



The Thursday GREEN 'UN

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Learning Across School

This week in **F1** we have been sorting superheroes and princesses. We counted the ones we had sorted then made marks to represent the numbers on our tally sheets. There are some great photos of our learning on our blog. <https://f1wcm.wordpress.com>

Children in **F2** have been busy practising their writing at home and sending in selfies to our blog. We love using our blog in this way and showing how we link learning at home and school. Take a look at all our amazing photos and writing. <https://f2wcm.wordpress.com>

This week in **Y2** we did our first SPaG lesson on sentence types. As we are writing instructions this week we focussed on commands. We learnt that these tell us what to do and start with an imperative verb (also known as bossy verbs).

On our blog there are some sorting, highlighting and sentences we did in the lesson. Have a look... <https://y2wcm.wordpress.com>

We have had some special guests from 'Friends of Parkwood Springs' in WCM. **Y4** were chosen once again to help create lanterns to use in the Beacons Lantern Parade this Saturday. We began by bending willow into the shape of a dragon's spine, then got very messy covering it with gluey tissue paper and decorations. We can't wait to see the finished product, it's going to be huge! We also helped to cover two badgers, which will be displayed on the route around the procession. Check out our blog to see what we have done so far! <https://y4wcm.wordpress.com>

Y5 all had a fantastic, informative time in York on Tuesday! We became Roman Citizens for one half of the day, and Roman Legionaries for the other. Did you know, that York used to be called by the Latin name of Eboracum? On our blog are some photos of the visit: <https://y5wcm.wordpress.com>

Last Thursday, all of **Y6** made the short journey to Kelham Island to have a World War Two day. It was a fantastic experience.

We learnt more about: the Home Guard; what it was like to be a firefighter, the dangers of working

in a munitions factory; living in an Anderson Shelter; the perils of evacuation and much more. Throughout the day we uploaded pictures and some insights from the children sharing their thoughts and feelings.

<https://newyear6wcm.wordpress.com>

Beacons Lantern Procession

This year's Lantern Procession will take place on **Saturday October 14th**, setting off from the car park on Cooks Wood Road at about **5.45pm**. The WCM Y4s are going to make lanterns to take along on the night.

The Procession will set off at 5.45pm led by the Sheffield Samba Band, and will go through the trees to the viewpoint as the lights are turned on over the city. After activities there, the Procession will return to the football field as dusk falls, for a lantern-lit finale with the Samba Band.

There will be a coffee/tea stall with Bean Rover, and Indian Street Food provided by 'Fancy an Indian'. Last year there were some incredible lanterns, and the atmosphere was wonderful. It's a really good opportunity for young and old to walk round Parkwood Springs, see the views over the city as the dusk falls, and have a good time together. Everyone is welcome, but please come in sensible clothing and bring a torch. Everything takes place outdoors, and it will be dark by the end of the evening.

Time For School

If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 you need to apply for their school place. You can apply online at www.sheffield.gov.uk/pupiladmissions

The closing date for applying is 15th January 2018. You can contact admissions on 0114 2735766.

Please ensure you put 3 school preferences down to ensure that if you don't get your first choice you have thought about where you want your child to go.

We must remind you that attendance at WCM Nursery does not guarantee you a place in school. This is worked out by the Local Authority based on distance from school. If you need any support with your application or have any questions please call on see a member of our Nursery team or Mrs Bradley.

10 Day Active School Travel Challenge
This autumn the 10 Day School Active Travel Challenge started on Monday and runs to the 20th 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.

Supervision Outside

Just a reminder that we supervise children in Breakfast Club from 8.00am and out on the yard from 8.40am. Please make sure you have a conversation with your child about being in the right place to ensure they stay safe. We have had children unsupervised on the balcony before school over the last week and we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of safe places for your child to be. We will also remind children in assembly.

Christmas Cards

It's a bit early to be thinking of Christmas we know, but we are sending home with your child a sheet for your child to design a Christmas card, that you can then purchase to send to your family and friends.

The cards are printed on good quality card, with your child's design on the front, a Christmas greeting on the inside, and a section on the back that says "Design Created by...(your child's name)" and also our school name. We have samples in the school office if you would like to see them.

The packs of 12 cards cost £5.50 to purchase for the first pack, and then £4.50 for every pack after that. You can also purchase 16 gift tags for £2.50. Every pack of cards/tags that you order also helps us to raise valuable money for our School Fund.

If you would like to order these cards/tags, please send in your completed order form with your child's design and full payment by **Tuesday 25th October**. We cannot take any orders for cards after this date, and unfortunately we also cannot place any orders that are not with full payment. The cards will be printed and ready by the beginning of December.

We are also holding a competition for the best design, which will then be used as our official Watercliffe Meadow Christmas Card, which Mr Read and Mrs Bradley send to friends and colleagues of our school. The winner will also receive a prize.

This project was very successful last year, and many of our parents were delighted with the cards.

Have you got...

Have you got any shoe boxes at home that you no longer need or any garden tools that are no longer used? If so could you donate them to school to be used in our Forest School sessions. As part of a technology investigation we are also looking for a child's pedal or electric car (does not need to work as long as the wheels are ok.)

The Breakfast Club team have asked if any families have spare toys suitable for children to use in the mornings in Breakfast Club. Please drop them off to one of the team if you have any. Thank you in advance for your support.

Big Maths Workshop For Year 1

Over the last 3 weeks we have invited Y1 parents to come along to see their children working in their Big Maths sessions. There is 1 session left so please come along on:

Thursday 19th October

There will also be an additional session on **Thursday 19th 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.

Fire Fighters Collection

Thank you to everyone who brought in clothes for the Fire Fighters collection. The donations raised £21.20 for school funds.

Halloween at WCM

This year we will be having a 'Halloween' themed day at WCM on **Friday 27th 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 25th October**.

Half Term

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