



# The Thursday Green 'un

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## **WCM Good Citizens**

Last week every class voted for their male and female Good Citizen as part of our Community Week. They chose children in their class who always make good choices, are positive role models and generally are good WCM citizens. Well done to them all!

## **Y6 SATS Week**

Next week is a very important week for our Y6 children. They have their compulsory SATs tests, which they have been working towards all year. We wish our children lots of luck and know that they will do their very best to show themselves, us and their families what they are capable of. If your child is in Y6 please help them to feel as ready as possible by having plenty of rest and a nice relaxing weekend.

Thank you for your continued support with your children and their learning. They have done fantastically well this year and we really want them to enjoy showing what they can do!

## **Castleton Residential**

The Castleton residential is getting closer now, deadline for booking a place has passed and final numbers have been submitted to the Rotary Centre. Just a reminder that full payment needs to be made by tomorrow, **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**.

## **Learning Across School**

In **Nursery** last week we had a special delivery of 8 tiny caterpillars in containers. We passed them carefully around the circle so that we could look really closely at them. We will be keeping watch over the next few weeks to see how they grow and change.

In **F2** we have been looking at how Eric Carle makes his illustrations. We have read some of his books like *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We then did really careful looking and we made some pictures just like his. They are amazing, have a look on our blog.

In **Y1** we have been taking our reading skills to the next level. We are becoming more and

more fluent with our reading and now we need to start using the information we read to answer questions and talk about the story. This is a little tricky and we have to do hard thinking but we are getting better at it every day. If you want to know how you can help at home with this please see one of the Y1 team.

This term in **Y2 PE** we are having a gymnastic focus. We are looking at different balances and how to hold them for at least 3 seconds. Bigger body parts are easier to balance on we have found!

In **Y3** we are just starting our money topic in maths, which we are excited about. Our guided reading is helping us to learn more facts about what food people eat in Kenya. In Literacy we have been learning how to write a persuasive letter, we will be reporting on this on assembly on Friday.

In **Y4** maths this week, we have applied our learning with money to solving problems. In our writing, we have begun to write our own story following the pattern of 'The impala doe and her baby' story. We have also had the floor lowered in the pool this week to practise using our swimming skills!

Over the past four weeks in **Y5**, each indoor PE session has been a build up of learning and revising a range of jumps. We have learnt and performed two feet-to-two feet jumps, such as a bunny hop and kangaroo jump; as well as one foot-to-one-foot jumps such as a cat leap, scissor jump and hop jump. During another lesson we turned these jumps into a sequence, involving travel – both individually and as partners. This recapped our starting and finish positions, as well as mirroring and matching from our gymnastics unit in the first term.

This week, we moved onto performing these jumps from apparatus. This proved to be easier said than done! It took a mix of bravery, technique and poise to perfect the jumps. Many of us needed reminding about bending our knees and using our arms to gain momentum for the jumps – also about using our gymnast behaviours to ensure the jumps were technically accurate and completely safe!

**Y6** has been busy as ever...In maths, we have covered work involving time and time tables. It is really important that children can tell the time (both analogue and digital) and read time tables so it may be something you want to develop at home before secondary school.

In writing, we have started to look at a short film called 'El Caminante'. The children are developing their skills at re-writing this as their own narrative. So far, the results are very good and the children are enjoying the learning.

Science has been 'electric' this week!!! We have looked at circuits, how to represent them and how to change them. This has been done brilliantly.

### **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.

### **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/UKSHEF/FIELD/bulletins/23be521>

### **Fire Fighter Collection**

The Fire Fighter Charity will be collecting clothes on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **Being A Parent Course**

Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities (EPEC) are running a free course for mums, dads and carers of children between 2-5 years. It has a free on-site crèche. Come along to a coffee morning on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April to find out more information. The course starts on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at Meadows Children's Centre.

### **Half Term**

Just a reminder that we break up for the Spring Bank holiday week on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and return to school for the final half term of the year on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Enjoy your family time together.

### **Joke of the Week**

Q. Did you hear about the 2 guys who stole a calendar?

A. They got 6 months each!