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Weekly Newsletter: wb 14th April 2025

Welcome back to school for the start of our Summer term. We hope you had a relaxing 'Easter' break... don't forget it is actually Easter this weekend so we have two 4-day weeks coming up (to account for Good Friday and Easter Monday). For more information about our annual Easter events, please see separate letter...

Nursery fees

If your child is in Nursery and you only access the funded hours, this won't affect you, but for those of you who pay for additional sessions, we have had to increase our fees slightly (to keep them in line with what we receive from the local authority). The new fees are £24.96 per session for 2 year-olds and £17.28 for 3-4 year-olds. We have plenty of capacity; so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to book extra sessions!

Things to do

- **Dynamos Cricket** are running some girls-only cricket sessions at Oughtibridge War Memorial Cricket Club. These will be on Thursdays at 5:30pm, commencing on the 22nd May. The cost is £30 for an 8-week programme. To find out more / book your place, click [here](#).
- Sheffield Giants Academy are running '**Flag Football**' (American Football) sessions every Saturday morning for children aged 7+. If you would like to get involved, take a look at www.sheffieldgiants.com.

Community news

- Following a consultation with our Y6s and a successful bid, WSDA have secured funding to introduce a new youth club in the village. There is a lot of planning to get this off the ground and they would like your help – please come along to their drop-in session to help shape the future of Wharnccliffe Side (Monday 21st April, 6pm – see flyer).
- Meanwhile, a brand-new **Community Fridge** will be opening at Brightholmlee Methodist Church. This is to reduce food waste and support the local community. It will initially be open on the last Saturday of every month (starting Saturday 26th April). See flyer for more information and support it if you can!
- In similar news, the **Scouts Food Drive** was very successful; with over 500 donations altogether. In the end, we collected the 3rd most (out of 5 schools involved). Thank you for your support!
- There is a new **Adult Art group** at the Chapel, starting on Monday 14th April. See attached flyer for more information.

Kooth

Have you heard of **Kooth**? It is a FREE online mental health & wellbeing support service for young people aged 10-25. They can go to www.kooth.com and access instant anonymous, text-based support from trained experts. See attached letter for more information.

Wizard of Oz

Following on from last year's successful debut, we have once again booked M&M Theatrical Productions to come into school and perform a show for us. This year's show is '**The Wizard of Oz**' and will take place on Wednesday 23rd April. In order to cover the cost of this, we would like to request a donation of **£5 per child**. Please either send cash or wait until the online payment facility is available... Thank you for your support – we are sure the children will love it!

Thank you

Thank you to Craftform Engineering (and Frankie-Lola's family) for sponsoring a set of '**Caught in the Web**' online safety books for our UKS2 children (produced by the Police Community Clubs of Great Britain). The books are very informative and child-friendly – we will put them to good use!

School kit amnesty

Request from Mr Hartley: if your child has represented the school in any sporting competitions this year, please have a look for any school kit that you may have forgotten to return... We have a few missing items and it is difficult / expensive to source suitable replacements. If you find anything, please return ASAP – no questions asked!

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Xander, Anastasiia (Ash); Henry J, Maddie B (Willow); Braxton (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Hugo, Aaron (Sycamore); Franklin (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Ellis (Ash); Tommy M, Joseph (Willow); Oscar SF, Penny, Caleb F (Rowan); Max (Sycamore); Gretchen (Oak)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** The overall attendance during the last week was 92.8% & the winning classes were Ash (KS1) with 96.9% and Oak (KS2) with 97.8%. For the whole of the Spring term (since Christmas), our overall attendance was 94.0%. I am hoping for at least 95% in the Summer term!
- ★ **House Point winners:** The trophy went to Asia again during the final week; meaning they won overall for the Spring term. Oceania are still winning for the year-to-date though!
- ★ Congratulations to Angus for winning our annual Chess trophy; narrowly beating Max in the final.
- ★ Well done to Matthew & Abigail for their performance in 'Carmen' (in association with Sheffield Music Hub)
- ★ We were very proud of our Y6 Flag Football team who finished 3rd in a citywide tournament at the end of March; only narrowly losing to the eventual winners.
- ★ Great work from Orla, Oliver & Skyla-Grey for the British Science Week poster competition. Good luck to all 3 of you!



This week's birthdays:

Lexxi B (5), Enes (9),

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Be creative

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings will be going on an egg hunt in their Forest Schools sessions!

Ash & Willow will be learning all about Africa in their new topic.

Children in The Learning Zone are looking forward to having a go at some Marvel superhero-inspired challenges in their PE lessons with Mr Warne!

Rowan are moving on to their new class novel - 'Libby & the Parisian Puzzle' by Jo Clarke...

Sycamore are learning about Victorian Sheffield and the Sheffield Flood of 1864 in particular.

Oak are also learning about the history and geography of Sheffield; with a focus on the steelmaking industry.

Meanwhile, thank you to Miss Morfitt who has now finished her black placement with us. She did a brilliant job and will be missed.

