



# The Thursday Green 'Un

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## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to WCM after the Easter holidays. It was great to see everyone straight back into normal routines on Monday. We look forward to seeing people out and about around school as the weather takes a turn for the better! Come and have a chat to let us know how things are going and if you have any worries. The thoughts and feelings of you and your children are very important to us, so keep talking!

As usual this half term is jam packed with events. It is an especially busy time for our Y6 children as they have last minute preparation for their SATS tests. Their hard work will be rewarded by a week long residential in Castleton at the end of this half term! The Year 5 children are off on their London adventure and there are also a number of day visits happening this half term, look out for further information from your child's class.

Our half termly newsletters went out this week. Please take time to read this and find out how you can support your child. Any additional support you can give your child will only enhance their learning. Just ask if there is anything you are unsure about!

It is lovely to have our sparkly Emma Wells back with us in school after her maternity leave. Emma got married last year so will be using her new name Wyper. If you see her around make her feel back at home by saying hello!

## Pond Life

The Friends of Parkwood Springs Pond Life walk is on Saturday, 21st April at 1.30 pm. Angus Hunter, Sheffield City Council ecologist is going to lead the walk around the ponds on Parkwood Springs. All are

welcome to come along, children will need to bring an adult with them. The area around the ponds is very muddy at the moment, so you will need appropriate footwear. Meet at the Cooks Wood Road car park at 1.30 pm.

## Parent Governor

We have 2 parent Governor positions that have come to the end of their terms. They are currently being filled, very well, by Damien D'Arcy and Kerry Wiggington. Both Kerry and Damien are willing to stand again to continue the good work they have been doing but if anyone else is interested in taking up the position please come to the office to express your interest. Anyone who is interested needs to see Liz Graham or Claire Bradley by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April. If we have more than 2 people interested there will be an election opened up to everyone to vote.

## WCMGT Final

We would like to say an enormous well done to all the finalists in this year's WCMGT.

The show was amazing, we were so proud of

everyone who took part. A special mention for this years winners 'Boyz in Da Hood' - featuring Owen, Adam, Lorenzo, Bladen and Hudaife from Y6.

Thank you as ever to the families for supporting their children to enable the show to go ahead and to all the staff who went the extra mile to make it happen.

## Learning Across School

In F1 & F2 we are so excited that we have got some nice weather to start to properly enjoy our new outdoor area. The areas of



learning are all set up now and we have had some great activities out there. Check out our blog and have a look at what we are getting up to!

We were very lucky in **Y2** this week as we had a special visitor called Becky. She came in to talk to us about what makes Kenya special as part of our new topic. She also showed us some of the differences between Nairobi and Sheffield, which was very interesting! We will be doing more learning about this as the term goes on.

This week **Y3** have been learning all about equivalent fractions. We have been using lots of practical equipment to explore and find different fractions with the same value.

Before the holidays in **Y5** in light of the learning we have done on maps, orienteering in PE and about the London landmarks in our writing lessons, we went down to Hillsborough. Each class was taken on a guided tour of the landmarks by Mr Hiron and Miss Eden. We stopped by Hillsborough Leisure Centre, the Cadbury/Bassetts factory, Owlerton Stadium, the Barracks and the Walled Garden in Hillsborough Park, whilst the teachers did their best tour guide impression! The tour was good, but the orienteering session run by Pauline in the park was the best. We were finally able to consolidate all of the skills that we learnt in PE and we did ourselves proud. Each pair used maps to orientate themselves around the park and find the controls. It was made even more fun as each pair also had an electronic dibber! They even got a print out of their times! What was equally as impressive was how resilient they were for running all over the park for an hour, particularly as we walked 5 miles that day in total! It was great practice for London.

## **Journals**

We have invested a lot of money in our WCM Learning Journals and thought long and hard about what should be in them to support learning. We would like to say a big thank you to all the families who regularly send journals to school. Unfortunately there is an increasing number of children who come to school without them. Please support us to support your child's learning

by reminding them to bring their journal to school every day.

## **Easter Reads**

We have already had some Easter Read sheets returned, well done! Reading at home is essential to language development and supports children to write and grow their imagination. The deadline for this challenge is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April.



## **Castleton Residential**

Thank you to all the families who came along to the information meeting for the Y6 Castleton Residential on Tuesday. The dates of the residential are Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May and the cost is £110. Deposit of £10 needs to be paid by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April to secure a place and full payment made by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Fire Fighter Collection**

The Fire Fighter Charity will be collecting clothes on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. If you have any spare clothes please bring them into school. The money raised goes into school funds.

## **Change of Contact Details?**

Have you recently changed your address or phone number? If so can you please let school know so we can update our records. There have been a couple of times recently where we have tried to contact parents and have not been able to. If you have applied for a Nursery place and have changed address we also need to know as letters are sent out to the address you put on the Nursery application form.

## **Nursery Places**

Our Nursery team will soon be sorting out places for children who are 3 years old and ready to start in September. If you have already filled in an application form then you will be contacted soon with a time and date for a home visit. If you have not registered your child for Nursery or know any of your friends or family that have 3 year olds not attending Nursery, call in to the office for an application form. Children are admitted in date of birth order and we currently have spaces for September in all 4 of our sessions. We will also be offering the 30 hour free early learning places.