



# The Thursday GREEN 'UN

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## Learning Across School

Last week in **F1** we had a visit from Sam Safari. We learnt lots of fun facts about different animals and stroked them. We were very brave. We stroked a snake, stick insect, a tree frog, a chinchilla, hedgehog, leopard gecko, bearded dragon, tortoise and a mouse. It was very exciting!

In **F2** we are learning about cold places. This week we were fishing outside the igloo. We have learnt lots of interesting facts and information about animals that live in cold places. We love learning new information!

In **Y1** this week we have been loving our science learning. We had the task of investigating materials to find out what was waterproof. We tested lots of different materials to decide which would be best to make a coat for our ginger bread man.

This week **Y2** have been looking at food chains. We have been learning about producers, predators and prey and making food chains using lots of different living creatures. The children were shocked to discover that us humans are actually predators!

This week in **Y3**, we have been learning how to write instructions. This has involved getting a little bit bossy with imperative verbs! We'll be using our newfound instruction writing skills to write up some instructions on how to make replica Stone Age jewellery and next week we'll be focusing on a recipe for edible mammoth poo! Yuck!

This week in **Y4**, we have been looking at information texts around Neverland. The children have been mind mapping their ideas with our 'just write time'. It's been so wonderful to see the children writing with such confidence and freedom.

This week, **Y5** have been working hard to complete their first draft about the many London landmarks. This is even more exciting than our usual writing learning as this has an even bigger and better purpose! We are going to produce our very own guidebook to take with us on the London Residential in May! We've been constructing relative clauses, adding adverbials for cohesion and creating expanded noun phrases for description. It's been a tough job, but we want to do it. As our new positivity guru, Andy Cope, says 'Work harder than you need to!'

What an amazing evening it was at the Sheffield Sharks versus Cheshire Phoenix game, not only did the Sharks win but a fabulous group of **Y6s** got to play a match at half time and meet all of the players afterwards.

Well done to Casey Mulcrone, Ellie Howden, Rhys Wilson, Lewis Dawson, Owen Scarborough and Thomas Baranowski for representing Watercliffe Meadow with such skill and determination. Miss Dyson is very proud of you! A huge thank you to all of the parents who came to support and cheer on the team.

## Practice SATs

Over that last 2 weeks the Y6 children have been practicing their SATs to get a feel for what it will be like in the actual SATs week in May. The Y6 team will mark and analyse the papers for every child and then send you home areas that you can work on at home to support. There will be an information session on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am** to share more tips and advice. If you have any questions please see a member of the Y6 team. We would like to say a big well done to the Y6 children who have taken the tests in their stride!

## Missing Books

Although we have just bought over 1000 new books for school, this does not cover the number of books which have gone missing over the last 3 years. We have over 1200 books which are overdue! We know that some of these were borrowed by children who have now left school, but many of them will still be in the homes of our current children. Could you please have a look and see if there are any books at home with the Watercliffe Meadow stamp inside and return them to school. We will send reminder letters home to any children who still have 4 or more books overdue by the end of this half term. Thank you!

## Oasis

As Breakfast Club is becoming more popular the Oasis is being used more frequently as overspill. This is not a problem apart from it is being left untidy. Please tidy away your things when you have finished as the space is used by children straight after Breakfast Club finishes.

## Dropping Litter

Can we please remind you all to look after the area surrounding school and not drop litter. We have had a few families saying they end up with a lot of rubbish in their front gardens as children are walking home at night. Our community is important. Please let's work together to look after it!

## Positive and Polite

Can we please remind parents about using appropriate language in and around school. We have had a few complaints about adults swearing, please watch your language!

## Thornbridge

Next week sees the Y4s off to Thornbridge for 3 days of adventure. They will be experiencing low ropes, biking, challenges and lots of fun together with their classmates. Please see the kit list sent home on the letter this week. Please make sure your child has lots of warm clothes, as we will be outside for the majority of the time. If you have any questions please call and see a member of the Y4 team.

## World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March and to help get into the spirit of characters and stories, children (and staff) can come to

school dressed up. Please don't think you need to go out and buy an outfit, there are lots of ways you can join in without the expense. Take a look on the official website for ideas: <http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/>

## WCM's Got Talent!

Yes, another year, another **Watercliffe's Got Talent** contest! Auditions for the 2018 show will start after the half term holiday! Miss Mallinson will be sending entry sheets out to class teachers. If you think you've got a talent, now might just be the time to start practising! We are looking forward to seeing how previous acts have improved and we are hoping to see some new and fresh talent. The show is looking for talented individuals and groups from Y2 to Y6!! The final will take place on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**.

## Fire fighters Collection

We will be collecting clothes in school for the fire fighters on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February**. Please call into the office for bags if you need any. Filled bags can be brought into school from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

## WCM Holiday Fun Days

The letter went out last week for holiday activities. To book a place please complete and return the booking form along with payment (this is non-refundable) to the office. Here is what we have on offer:

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – Swimming at Hillsborough Leisure Centre for Y3-6. Children must be able to swim. The cost is £6 and a packed lunch is needed.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February** – Skate Park for Y4-6. Children can take their own scooter and will need a packed lunch. This activity costs £10.00

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – A visit to Graves Park, send your child with a packed lunch. Cost for the day is £5.00.

All places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and the day runs from 9.30 – 2.30.

## Half Term Holiday

We break up for the February half term holiday on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February** and come back to school on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February is our 4<sup>th</sup> training day of the year.