



The Thursday Green 'Un

Volume 10 Issue 18 Thursday 25th January 2018

Library Opening

Today was an exciting day at Watercliffe Meadow. We had two very important visitors coming to school.

Alan MacDonald, a famous author, was working with children, and the Lord Mayor of Sheffield helped us to launch our updated library with over 1,000 new books. Some of our children got the chance to meet her in person and talk to her about their reading. Alan is the author of the hugely popular 'Dirty Bertie' and 'Angela Nicely' books. He had fun with children and ran some writing workshops with each year group.

Reading is very important to us at WCM and we want to help all our children grow a love of books. We would like to say an enormous thank you to Mr Smith for making all this happen!

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the families who came to talk about their child's progress on Tuesday and Wednesday, it was very evident that there are a lot of proud families in and around WCM! If you have not yet made an appointment please see your child's class teacher who will sort a time out for you. We really want to work together so that we can help every child achieve their potential.

Learning Across School

Over the last 2 weeks in F1 we have been learning some stories for talking. We shared 'Walking Through the Jungle'. We read the same book every session and did different activities. We joined in with the repeated phrases and put the sequence pictures in order, we made up our own stories using the same animals, we gave instructions to other children to give an animal food or to make the animal do different actions – walking, running, splashing etc.

In F2 we had such fun in the snow last week. We felt how cold it was and investigated what happened when you added paint to the snow. We also made snow castles. When the snow melted it looked like a rainbow on the floor.

This week in Y1 we have been learning about extreme weather. So we can look at weather in Shirecliffe, Mark and Jama have put up a weather station in our yard. Each day we are going to check the temperature and measure the amount of rainfall. We will track this over time. Come and see our results in class.

In Y2 we are starting our learning about plants and growing in science. We will be doing some planting outside and investigating how the plants change through their life cycle. We will keep you up to date on our blog.

In art this half term in Y3 we are making Stone Age necklaces out of clay. They are coming along nicely; check them out on our blog!

Swimming for the Y4s starts on **Tuesday 13th February** (Y4DT) and **Tuesday 27th February** (Y4NW). This will be an 18 week block of swimming lessons. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children as all the costs for transport, pool access and swimming instructors have been paid for by school. These swimming sessions are part of the National Curriculum and are statutory for Y4 pupils across the city. Each class will have a 40 minute swimming lesson each week from three qualified swimming instructors. If you have any further questions about swimming, please speak to your child's teacher or Sam Dyson and they

will be happy to answer any queries you may have.

Watercliffe sent two **Y6** teams to the Wednesday training ground last Friday to play in an EFL tournament. The teams did us proud and performed brilliantly. A special mention goes to Eyub and Sienna who won medals for being the stand out players in their respective mini leagues. Well done and thank you to the parents and families who came to watch – it was much appreciated.

World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 1st 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! 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 29th March**.

London Residential

We now have the date for the Y5 residential to London. We will set off on our adventure on **Friday 11th May** and return on **Saturday 12th May around 6pm**. There will be an information meeting for parents on **Tuesday 6th March**.

Electronic Cigarettes

We have been asked by Sheffield City Council to remind all parents that electronic cigarettes should not be used on school premises, the same rule as is in place for real cigarettes. We expect all adults to

respect this ruling as we feel it sets a good example to our children.

Year 6 children

11-16s can get cheaper bus, tram and train travel with a MegaTravel Pass. If you live in South Yorkshire and are under 16, you are eligible for a MegaTravel Pass. The MegaTravel Pass entitles pass holders to concessionary travel on bus, tram and train in South Yorkshire. **No pass means you could pay full fare! To find out how to apply:**

<https://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/megatravelpass/>

Facebook Page

We are trying to use Social Media in a positive way by posting school updates on Facebook. If you find us share our page so we can reach as many of our families as possible. If you think of any information that it would be useful for us to post please let us know.

Cross Country

We are hoping for a mild and dry Saturday morning for our Cross Country team as they race at Concord Park. We wish you all lots of luck and hope you achieve your personal best finishes.

Parking

As we have mentioned many times before, we know parking around school is an issue, but we were approached by a few parents last week about unsafe parking. They said they had to walk with young children and prams on the road because cars were parked so far on the pavement and on corners. Before you leave your car please think about families trying to walk past and if they will be safe. We really don't want to have any accidents involving any of our children.

Half Term Holiday

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