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The Mayor's Walk & Wheel Challenge

We will this week be taking part in the Mayor's 'Walk & Wheel Challenge' to encourage active travel to school. Your child should have brought home an information pack on Friday (Reception to Y6) and you can find out more here: <https://www.southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/explore/school-walk-wheel>

FSM and food vouchers

It has been confirmed by Sheffield City Council that they will once again be providing food vouchers for families on Free School Meals during half-term; but that this will be the last time they are able to do this.

Meanwhile, the government are changing the rules around free school meal eligibility from September. Anyone in receipt of universal credit will automatically receive free school meals but everyone will be reassessed on an annual basis; meaning they may lose their entitlement if circumstances change. To find out more, or submit an application before the rules change, visit Sheffield Council's advice page here: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/school/school-meals>

Kooth

Kooth is a well-established website to support children and young people with their mental health needs. It allows access to immediate 1:1 support and enables them to discuss their worries with trained professionals without fear of being labelled or discriminated against. The website was previously recommended for use by children aged 11+ but they have recently changed their terms and conditions to allow 10-year-olds to access the service. You can find out more at www.kooth.com (this includes a handy 'Parent FAQs' document).

Things to do

- Is your child green-fingered? Discovery Outdoors, who recently helped us renovate our wellbeing gardens, will be running a **Gardening Club for KS2 children** after half-term (further details to come later this week).
- Thank you to those of you who have signed up for **BradFest** on Saturday 11th July. Mrs Harrison will be starting rehearsals soon so please let us know if you will be attending (see the link on ReachMore). If circumstances change and you can no longer attend, please let us know that too!
- **Wharnccliffe Dragons Youth Club** takes place every Monday at Brightholmlee Methodist Chapel. They would like to invite Y6 children to join them on Monday 8th June from 5:30pm (usual start time 6pm). See attached flyer for more information.
- Oughtibridge Parish Council are running an '**Out of this World' Kids' Club** during half-term. It is open to all children age 4-11 and is completely free. Spaces are limited and booking is required: <https://www.opc.org.uk/whatson/holidayclub>
- Stocksbridge Leisure Centre are running an **Ultimate Activity Camp** during half-term, with free places available to families on Free School Meals. See attached poster for more information.

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

Including last week's winners:

- ★ **Bronze:** Elio, Albie-Grey, Ellis (Ash); Oscar SF, Roscoe, Maddie P, Maddie B, Kaiden, Caleb H (Rowan); Ruby, Savannah, Harriet (Sycamore); Eloise, Poppy (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Theo R, Neo, Theo F (Ash); Cooper (Rowan); Leela, Rory (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Oscar B, Henry A (Ash); Henry J, Felicity, Jude (Willow); Rocco (Rowan); Leo C, Jake, Theo R (Sycamore)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Grace & Dante (Seedlings); Imogen & Hugo (Saplings)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Last week's attendance was an improved 94.3%. The winning classes were Willow (KS1) with 93.8% and Oak (KS2) with 97.0%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Africa won for the 3rd week in a row! Come on all the other teams - take the title next time!
- ★ Well done to all our Y6s who approached their **SATs** with exactly the right attitude. The papers have now been sent off for marking and we will get the results on the 9th of July!
- ★ Following our recent Science Day where we submitted inventions to a nationwide engineering competition, the following children have been shortlisted for a **National Award:** Anastasiia, Ellis, Lexxi B, Lacey, Roscoe, Charlie, Eloise & Isla. Good luck to all and remember us if you become a famous inventor!
- ★ Iris & Willow H's artwork has been selected for the forthcoming 'Art in the Gardens' exhibition at Sheffield Botanical Gardens (September). Well done girls!



This week's birthdays:

Harrison (8), Celeste (9),
Felicity SW (3)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Evaluate my learning

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings are scattering wild flower seeds whilst Saplings go on a scavenger hunt. Ash are visiting the Community Café on Wednesday to sing all about minibeasts! Willow & Sycamore are performing in MoveFest at The Crucible on Wednesday. Meanwhile, Sycamore have been doing a great job punctuating direct speech and will be welcoming their friends from Porter Croft School on Monday (as part of The Sheffield Linking Project).

Children in The Learning Zone enjoyed working with Oak's Y5 children while the Y6s were doing their SATs.

Rowan have been learning to count in Spanish.

Now the SATs are over, Y6s in Oak are concentrating on Writing and gathering enough evidence to show they have reached ARE (Age-Related Expectations). In other words, they are NOT relaxing!