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Inclusion

As you may have heard, 'Inclusion' is now one of the evaluation areas under the new Ofsted framework. Inclusion has always been one of our core values and something we pride ourselves in. Nevertheless, we wanted to evaluate this as part of our drive for continuous school improvement... Last Monday, we conducted a 'school review' alongside our Trust CEO, Mr Dugmore and a middle leader from another school (to offer a different perspective). This went very well and Mr Dugmore said "*Inclusive practice is a notable strength of the school*" (amongst many other positive things). During the visit, the children were very well behaved and motivated to learn – well done everyone!

Car park gate

You may have noticed that the automatic gate from the car park is currently broken and therefore out of action. We are therefore opening the large green gates on the yard before and after school (rest assured, these are locked once the bell has gone). We are hoping to get the gate fixed very soon but, in the meantime, visitors are having to use the other pedestrian gates. To ensure these gates remain operational, can we please remind everyone to wait for them to open automatically (once buzzed in), rather than forcing them by hand? (if arriving to drop off / collect outside normal hours). Thank you!

Parenting Support

Sheffield Parent Hub offer a number of useful seminars, discussion groups and programmes on a range of themes; such as *Raising Resilient Children*, *Time to Sleep*, *Helping children develop healthy screentime habits* and many more. You can find out more on the Sheffield Directory: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/parent-hub-events>. We have already agreed to host a 'Family Communication Seminar' on Monday 26th January (bookable via the above link) but I wanted to get your views about what else we could offer. To help with this, please spend 2 minutes completing our survey [here](#).

Dog Safety

Do you have a dog? Did your children ever have any training about how to care for it properly? For a number of years, The Dog's Trust used to come into school and run assemblies for us but they no longer offer that unfortunately. Instead, they have produced a number of training videos which can be accessed on their website [here](#). These are well worth a look if you are a dog owner (or thinking of becoming one!)

FoWSS jumper swap

With Christmas on the horizon, people start digging out their Christmas jumpers... You may find that last year's jumper no longer fits (or you're bored of it!). Following their successful Halloween costume swap, FoWSS are running a Christmas Jumper Swap on Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd December (before and after school). Come along and donate, swap or buy!

Christmas at Oughtbridge Parish Church

Still on the theme of Christmas (yes, I know it is still November!), Oughtbridge Parish Church have a number of events lined up over the festive period. Your child should've brought home a flyer last week. If not, you can find out more here: www.opc.org.uk/christmas

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Raydan, Thomas P (Rowan); Angus, Lexi G (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Grayson, Neo, Anastasiia (Ash); Henry, Jude (Willow); Liam, Cameron, Molly (Rowan); Brody, Willow (Sycamore); Hugo (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** William M (Ash); Frankie-Lola (Willow); Holly (Sycamore); Poppy (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Sylvia & Gracie (Seedlings); Esther & Annabelle (Saplings)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** We had a fair bit of illness in school last week so attendance was only 92.4% overall. The best classes were Willow (KS1) with 97.5% and Oak (KS2) with 94.2%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Africa won the house point trophy for the first time this year.
- ★ Well done to Oliver R & Abigail for getting their bronze certificates from the **Children's University** (for amassing over 130 hours worth of extra-curricular activity!)
- ★ Well done to Briar, Felicity, Maddie B, Angus, Astrid, Kwontay and Holly for completing the **Summer Reading Challenge** at Stocksbridge Library (I realise this was a while ago but we only just received the certificates!). If I have missed anyone off this list, please let me know!
- ★ Thank you to Charlie & Eloise for running 2 separate **road safety assemblies** last week (it was National Road Safety Week)



This week's birthdays:

Ford (6), Caleb H (8), Tabitha (3)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Contribute to class discussions

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings are thinking about movement, whilst Saplings are making their own 'Stick Men' in their Forest Schools session.

In History, Ash are thinking about what makes a person 'significant' - leading to learning all about Captain Scott.

Willow are practising their number bonds and related facts (and will also be learning about Captain Scott)

KS1 children in The Learning Zone will be making their own baskets like Little Red Riding Hood.

Rowan have been responding to what has been in the news. This week, they will be learning about Nobel Peace winner, Maria Corina Machado from Venezuela.

Sycamore are designing their own pencil cases as part of their DT unit on textiles.

Oak sent some Y5 children to the city-wide Sports Leader training at Springs Academy on Friday.

