



# The Thursday GREEN 'UN

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## Parents' Evening

You should have received your letter for Parents' Evening this week. Please let your child's class teacher know when you can attend so they can book you a 10 minute slot of time to discuss learning. If your child has a Special Educational Need you will have the option of choosing a slot with the class teacher and the SENCo, Corina Antcliff. Please return the sheets as soon as possible to get a time that suits you and your family. The dates are:

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 3.30 – 5.30**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 3.30 – 7.00**

Please note that due to training Mr Bebbington will not be in school for parents evening so his dates are **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January.**

## Learning Across School

Last week Sam's Safari came to visit us in **F1** and they brought lots of exciting animals to see us!

We saw a hedgehog, chinchilla, fancy mouse, tortoise, turtle, leopard gecko, tiger salamander, snake, tree frog and a skink.

We were very brave and all handled at least one of the animals, we were very gentle with them and listened to lots of information! What a fantastic day!

We have had lots of fun keeping fit this week in **F2**. On Tuesday we explored the apparatus and we were very good at climbing on and jumping off the apparatus safely. Last Friday Georgina came to teach dance, we enjoyed building snowmen, skiing and being snow angels to music.

After a hard days learning in **Y2** we needed to relax a little so we got in pairs and did a story massage to We're Going on a Bear Hunt. It was wonderful to see the smiles and how gentle all the children with each other.

**Y3** is a busy year group with linking projects this year! As well as linking with two classes at Arbourthorne, we will also be linking with a school in Kenya!

On Tuesday, we were very lucky to be visited by Becky who is our link between us and the Kenyan school. We've spent the afternoon setting our goals for the year 2019 (similar to New Year's resolutions). We also talked about Kenya and learnt some Kenyan dance moves!

Friday was the start of our Storyframe project for **Y4s** with Sheffield Theatres. Storyframe is a fantastic opportunity for our children to learn more about how a theatre works, understand the technical elements, like lighting, sound and costume design, and perform with professional actors and directors. We will be writing a story together and turning it into a play to be performed at the Crucible Theatre in March.

We are so excited in **Y5**... We found out what we are aiming for at the end of this half term. An app! A real-life app ready for us to download onto our school iPods and take to London on the residential. A travel guide for our two day adventure.

Sue Finnegan, from the ICT support team, came in to launch our app and tell us all about the process. In her own time she has created an app prototype and recorded a video from her colleague to show us the process we will go through. There are many stages we need to complete but we will be taking our prototype to London; including photographs, facts and information, videos and sound files. Each child will contribute in some way. Then, a small group will work alongside the ICT team to create a real-life app that hopefully will make it to the App Store!!!!!! This is a real-life purpose for our writing and we cannot wait.

What a great first week back in **Y6**!

On Monday, we had Jack in from Dance Dayz teaching us to dance in a futuristic style, we will continue this over the term.

We had another visitor on Wednesday when Mr Clayton joined us to do an art project showing us skills that allowed us to create amazing moths.

In maths, we worked on finding percentages of amounts.

Our writing is a focus on fossils. We are producing an information text. We can't wait to get into our learning this term!

### **Sheffield Book Awards**

From his extensive work with people across the city, Mr Smith has managed to get us a really exciting opportunity. Each year, children in school get to vote for which books they think should win the Sheffield Children's Book Award in its category. However, we only ever see the chosen short list.

This year, we have been lucky enough to receive the picture book long list and have a say on which we think should make the short list and why! This week, we were introduced to the books on offer. The children loved them – it goes to show you are never too old for a picture book!

### **Breakfast Club**

Our WCM Breakfast Club has been running now since we opened and over time it has grown in popularity to the point where we now have to open the Oasis for the overflow of families. Unlike most Breakfast Clubs we are unique because we do not charge children to attend and the food on sale is done at a cost price with no profit. In order for this to continue we need to ask children and adults to please clean away their rubbish. Over the last week, and before Christmas the Oasis especially has been left with rubbish on tables and pots not returned to the café. The Oasis is used by groups through the day so it is important it is kept tidy. Please...

- Put rubbish in bin
- Put pots on trolley
- Close the outside door
- Turn the heater off!

### **Contact Numbers**

If you have a new telephone over Christmas please let the office know so we can update our records if we need to contact you. This will also ensure that you get any texts sent out from school.

### **Thornbridge Residential**

The parent information meeting for the Y4 Thornbridge residential will take place on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00pm** in the hall. Come along to collect your information pack and find out more about the 3 days. Mr Steele's class will be going 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March and Mrs Haque's class 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March. If you can't make the meeting your pack will be sent home after the meeting.

### **London Residential**

We now have the date for the Y5 residential to London. We will set off on our adventure on Watercliffe Thursday Green 'Un

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** and return on Saturday **8<sup>th</sup> June around 6pm**. There will be an information meeting for parents on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 5.00**.

### **Electronic Cigarettes**

We have been asked by Sheffield City Council to remind all parents that electronic cigarettes should not be used on school premises, the same rule as is in place for real cigarettes. We expect all adults to respect this ruling as we feel it sets a good example to our children.

### **Farewell to Dawn Hubbard**

At the end of this week we will be saying a sad farewell to Dawn Hubbard who works with us as a TA in F2. Dawn has been with us since we opened and will be really missed by children and staff. We wish her the very best in her new job and hope she takes a little bit of Watercliffe Meadow with her.

### **Snow**

As the winter is now well and truly here there will be every possibility of it snowing. If we do get snow we will make every effort to open as usual, we have only ever closed twice in all the years we have been open because of snow. Please do not ring school to find out if we are open, we will announce it on Radio Sheffield and Hallam and text you all. We will also keep you up to date on Facebook. Let's hope we are lucky enough to only have snow at the weekends!

### **Fire fighters Collection**

We will be collecting clothes in school for the fire fighters on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January**. Please call into the office for bags if you need any. Filled bags can be brought into school.

### **Shoebox and Wallpaper Appeal**

Mr Allsopp is appealing for empty shoe boxes for a project in school and Miss Moxam is wanting some rolls of wallpaper for a project in F2. Any shoe boxes or wallpaper will be gratefully received.

### **It's Back...**

Yes, another year, another **Watercliffe's Got Talent** contest! Auditions for the 2019 show will started today! Miss Gibson has sent audition times to children, please help them with their practice at home.

We are looking forward to seeing how previous acts have improved and we are hoping to see some new and fresh talent. The final will take place on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**.

### **INSET Day Change**

We are changing the date of our 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET day from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March to **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**.