



The Thursday Green

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Learning Across School

We are really enjoying our phonics learning at the minute in **F1**. We spend time together every day segmenting and blending sounds in words. We love playing all the different games. This is so important as it is teaching the very early stages of reading.

We have been learning about Chinese New Year in **F2**. We have found out it is the 'Year of the Pig'. We have learned that red is a lucky colour. We have tried some Chinese food for snack too, it was lovely! We can also sing a New Year song.

In **Y1** we working really hard on our writing skills and concentrating on what makes a good sentence. We have been using our phonics to segment words for spelling and making sure we leave finger spaces so it is easier to read every word.

We are well on our way to producing our newspaper article in **Y3**. We're currently writing paragraphs about how King Tut's tomb was discovered. We had a visit from Howard Carter on Tuesday.

We're concentrating on writing full paragraphs and using lots of time adverbs and specific key words. We also went out last Wednesday - what an amazing, fun filled day we had with our linking school, Arbourthorne.

We had a welcome assembly, a tour around the school and then some time outside! We then did some art activities around friendship and got together in the hall for a bit of Go Noodle!

We can't wait to stay in touch with our new friends and show them our school!

This week in maths in **Y4** we have been learning about fractions. We have made a fraction wall and been learning how to find equivalent fractions from it. In our writing we have been writing and editing a story that has a problem in it. Some of our stories have involved the theft of all toys and some have had the loss of electricity. We have been gathering ideas for this from our story frame sessions on Friday.

In **Y5** we are into our third week of learning and applying our knowledge of reading four-figure grid references on OS maps. This information helps us locate places, by name or by the appropriate map symbol. We have been looking at things such as where the phone box would be, etc.

Over the last two weeks, the children have studied parts of Ordnance Survey maps for Sheffield and London. The children got very excited when they found places near where they lived and the landmarks we have been learning about! We even created a WAGOLL for this week, so the children could try and read the grid references more securely.

We have been busy bees in **Y6**. During maths, we have continued looking at algebra. The children carried on working hard AND enjoyed it! They have shown us a surprising amount of resilience in such a tricky maths topic.

We have continued to look at our 'mythical' creature in writing. The creature must 'conform' to nature's 'laws' – in other words, a penguin won't live in the rain forest! In PE, the children have continued to develop their dance with Jack and they have developed their own fitness program.

We have also continued to look at Charles Darwin in theme and his fascinating life! Last Wednesday, we had some very special visitors to our school. Lots of 'wild' creatures from all over the world. We saw: stick insects, snakes, frogs, tortoise and a turtle, chinchilla and a lovely little mouse.

WCM's Got Talent!

Well the semi finals are now complete and contestants will find out tomorrow who has got through to the finals. Tension is mounting as the acts are practicing hard. Good luck to you all!

The final will take place on **Friday 15th February** with a performance in the morning and afternoon.

Basket Ball

On Friday evening we played a Basketball match at half time of the Sheffield Sharks and Leicester Riders game. The basketball tournament was an experience of a life time! Playing in front of over 500 people as well as being on TV was amazing! We the basketball team (who were Rihanna, Laci, Kameron, Thomas M, Vinnie and Jasmine) had an amazing time. A big thank you to Miss Dyson and Joel who made this life changing experience possible!

Reported by Laci, Rihanna and Kameron

Practice SATs

Over that next week the Y6 children will be practicing their SATs to get a feel for what it will be like in the actual SATs week in May. The Y6 team will mark and analyse the papers for every child and then send you home areas that you can work on at home to support. If you have any questions please see a member of the Y6 team.

World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Wednesday 6th March and to help get into the spirit of characters and stories, children (and staff) can come to school dressed up. Please don't think you need to go out and buy an outfit, there are lots of ways you can join in without the expense. The official day is Thursday but we are doing it a day early so that all of Nursery can join in with us! Take a look on the official website for ideas:

<http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/>

Dropping Litter

Can we please remind you all to look after the area surrounding school and not drop litter. We have had a few families saying they end up with a lot of rubbish in their front gardens as children are walking home at night. Our community is important. Please let's work together to look after it!

Thornbridge Residential

The closing date for booking a place for Thornbridge is **Wednesday 13th February**. If you have any questions or worries please call in and see a member of staff. Mr Steele's class will be going 25th – 27th March and Mrs Haque's class 27th – 29th March.

London Residential

We now have the date for the Y5 residential to London. We will set off on our adventure on **Friday 7th June** and return on Saturday **8th June around 6pm**. There will be an information meeting for parents on **Tuesday 5th March at 5.00**.

WCM Holiday Fun Days

The letter went out last week for holiday activities. To book a place please complete and return the booking form along with payment (this is non-refundable) to the office. All places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and the day runs from 9.30 – 2.30.

INSET Day Change

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

Half Term Holiday

We break up for the February half term holiday on **Friday 15th February** and come back to school on **Monday 25th February**.

Joke of the Week!

Q. What do you get hanging off banana trees?

A. Sore arms.



Q. What does a clock do when it's hungry?

A. It goes back four seconds.

