



The Thursday GREEN*UN

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Learning Across School

This week in **F1** we have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk. The children had to listen really carefully because the teachers told the story without a book! We acted out the story in the small world play. On the creative table we used blue and yellow powder paints to mix various shades of green to make a beanstalk.

F2s had a lovely visit to the Botanical Gardens. We went on a Bear Hunt. We saw autumn leaves, squirrels and we found the BEAR! What a beautiful day! We are very proud of our little ones, they were super! The bus driver on the way home said we were the best group of school children he had ever had on his bus!

In **Y1** we have been doing some history learning. We looked at a variety of objects and placed them on a time line. Some of the objects were easier than others. We will practice this in different ways.

In **Y2** we have been reading the story of Lost and Found. The story got muddled up so we had to work together to put the story back in the correct order using our story maps to help us. We love Oliver Jeffers.

During our Stone Age experience day, we had a real fire. Today some children from **Y3** went and collected some charcoal left over from the fire and we used it to do some cave art! We made some great pictures that you can see on our blog.

Just a quick update on our times tables challenge for **Y4s** – we're trying out Times Tables Rockstars at the moment with great success! Each child has their own login and they play different tournaments to improve their speed and accuracy.

Our school is currently 4th out of schools nearby for speed.

Here's the link if you haven't tried already – it works on a phone, tablet or computer.

<https://trockstars.com/login>

The **Y5** team have been so proud of how hard the children have worked to complete the home learning sent over the summer. In addition, the children are currently doing fantastically in striving for their goals – passing handwriting and getting their 40 reads for Autumn already! Alongside this, many children are bringing back filled in WAGOLLs from their CLIC test or spelling or times table practice. Keep up the good work Y5!

We have had yet another really good week in **Y6**. We have continued working on the 4 operations and have applied these into our knowledge in problem solving using a set of steps to guide us.

In writing, we have finished our biography about Sir Winston Churchill. We worked hard and produced some good pieces of writing.

Our learning about WW2 has allowed us to compare Chamberlain and Churchill and make an informed decision on who we think was the best leader – we have finished this and we had a wide range of views and opinions.

We will continue to encourage children to complete their times tables – can you please do the same at home as this can help with all areas of maths.

Pupil Progress Evening

It was great to see so many families in school on Tuesday and Wednesday sharing their children's learning. Overall the evenings were very well attended. If you did not manage to make an appointment please call school and talk to the office staff who will arrange one for you.

10 Day Active Travel Challenge

WCM will be taking part in South Yorkshire's Safer Roads Partnership's 10 day active travel challenge starting on Monday 15th October and finishing on Friday 26th October 2018.

The challenge is for our children and families to choose an active way of getting to school over the 10 days.

Each classroom will have a wall chart and children who have travelled actively will put a sticker on the chart. Children who have 10 stickers at the end of the challenge will be awarded a prize.

Walking, cycling or scooting are all active ways of travelling. If you usually come in the car, why not park further away and walk the rest of the way. If you travel by bus then maybe get off a stop earlier.

This way your child will still get their sticker. Please help us to complete the challenge by being active on your journey to school!

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.

Applying for a Primary School Place

Applications are now open for places in Reception for September 2019. You should have received your pack through the post.

Important Dates:

Applications invited from 10th September 2018

On-line site closes on 4th December 2018

Paper application closing date 15th January 2019

Offer date 16th April 2019

Appeals held June 2019 onwards.

If you require any support please call in and ask the Nursery team or Claire Bradley.

Whirlow Residential

The booking date for Whirlow has now passed. If you have got a place for your child then the remainder of the money needs to be paid by Friday 12th October. Thank you

Supervision Outside

Just a reminder that we supervise children in Breakfast Club from 8.00am and out on the yard from 8.40am. Please make sure you have a conversation with your child about being in the right place to ensure they stay safe. We have had children unsupervised on the balcony before school over the last week and we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of safe places for your child to be. We will also remind children in assembly.

After School Clubs

We have spaces on the following After School Activities. If your child fancies joining one of the clubs please call in to the office and talk to one of the team.

Tuesday

Girls Football £2.50 Y2 - Y6

Circuit Training £2.50 Y2 - Y6

Drama £2.50 Y3 - Y6

Wednesday

Active Archie £2.50 F2

Thursday

ICT £1.50 Y2 - Y6

Friday

Boxing £2.50 Y3 - Y6

Cross-Country

The WCM Cross Country at Parkwood Springs took place last Saturday and it was amazing! It was only the second race of the season and our team performed very well. There were over 1000 children competing, it was lovely to see so much determination and resilience on one of the toughest courses of the season. We would like to say an enormous thank you to Sam for organising the event

and all the staff, volunteers and family members for coming along and helping out too. The refreshments stall made over £340 profit on the day, which is great, and will add more into school funds.

Big Maths Workshop For Year 1

Thank you to the families who came along to the Big Maths workshops on Wednesday. There are still 3 sessions left and we hope they will give you the answers and make it easier for you to support your child's learning at home. The sessions will start at 9.00am and last about 40 minutes. It would be lovely if you could come to them all to get a full picture of the learning we are doing. The next 3 dates are:

Wednesday 10th October

Wednesday 17th October

Wednesday 24th October

There will also be an additional session on **Thursday 25th October at 3.20pm** for those of you that cannot attend the morning workshops. Please come along and share your children's learning in school.

Firefighter Clothes Collection

The collection of clothes will take place on **Friday 19th October**. Please bring any clothes into school from **Wednesday 10th October**. Please note that the charity has said they cannot accept bedding or household textiles and any shoes need to be in a separate bag. Please call into the office for a bag or two!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

How amazing was the turnout last Friday for the Macmillan Coffee Morning? There were some very lovely cakes and buns donated by families and staff. Altogether we raised £197.60 and we would like to thank you as ever for your support. A big thank you to the Friends of WCM for organising it.

Halloween at WCM

This year we will be having a 'Halloween' themed day at WCM on **Friday 26th 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! Further details will follow in the Green 'Un! Our Nursery Halloween day will be on **Wednesday 24th October**.

SENCO Drop-in Sessions

After request from our Parent Group, Corina Antcliff has organised a trial of drop-in sessions for families to discuss issues related to their child and SEN support. Corina will be available every Tuesday morning from 8.15 – 8.45 with 3 x 10 minute slots to discuss your child. If you wish to book a slot please call in to the office.

Parent Governor

We currently have a space on our Governing Body for a parent governor. If you feel you would like to join us please call in to the office and speak to Liz Graham by Friday 12th October.