



# The Thursday Green 'Un

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## Learning Across School

Check out our school website for information about our very special WCM. One of the tabs is 'Blogs'. Here you will find your child's year group blog. They are filled with learning and photographs about what happens across school. [www.watercliffemeadow.com](http://www.watercliffemeadow.com)

One of our activities after register this week in **F1** was to make up a fairy tale using a selection of character cards to help us. One of the stories was about a witch who turned a princess into a rabbit! Luckily a wizard saved the day and they all lived happily ever after. You could make a story up at home; we would love to hear about it!

In **F2** we went on a walk around Shirecliffe. We talked about what we would see on our walk like houses, shops, cars, roads but we did not think we would see a man up a pole! The following day we went on a bus to the Botanical Gardens where we compared it to what we saw in Shirecliffe. You will never guess what we saw...a bear! It was very exciting.

In **Y1** we have been learning about the food we eat and where it comes from. We went on a visit to Whirlow Hall Farm. We retold the story of The Little Red Hen, visited the Piggy Palace and saw lots of animals. We will be using this experience to write back in class, make sure you come and look at our books!

As part of our theme in **Y2**, we have been looking at locating continents and oceans. The children know a great song to help with this! Next we moved onto thinking about the different climates around the world. We learnt about the equator and how that affects the temperature of a country. We then thought about different animals, where they would live and why. There were some fabulous discussions across both classes. Mr Read and Mrs Bradley came in to look at our learning and they were very impressed.

This week the whole school is having a focus on the number 1. In **Y3** we have been doing some hard thinking about how 1 can sometimes represent more than 1 thing. For example one

bag of apples actually contains six apples, each of which can be cut into eight slices. So one bag could represent 48 slices! We demonstrated this knowledge practically by looking at other fruit packages and discussing what each one bag could actually represent. We then investigated this by cutting up the fruit to create a yummy fruit salad we got to eat!

As part of our **Y5** learning, 'All About Me!' children in each year group created self-portraits. In Year Five, we chose to use the inspiration of Pop Art to create our very own using photos of our beautiful and handsome faces. We all learned about Andy Warhol and Pop Art, have a look on our blog for examples!

This week in **Y6** we have been exploring rationing that took place during World War 2. We have learnt about the different types of ration books and which items, including food, that were rationed. We are looking forward to our visit to Kelham Island on Thursday to learn more facts and information.

## WCM Football Team

On Tuesday the Y5&6 football team went to Concord Leisure Centre to compete in a 5-a-side competition. Both teams came first in their pools. The children were amazing. They were positive, competitive and so enthusiastic...a real credit to Watercliffe Meadow. The team spirit was second to none with all the players standing out. Jay Bestall won overall man of the match for the whole tournament and Bladen and Eyub were top goal scorers. A big thank you to Sam Dyson and Dan Moore for taking the teams to compete. It was a great experience and we are

very proud of them!



## Pupil Progress Evening

It was great seeing so many of our families in school on Tuesday and Wednesday evening sharing the story of their child's learning. If you could not make the appointments a member of the office will contact you to find an appropriate time to meet your child's class teacher. Sharing the learning journey of your child is amazing

## Attendance Survey

Thank you to all the families who completed the Attendance Survey at parents' evenings this week. If you did not get one please call into the office for one. In exchange we will give you a tuck shop voucher. Once the results have been analysed we will let you know the results. Thank you.

## Have a Free Dinner!

How amazing are our café staff? Today was free dinner day and they served over 300 children. The feedback was very positive from children (and staff). Don't forget that children up to the end of Y2 are entitled to a free school meal every day. If you think you may be entitled to claim free meals but have not yet done so please call in to the office and talk to Sue Bibby who will be happy to help.

## 10 Day Active School Travel Challenge

This autumn the 10 Day School Active Travel Challenge runs from the 9<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> of October. Get your walking shoes, bikes and scooters ready! If you travel by car you can park further away and walk the last 5 minutes to school and if you come on the bus get off a stop earlier and you will still receive your sticker.

Why not take a selfie of you and your family getting to school in an active way and email it to school. We will put it on your class blog to inspire others to get moving!

Try and do your best to get to school in an active way...let's all be fit and active at Watercliffe Meadow!

## Reading at Home!

Reading at home is really important as studies show that it has an impact on later academic success. Just a reminder that we count any reading at home, not only when your child reads the book they have been given by school. It could be an older child reading to a younger child (both will benefit from that shared time together). It might be when you have read to your child, from a favourite book or from other reading material that you are both interested in. Record any of this in your child's Reading Record Book (Foundation to Year 2) or in the Learning Journals (Year 3 to Year 6). Also

remember that we have plenty of books you could borrow to make story time special.

## Parkwood Students

It is always lovely to see our old students when they come back to visit us, hearing their stories and finding out how they are getting on is fab. We have though had a lot of students from Parkwood coming into school early on Fridays. In order to keep our children safe we can't have older students wondering around school, this interferes with Golden Time and a smooth finish to the end of the day. If your older children come into school before the end of the day they must stay with you in the Café. We will be insisting on this from tomorrow. Thank you for your support.

## Big Maths Workshop For Year 1

We are inviting Y1 parents to come along to see their children working in their Big Maths sessions. You may have heard about "Learn Its" or 'PIM' and wondered what they were. These sessions will give you the answers and hopefully make it easier for you to support your child's learning at home. There are 2 sessions left so please come along, dates are:

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

There will also be an additional session on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 3.20pm** for those of you that cannot attend the morning workshops. Please come along and share your children's learning in school.

## Paying Online!

If you would like to pay for school dinners, uniform or milk online we can offer this service. Call in to the office and ask Liz Graham for more information. We hope that this service will help to make payment easier for some of our families!

## Halloween at WCM

This year we will be having a 'Halloween' themed day at WCM on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**, just before we break up for half term! Children (and adults) can come dressed 'spookily' and there will be 'cosy reads' and themed activities for all children during the day! Further details will follow in the Green 'Un! Our Nursery Halloween day will be on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October**.

## Half Term

We finish for the October Half Term break on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October** and return to school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**. **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** is our third training day of the year.