



The Thursday Green 'un

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Community Week

This week has been Community Week in school. Our focus has been 'The World Is Ours' We wanted to build on the protest we did about funding in schools and so encouraged the older children to investigate an issue that they felt was important to them. The younger children went on a walk they liked and things they would like to improve about Shirecliffe.

Each class will also vote for a girl and boy good citizen who will be presented with a poppy or cornflower badge in assembly tomorrow.

Learning Across School

In **F1** we have been using the self serve paints to mix colours to paint flowers. We looked very carefully at what colours we needed. We mixed red and white to make pink for the flowers and blue and yellow to make green for the stem and the leaves.

The caterpillars have arrived in **F2**! We are so excited! We can't wait to meet our beautiful butterflies. The children are being very careful and doing observations on how big they are going to grow.

In **Y1** we are starting our preparations for joining Y2. We have joined the Friday assembly and Golden Time. It is a very exciting time of year; we sat so well and loved all the Golden Time activities.

This week is community week and in **Y2** we started off the week by thinking about our local community and what is special about it and what we could do to improve it. We had a very good P4C discussing recycling.

In **Y3** we have been thinking about plastic and how it is causing issues around the

world. We watched The Blue Planet and did a P4C session around this issue. We have looked at how we can help this in school and decided not to use plastics or paper bags during community week!

We had a great visit on Friday in **Y4**. We visited Wards End Cemetery and had great fun pond dipping. We talked about how rubbish can affect environments like ponds and the animals that live there.

Following on from **Y5** circle time and home learning, we took the children across to Busk Meadow Park to assess what changes we thought could be made there. It was lucky we went, as we found out lots! We took three different geographical surveys:

- a traffic survey
- an opinion survey; and
- a positives/ negatives survey

Each pair within the groups assessed what they found – and we used these to determine what main things we thought ought to be changed.

Back in the classroom, we used these points to plan a letter to our local MP – Gill Furniss. The children are very excited about having an impact and really understood why what they had seen had been a problem, but also thought through what changes could be made to improve the park. We are so proud of you!

In **Y6** we had a very busy PE lesson on Monday. We did a mixture of cycling and rounders which certainly kept us busy and used lots of energy. It was a welcome break from SATs preparation.

FAST is coming...

We are very excited to be able to tell you about an amazing family project that we are running in school for the fifth year. This is

an opportunity for you to spend some quality time with your family once a week for 8 weeks from 3.30-6.00 doing a variety of activities. This project is designed by Save the Children and is completely free for families with children in Nursery, Reception or Y1. You will be fed and well looked after and have the opportunity to win a family hamper each week. A crèche will be provided for younger or older children although there will be times in the session when you will all be together. Our very special Gillie Lane, Danielle Houghton and Tracey Mansell will be part of the team looking after you. If you would like to know more, then call in and see one of them or sign up in the office! We have places for up to 10 families.

Easter Reads

Thank you to everyone who brought their Easter Read sheets back to school. Altogether we had 144 children who completed the challenge, the most we've ever had...well done!

Books!

If you have got any reading books at home from the Easter Read that belong to school and you are no longer reading them could you please return them. The books we have in school are falling in numbers at the moment...which is great because it means more children are reading, but we do need them back when you have finished! If you think we are short of any particular types of books please let Kerry Heap know, she loves shopping, especially for books!

MMR Vaccine

We have been asked to share this message with you by Sheffield City Council:

In 2018, there were over 900 laboratory-confirmed measles cases in England.

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can be very unpleasant and can lead to serious health complications and in rare cases can be fatal.

We want to make sure that all pre-school children are protected from Measles, Mumps and Rubella and are fully vaccinated before they start school this September. We are urging parents and guardians of all pre-school children to check with their GP

that they are fully up to date with the 2 doses of the MMR vaccine.

Let this be one less thing you have to worry about before they start school.

For more information follow the webpage.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSHEFFIELD/bulletins/23be521>

Fire Fighter Collection

The Fire Fighter Charity will be collecting clothes on **Wednesday 23rd May**. If you have any spare clothes please bring them into school. The money raised goes into school funds.

Change of Contact Details?

Have you recently changed your address or phone number? If so, can you please let school know so that we can update our records. There have been a couple of times recently where we have tried to contact parents and have not been able to. If you have applied for a Nursery place and have changed address we also need to know as letters are sent out to the address you put on the Nursery application form.

Nursery Places

Our Nursery team will soon be sorting out places for children who are 3 years old and ready to start in September. If you have already filled in an application form then you will be contacted soon with a time and date for a home visit. If you have not registered your child for Nursery or know any of your friends or family that have 3 year olds who are not attending Nursery, call in to the office for an application form. Children are admitted in date of birth order and we currently have spaces for September in all 4 of our sessions. We will continue to offer the 30 hour free early learning places.

Bank Holiday Weekend

Don't forget it is Bank Holiday on Monday and we are not back to school until Tuesday!

Joke of the Week!

Q. What happened to the man taken to hospital after eating daffodil bulbs?

A. He is recovering and will be out in the spring!

