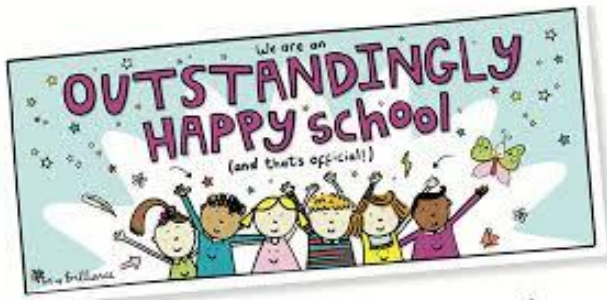




The Thursday Green 'Un

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Breaking News



← Tada!

Thanks to the hard work of our Y6s (while they were in Y5) completing the Brilliant Learners Programme, Watercliffe Meadow has been awarded the 'Outstandingly Happy School' Award from Andy Cope who leads the programme. There aren't many schools in the UK who have gained this award, we are very proud to achieved it. Keep being 2%ers and long will we remain an outstandingly happy school!

Learning Across School

This week in **Nursery** we have been reading the story of The Three Little Pigs and acting it out in the small world play. It was good fun and we enjoyed pretending to be the big bad wolf!

On Monday the **F2s** went on a walk around school in the local area. We saw cars, houses, trees, footpaths, roads, bus stops and lots of signs! We will be comparing our local environment to the Botanical Gardens when we go on our bear hunt! Don't worry we did not see a bear!

This week in **Y1** we have done Forest School for the first time. We had a great time doing a treasure hunt in Amy's Garden. We then worked as a team completing an obstacle course and finishing off with a game. We can't wait to do it again!

In **Y2** we do circle time every Monday afternoon. This week we are playing games to work on our listening skill! We know that we need to listen well to learn things in school and that we need to listen to our friends.

This week in literacy, **Y3s** have been doing a lot of drama to support us with our writing next week.

We did some amazing freeze frames for the short film "Egg Hunt." Check out our blog to see some of the pictures.

In **Y4** we are preparing for our visit next Monday to Murton Park. In class we have been learning all about Anglo Saxons. We can't wait to tell you about our visit and how it has supported our learning.

This week, all the **Y5s** have been introduced to their first spelling list and the spelling rule it is related to. The spelling rule is using the suffix 'shun'. We revised that a suffix is a group of letters (or letter string) found at the end of a word. More common suffixes we already know are -ed, -ing and -able.

When learning about the suffix 'shun', we have found out that it can be spelt in 4 different ways! -tion, -sion, -ssion and -cian.

In **Y6** we have been as busy as ever...in maths we have been using the 'bar model' to support our subtraction. We have used time lines to support us putting historical events in order and we have completed our first reading comprehension paper. It is very busy but we are loving it!

Pupil Progress Evening

We would like to invite **you and your child** into school to have a 10 minute meeting to talk together about their learning and progress. We are pleased to be able to offer you a choice of two dates for these meetings:

Tuesday 2nd October between 3.30 and 5.30pm

Wednesday 3rd October between 3.30 and 7.00pm

These ten minute Progress Meetings will be held in your child's classroom where **you and your child can meet with their teacher(s)** to look at and talk about their progress in reading, writing and maths work in particular. Apart from having the chance to meet with your child's teacher(s), you will be able to review how well your child is doing, talk about their learning targets and about how you can support them at home. We will also be able to talk about how positive they are about their learning.

Your child's books will be out in the classroom so that, if you want to, you can spend more time afterwards looking at their work.

Please return the letter sent out this week as soon as possible, **no later than Monday 1st October**. **The sooner you return your reply slip the more likely you are to have your preferred time.**

Phonics Workshops

Thank you to the families who came along to our workshop on Monday. We hope you enjoyed sharing your child's learning. There are 2 sessions left and we would love you to join us:
Wednesday 26th September at 9am
Thursday 4th October at 9am
We will start the workshop straight after register.

Cross-Country

What an amazing start to the cross-country season we had on Saturday morning. 13 children raced with 6 of them setting some fantastic PBs. A special congratulations to Connie Whitham who ran a spectacular first race finishing in 3rd place in the Y4 girls race and Kyle Atkinson who finished 18th in the boys. The next race is at Parkwood Springs on 29th September.



Summer

Reading Challenge

Well done to all the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge, we had 72 children across school. The badges are due in any day and as soon as they arrive we will present them in assembly along with the ones we owe from Easter last year.

Jubilee Food Bank & Harvest

This year to mark the Harvest Celebration we are thinking about food and those people who are not always fortunate enough to have enough food at home. Last year the Jubilee Food Bank, based at the Meadows Children's Centre, supported lots of families in the Shirecliffe area by providing food parcels. We would like to support the food bank by collecting food donations. These are the items that they are short on at the moment:

Soup
Tinned veg
Tinned potatoes or instant mash
Rice
Rice pudding
Porridge oats.

Any donations can be taken to your child's class or dropped at the office. Thank you in advance for your support. We will be bringing all the donated

food together to assembly tomorrow. Here is their web page in case you want more information.

<https://www.jubileefoodbank.org.uk/you-can-help/>

Applying for a Secondary School Place

If you have not already done so, then this half term is the time to apply for a place for your child at secondary school for September 2019. You can do this online at

www.sheffield.gov.uk/pupiladmissions or by filling in a paper form (you can request one of these by phoning Secondary Admissions on **0114 2735790**). For either application you will need your child's unique reference number, which is on the letter you should have received from Sheffield City Council back in July. For an online application, you will also need a current email address.

Applications close at the end of October. You will be informed of your child's allocated place at the beginning of **March 2019**. If you have any questions about this or would like help with making an application then speak to one of the Y6 team.

Whirlow Residential

Thank you to the families who came along to the Whirlow meeting on Tuesday evening. There are only a few places left, call into the office to book one for your child. The £10.00 deposit needs to be paid by **Wednesday 3rd October** with the remaining £20.00 by **Friday 12th October**. If you could not make the meeting but would like more information please call in and see class teachers or a member of the office team.

Recycling Uniform

If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of we would really appreciate you donating it to school. We will be selling the uniform every Thursday in the café for 50p per item and proceeds will go to school funds.

Bras!

Mrs Hubbard is collecting any old bras that you no longer need to donate to raise funds for Breast Cancer. Take a look at their website for more information:

<https://www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk>

Pop bottles

For a very different reason, Mr Allsopp is collecting empty pop bottles to create a poppy display around school in time for Remembrance Day.

Nursery Places

If you have a child at home who is not yet 3 please make sure you register them for Nursery. Once you have filled in the form just drop it back to school and the Nursery staff will contact you to arrange a home visit, usually within the term of their 3rd birthday.

We now offer 30 hours for families that are eligible, please ask in the office for more information.