



The Thursday GREEN 'UN

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Welcome Back!

We would like to welcome you back to school after the half term break. Hopefully now we will be heading towards the warmer weather and lighter nights and leaving the cold behind us. There will be a big focus this term on learning as we strive to deepen knowledge and skills and reach those targets set back in September, while preparing the Y2 & Y6 children for their SATs.

We always try to be on hand to answer any questions you may have or any worries you are harboring but it is not always possible or suitable to discuss things in front of children or other parents. If you need to see any of the adults in school please call in to the office and one of our lovely ladies will arrange an appointment for you. It is very important to us that you feel listened to and that your child is happy and learning to their full potential.

Snow

It has been a very tricky few days weather wise and we would like to say a big thank you to all the families who braved the cold and snow to bring their children to school. We will always make every effort to open school and remain open as we feel it is essential to our families and children. We would like to also thank all the staff for braving the snow and getting into work. We are very determined at WCM to stay open!

ASD & ADHD Workshop

Has your child had a diagnosis of ASD or ADHD?

Or maybe you have some concerns, but haven't had a diagnosis?

Come and join us in school on Wednesday 14th March 2018 9.00-10.00am.

This is your chance to meet Katie Stewart, Clinical Psychologist from CAMHS and Sarah Flanagan, Family Intervention Worker from MAST, to share your story and see what support is out there for you to access. We will have the kettle on and get some nice biscuits ready for you! If you would like to know a bit more please see Claire Bradley or Jayne Senior.

Learning Across School

In Foundation Stage we are very excited about our new playground. There has been a new surface laid and we are planning lots of exciting activities and areas to play in. The snow has stopped the areas being set up but that does not matter as we had great fun playing out in it!

We have had a lovely time playing in the snow at social time in **Y1**. We made snow angels and some of us made snow castles using the measuring containers.

On the last Friday of the half term in **Y2**, we were given assembly time to learn or practice how to play board games. We demonstrated so many of the learning principles from Solve Problems, Learn Together and Be Positive.

It has shown what resilient learners we have in Year 2 as we can play so well together and keep finding new strategies for winning!

In Y3 before the holidays we spent a morning making mammoth poo and then eating it! Luckily it wasn't as disgusting as it sounds as it was made from mostly butter, sugar and chocolate chips so tasted yummy! We will use what we did today to create our own mammoth poo recipes this week so others can follow it and make it for themselves.

The **Y4** residential to Thornbridge was amazing. The children had such a fantastic experience and completed all the challenges set out for them with determination and enthusiasm. They worked so well as a team and it was a pleasure to spend time with them for 3 days.

Before the holidays in **Y5** we had a very exciting day! After all of the object arranging, big thinking, photo taking, critiquing and sharing; we finally met the Y5s from Arbourthorne. We had an absolutely fantastic day.

Despite it being more than a little damp, we soon got much cheerier as we met together and made some new friends! Even though there were nearly 120 children, plus all the adults, in the Winter Gardens you wouldn't have known it. We ate lunch, played games, had discussions and even played with balloons and we were so good!

Y6 were straight back into learning after the half term break as they start the run up to the SATs tests in May. We hope the packs that were sent home before the holidays helped families to support their children. If you have any questions or are not sure about anything please call and see a member of the team.

London Residential

Don't forget the meeting for the London Residential is next **Tuesday, 6th March at 5.00pm** in the hall. Come along to find out more information about the visit. Closing date for booking and payment is **Thursday 29th March**.

World Book Day

Today is World Book Day and across the week we have been doing different activities to promote reading. As always we are celebrating reading in true Watercliffe style - by dressing up as a book character! Children and staff made a great effort with their outfits and as ever we thank you for your support. Also today children across the whole school shared books with an adult in Cosy Read. This was an opportunity for staff to share their favourite books in a small group. Look out for the World Book Day voucher which is being sent home tomorrow. It is worth £1 towards the price of

a book and will also pay for some books, which are released especially for the event, it will cover the whole cost, so get spending! We will also be sending a quiz out with the Green Un tonight. Bring back your completed answer sheets to your class teacher and correct entries will be put in a draw to win free books.

WCM's Got Talent!

Yes, another year, another **Watercliffe's Got Talent** contest! Auditions for the 2018 show will start next week! Miss Mallinson will be sending audition times to class teachers for them to share with children. 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**.

Phase 2 Performance

Children in Phase 2 are currently refining their acting and singing skills for a performance of Peter Pan on **Tuesday 13th March** in the morning and **Wednesday 14th March** in the afternoon. Tickets will be 50p each and we will let you know when they are on sale. More details will follow nearer to the time.

Ice Skating

We are very excited as we are having an ice pad in school on Wednesday 7th March on the bottom MUGA. Sam Dyson has arranged this in coordination with Ice Sheffield. Every class will have the opportunity to have a go on the ice pad...I wonder if the teachers will too? Children in Y3 are even luckier as they are going to Ice Sheffield for a lesson on the real ice, we look forward to hearing how they got on!

Jokes of the Week!

Q: Why was the snowman sad?

A: Because he had a meltdown.

Q: How does a Snowman get to work?

A: By icicle.

Q: How do you scare a snowman?

A: Pull out a hairdryer.

