



# The Thursday GREEN 'UN

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## Whirlow Residential

On Monday Y2LG set off on their first ever WCM residential to Whirlow Hall Farm! The first day was an enormous challenge as the children had to walk across Houndkirk Moor, down the Limb Valley and across fields. They stopped on route to have a picnic and explore woods where the Gruffalo lives! Day 2 was based around the farm doing jobs such as collecting eggs, feeding rabbits and grooming the horses. In the afternoon we explored the farm to see where food comes from and how some of the bigger animals need caring for. On Wednesday the children headed back to school via Forge Dam and Endcliffe Park. Y2HM set off on Wednesday for the same adventure. They return to school on tomorrow. It has been an absolute delight spending time with the Y2 children; they have certainly enjoyed the challenge of their first school nights away from home.



## Reading Miles

By now many of you will be well on your way to earning a bronze reading badge. As a reminder, you need to provide evidence of completing 40 reads or more at home during the autumn term. The closing date for counting is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. As you read this, it means you still have seven weeks to go to aim for 40! Good luck and happy reading. Having your Learning Journal or Reading Record in school every day will allow your teachers to see how you are doing and also give yourself time in a morning to fill in your reading at home if you've been forgetting.



## F1s Visit to Sundown Adventure

What a fantastic time we had at Sundown Adventure Land last Wednesday with the F1s. We went on lots of rides and enjoyed looking at all the little fairy tale houses linked to the stories we have been reading in nursery. We shouted, "Who's been eating my porridge?" in the three

bears' house and "I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!" outside the house of bricks. We were so well behaved, all our teachers were very proud of us! We are little superstars!

## The Story of Dawali

Last week, linking to our topic of India, Y3 learnt about the Hindu festival of Dawali which was last Thursday. We learnt about the story of Dawali and why it is called the festival of light. We created a storyboard of a traditional Dawali tale about how a great warrior called Rama saved his wife Sita from a terrifying demon with 10 heads and 20 arms! We really enjoyed learning about festivals from other cultures, come and ask us if you have any questions about it.

## Healthy Minds

We are happy to tell that our school will be involved in a joint project with Sheffield Children's and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) called Healthy Minds. Everyone involved in this project wants young people to flourish and fulfil their potential, and provide a school environment which best supports young people's emotional wellbeing. 45 schools across Sheffield are involved with this work over the next year.

Key activities offered within Healthy Minds are:

- Training for all school staff on the fundamentals of young people's mental health and the implications for learning.
- A Healthy Minds survey to be offered to students, families and staff to understand the specific needs of an individual school.
- Developing an action plan for each school based on its Healthy Minds survey. This will cover further training needs, development of PSHE materials or school protocols to further support young people's emotional wellbeing.
- Engage student voice through the development of Healthy Minds champions

- Provide clarity for staff, students and parents about who they can talk to if they are worried about a young person's mental health.
- Specialist mental health training for key staff in schools.
- Mental health consultation with key staff in schools.

Please help us to make the most of this project by letting us know what you think is working well in school and what more you would like for your child regarding their emotional wellbeing by filling in the Healthy Minds survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HealthyMindsParentCarer-2017-2018>

Please contact Claire Bradley or Jayne Senior If you want to find out more about this.

### Time For School

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 you need to apply for their school place. You can apply online at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/pupiladmissions](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/pupiladmissions)

The closing date for applying is 15<sup>th</sup> 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 in to see a member of our Nursery team or Mrs Bradley.

### Family Photos

The photographers are coming in to school on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**, the first Monday of the holidays, to take family group photographs. We have organised this again to give you the opportunity to bring older siblings and extended family members into school. This year we have requested 2 photographers to make the waiting time shorter. Please return your slip to book a place. Individual photographs will take place in school on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**.

### Lost Property

The lost property box, which is situated on the bottom corridor outside the Year 2 classes, is full to overflowing. If you have lost any uniform since coming back to school in September pop down and have a look. Please write your child's name in uniform so that we can reunite children and lost clothing! Thank you.

### Scrambled

We have received an email from the CITV show 'Scrambled!' which airs on Saturday and Sunday mornings. They are currently looking for children to participate in a feature of the show and they thought that the opportunity may be of interest to children at WCM.

They are looking for children aged 6-14 years to contribute to the show by uploading their own videos and pictures to their website:

<http://www.itv.com/citv/scrambled/upload-become-a-scrambled-star>

They are looking for videos that fit with several different themes so there really is something for everyone. It's an exciting opportunity for kids to do something a bit different, have some fun and feature in the show! Please check out the website for more information.

### WCM Holiday Fun Days

There are a few places left on our holiday activities.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** Y2 - Y6 bowling £8 including lunch.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** Y3 - Y6 sock puppets £5 lunch required.

### Children In Need

We will be selling Children In Need merchandise in the office after the holidays. The actual fundraising day is 17<sup>th</sup> November, we will let you know nearer the time what we plan to do in school.

### Halloween at WCM

This year we will be having a 'Halloween' themed day at WCM tomorrow, **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! Nursery had their dressing up day on Wednesday, there were some very strange sights in there! They were trying to be scary but they still looked very cute Halloween characters! Have a look at some of their outfits on the blog!

### Half Term

We finish for the October Half Term break tomorrow **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.

### Spooky Jokes

Q. Why is Dracula banned from the circus?  
A. Because he always goes for the juggler!

Q. What do you call a vampire that lives in the kitchen?  
A. Count Spatula!

