



The Thursday Green 'Un

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Learning Across School

Our traditional tale this week in **Nursery** was Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We had real porridge with different sized bowls and spoons to act out the story. We had great fun trying to use our voices like Daddy, Mummy, and Baby Bear.

F2 will be performing at the Crucible Theatre in November with Music in the Round and last Friday, Ester came in to teach us the songs and the actions. We are performing a story called Giddy Goat. It is all about a mountain goat that is scared of heights. The children did great singing.

In **Y1** we have been busy focussing on our sentence formation and making sure we add in a full stop and start with a capital letter. We are thinking carefully about making sure we always use finger spaces. We are very proud of our writing, call in to class and look in our books.

We have been so busy in **Y2!** In our writing we have been learning about writing instructions, we even made a film about it. Circle Time was about sharing ideas around what makes everyone feel happy in class and around WCM. Then to top it off we filled our "Jar of Good Choices" and as a reward had a chocolate fountain. Life in Y2 is amazing!

In **Y3** we have been busy critiquing a letter ready for our letter writing next week. We've been saying what we liked about the WAGOLL (what a good one looks like) to help us understand what to put into our writing. We are looking forward to writing our own letters!

Last week the **Y4s** had a visit from the Friends of Parkwood Springs. The visitors came into school to make parts for a lantern that should have been on display at the Lantern Procession on Saturday at Parkwood Springs. Each child made their own petal using willow and tissue paper. The petals were put together to make a flower from all the Y4 children. We were so disappointed when the procession was cancelled due to the bad weather but our lantern did look amazing.

In **Y5** Maths, we continued our learning about statistics. The children were learning how to read and interpret a line graph. After brilliant listening, the children put these skills into practice and attempted to solve a range of really tricky questions.

They had to use a graph to find specific information. Their maths skills were truly put to the test, as they had to use a range of operations to solve their questions.

In **Y6** maths this week we have been working on factors and multiples – this has shown clearly that those children who do not know their times tables are at a distinct disadvantage to access this learning. Next week we will be beginning fraction work and again it is essential that key times tables facts are known.

Please support your child with this learning. We have written some fantastic WW2 poems – have a read of some on our Blog!

F1s Visit to Sundown Adventure

What a fantastic time we had at Sundown Adventure Land last Wednesday with the F1s. We went on lots of rides and enjoyed looking at all the little fairy tale houses linked to the stories we have been reading in nursery. We shouted, "Who's been eating my porridge?" in the Three Bears' house and "I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!" outside the House of Bricks. We were so well behaved, all our teachers were very proud of us! We are little superstars!

Christmas Cards

Remember to return your Christmas card decoration and orders by tomorrow, 19th October in order to have them produced. Any queries please contact Liz Graham.

Family Photos

The photographers are coming in to school on **Monday 29th October**, the first Monday of the holidays, to take family group photographs. We have organised this again to give you the opportunity to bring older siblings and extended family members in to school. This year we have

requested 2 photographers to make the waiting time shorter. Please return your slip to book a place.

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 applications 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.

Ready for Whirlow

The Y2 children are getting excited about their residential next week to Whirlow Hall Farm. On Monday Miss Gibson's class will set off on their first WCM overnight stay with Miss Wayper's class going Wednesday. Remember we will be outside whatever the weather so warm clothes and wellies are essential. We will be writing a report for the Green 'Un next week and also making a film. You can follow our adventure on Facebook.

Big Maths Workshop For Year 1

Thank you to the families who came along to the Big Maths workshops on Wednesday. There are still 2 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 last date is:

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.

Children In Need

We will be selling Children In Need merchandise in the office after the holidays. The actual fundraising day is **Friday 9th November**, we will let you know nearer the time what we plan to do in school.



Nearly New Sale

The Friends of WCM (FoWCM) ran their first Nearly New Sale yesterday in the hall. Thank you to everyone who supported us with this event. All money raised will be put in school

fund and go towards extra-curricular activities and special resources for the children.

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! Our Nursery Halloween day will be on **Wednesday 24th October**.



Raffle

The Friends Of WCM are selling Raffle tickets to support UK Autistic. They cost £1 each and you could win £250. Please see one of the team if you would like to buy any.

Anti-Idling Campaign

We have been asked by the council to share this message with you:

We are urging all schools across Sheffield to encourage parents and carers to turn off their engines when waiting for their child(ren). From the 8th October fixed penalty notices will be issued for idling engines on the roads surrounding 21 schools in Sheffield. This will be rolled out to 20 further schools in the coming months. We will contact you before your area is affected by enforcement action.

The emissions that come from vehicle exhausts are harmful for everyone, especially children who breathe more and at a faster rate than adults and whose health will be permanently damaged. For more information about the effects of idling and to watch our animation visit www.sheffield.gov.uk/anti-idling

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 have had 3 parents come forward to be a Governor. Please look out for the letter coming home with information of all 3 parents and information on how you can vote.

Half Term

We finish for the October Half Term break on **Friday 26th October** and return to school on **Monday 5th November**.