



# The Thursday Green 'Un

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## Sheffield Book Awards

On Friday, 20 of our children from Y2, Y5 and Y6 went to the Lyceum Theatre to the Sheffield Book Awards. It was a big occasion celebrating 30 years of the event, and lots of previous winners were there. We bought books, had them signed by their authors and were all a bit star struck. We even became stars ourselves when our faces and names appeared on the big screen as we introduced the nominated books. We're now so famous that during a photoshoot outside afterwards, we were photobombed by Michael Rosen!

## Learning Across School

In **F1** this week we have been continuing our learning about Penguins. We had a letter from Pip the Penguin, he set us the task of making a house for him in the construction area. We have also been painting snowy pictures and using pipettes to paint icicle pictures. We had to squeeze the ends gently to make the paint come out. It was quite tricky!

In **F2** we have the first batch of home learning selfies. We asked for a Christmas list and that's what we got. The writing the children are doing is amazing and they are using their phonics. Well done you hard working lot!

Last week in **Y1** we had an alien come to visit us. He came from outer space as his school was closed. We showed him how we did phonics and took him on a tour of the school. He loved our Golden Rules and really enjoyed our P4C session. He has now gone back to his school, we loved sharing our learning!

In **Y2** we have been learning how to do the Waltz dance in PE! We are doing this because it is the type of dance they would have done on the Titanic. Mrs Bradley was so impressed when she came to see us... 1,2,3... 1,2,3... 1,2,3... turn!

This term in PE **Y3** are working on improving our attacking and defending skills. We've had a look at how to mark an opponent and we are definitely improving each week!

Students from Sheffield University joined the **Y4s** to talk about food waste. We learned about the crazy amount of food that is thrown away each week and found ways of reducing this waste. The children created shopping lists and planned out meals in order to buy only what they needed. They also planted broad beans to take home. Has anyone's sprouted yet?

Each week, our **Y5s** have been having a weekly science lesson. They have been looking at materials and properties and the changes involving them. We thought about how we could create a fair and reliable test to see how the temperature of water effected how fast sugar dissolved. We made predictions and related this to making a nice cup of tea with boiling water.

In **Y6** we have been continuing writing persuasively this week – we took on the role of an agony aunt and responded to a letter from 'Frightened and Ashamed' of Sheffield.

The children really got into this and came up with excellent advice.

### **Children In Need**

A huge well done to you all for Children In Need day last Friday - we raised a massive £947.60 in total. Special thanks to our Friends of Watercliffe Meadow who organised our raffle and coffee morning.



### **Christmas Fayre**

As the month of festivities is only 8 days away, Liz Graham is busy planning the 2018 WCM Christmas Fayre. It will take place on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** from 2.00pm in the hall. You will be receiving a letter about this shortly. Please save any nearly new toys for our toy stall and if you can help on the day, call in to see Liz, she will be very grateful.

**Santa** is coming to WCM again, he dropped us a note from the North Pole to say he will come to the Fayre, tickets will go on sale in the office from **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November** and cost £2.00 to see him.



**Nativity** preparation is just beginning; the children have started learning all the songs and will very soon be in the hall practising. Tickets for Nativity will be on sale from **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November** and are initially restricted to 2 per child. From **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** any remaining tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis.

### **Christmas Bake-Off**

We are again holding our Christmas Bake-Off competition on the day of our Christmas Fayre – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December and again this year we will be having a category for adults. Everyone can bring in a cake (or buns) with the theme of “Christmas”. These will be judged by a panel of baking ‘experts’, headed by our very own Mary Berry – Mrs Senior. There will be prizes for the best cake/buns decorated with the theme of Christmas for each year group and a special prize for the adults category too! Our judging panel will then choose the best overall bake.

After the judging has been completed we would like to sell the baking at the Tuck

Shop at social time, and also at the Christmas Fayre in the afternoon, and this will help to raise money for our School Fund. Please bring your baking creations to the Studio on the morning of the Christmas Fayre – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Get baking and good luck!

### **WCM Calendars**

Again this year we will be selling our very own WCM calendars. The children have been busy designing and every year group has had an input. Call in to the office to order your copy. They cost £3.00 each or 2 for £5.00.

### **WCM Office**

We are very aware that it is very busy at and around the office in the morning. In order to help reduce waiting times, we are going to split the services. Ticket sales for Santa and Nativity will be in the Studio. There will be a member of the team dealing specifically with late arrivals and all other services will be available from the main desk as usual. We hope this makes things easier for everyone and welcome any feedback you may have.

### **Arriving and Collecting at WCM**

Can we please remind you that you must take your child in to class through the outside door to their classroom unless you arrive after 8.55. This will ensure that we keep traffic on corridors to a minimum and also that children get their correct marks in the register.

If you are late a member of the office team will guide you through signing your child in on the computer in Reception.

The same applies to collecting at the end of the day. If you arrive early and don't want to be out in the yard then call into the café for a cuppa!

### **Training Day**

Just a reminder that Training Day 2 is next Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November. School will be closed to children.

### **Christmas Holidays**

We break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December and come back for the Spring Term on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.