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Wizard of Oz

The children really enjoyed the **'Wizard of Oz'** performance from M&M Theatrical Productions on Wednesday. Hopefully it may encourage a few of them to pursue a career on the stage like former pupil Evie Ward-Drummond – who is starring in hit TV comedy 'G'Wed (not suitable for children!).

Back to the show; thank you to those who made a donation towards the cost of this performance. School budgets are very tight at the moment and we would struggle to provide things like this without your support. If you didn't get chance and would still like to help, the option is still available on Parent Pay.

Scooter Skills

Paula from **Modeshift STARS** is coming in on Friday to run 'Scooter Skills' sessions with Reception – Y3 children. A letter was sent out about this last week; you can confirm your child's place simply by clicking 'Accept Invitation' on the email (we're getting there with this new technology!).

Testimonial from one of our parents about her recent 'Learn to Ride' session: *"They have gone from being intimidated and fearful to being confident and it has become one of their favourite activities... We can't thank you enough, we are so thrilled and are now looking at going on family bike ride adventures."*

School Readiness

Starting school for the first time can be a huge challenge for young children (and their parents!). Did you see the helpful **'Starting Reception'** guide which was sent out last week? It is full of tips, advice and links for further information. If you could tick off the majority of things on the checklist, it would give your child the very best chance of a successful transition into school life!

Online Safety

Meanwhile, as children get older, they are given more freedoms... but do you always know what they are doing online? The new Netflix drama, **Adolescence**, has been widely discussed for its powerful yet difficult portrayal of the digital pressures young people face online in the modern day. To help, Smoothwall* have created an informative resource page for parents – available here: <https://smoothwall.com/adolescence>

**our school firewall provider*

Closer to home, I have been informed that a group of **our children** have been involved in a **WhatsApp** group that includes some quite unkind language and behaviour. If you allow your child to access these apps on their mobile phone, it is your responsibility to check they are using it appropriately (did you know that the legal age to use WhatsApp in the UK is 13?).

Sheffield Parent Hub

Sheffield Parent Hub are running a number of seminar, discussion groups and workshops that may be of interest in coming weeks / months. These include Being a parent together, Getting teenagers to co-operate, a SEND workshop and many more. Find out more / book here: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/parent-hub-events>

Cricket

Note: the Dynamos Cricket session for girls at **Oughtibridge Cricket Club** has now changed days – it will now be on Fridays; starting the 23rd May. See flyer sent out alongside this newsletter (and others FYI).

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

We did two lots of certificates this week because we didn't do any in week 1...

- ★ **Bronze:** Anastasiia, Xander, Lexxi (Ash); Maddie B, Henry J (Willow); Josh F, Dakota (Rowan); Ellie, Eloise (Sycamore); Braxton, Matthew, Freddie (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Maisie (Ash); Hugo, Aaron (Sycamore); Franklin (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Ellis, Mila (Ash); Joseph B, Tommy M, Kaiden, Erin (Willow); Penny, Caleb F (Rowan); Max, Oscar B, Poppy (Sycamore); Gretchen (Oak)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was 93.9% overall last week. Oak won the KS2 trophy again with 97.2%; whereas the KS1 trophy was shared between Ash & Willow - who both got 93.3%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Africa won for the second week in a row!
- ★ Well done to our **KS2 Dodgeball team** who did really well at a tournament this week (particularly the girls' team who won every game!)
- ★ Harriet and Roscoe for having their work displayed at the **Sheffield Young Artist's** exhibition in town over the weekend.



This week's birthdays:
Ada (5)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Support peers with their learning

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings have been enjoying watching their tadpoles and caterpillars grow!

Ash have been naming animals on safari and putting them into the correct groups.

Willow have been working out how to improve the accuracy and detail in their sentences.

The Learning Zone's new topic is 'Coasts' and KS1 children will this week be reading 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin.

Rowan have been creating pneumatic toys in DT and experimenting with natural rocks in science.

Sycamore have been learning about what happened in the Victorian era.

Oak are learning to program Micro:bits in their Computing lessons. Meanwhile, a group of Y6s will have the opportunity to play on the pitch at Hillsborough on Wednesday!

