & the Country Mouse'

Sycamore are learning to play the violin through the 'Whole Class Music Ensemble' project.

Oak will be doing a session on Mental Health Awareness with Coach Brett from SWFC.

Meanwhile, we are having a whole-school GOLF DAY on Thursday. Thank you to Mr Hartley for organising this!

