



# The Thursday Green 'un

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## Y6 SATS Week



We would like to say an enormous **WELL DONE** to our Y6 children for the fantastic effort they have put in this week and across the year. They have had 6 tests this week and performed to the best of their abilities, they should 'feel proud'! It has been a pleasure being with them this week and watching their focus and effort.

## Castleton Residential

Excitement is running high in Y6 as the children and staff prepare for a week long residential in Castleton after their week of SATs. We will also be starting to plan for the end of year play. Prom this year is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, if your child's attendance is above 96% the Governors had agreed to pay for prom. If attendance is below 96% you need to be following the attendance plan set out by school for your child to attend. Call into the office to book a place for your child.

## FAST is Here!

The 'Families and Schools Together' programme, 'Round 6', has started at Watercliffe Meadow. It's an incredible project that helps families and schools build strong links within our school community. We had 20 families attend on Tuesday and they took part in activities, including 'family time', eating tea together, parent time and 'special play' with one of their children.

Thank you to all the families who are attending, we look forward to seeing you next week.

## Golden Time

There are some great activities available for Golden Time this term. Golden Time is available for all



children who follow the Golden Rules in school all week. Children sign up to Golden Time on a Monday morning and can choose from over 20 different activities ranging from football, dodge ball, baking and even specialised activities such as origami and 'Pringle ping-pong'. Why not ask your child what they are doing this week? Some children will be on track at the end of the summer term to get their Gold Badge for losing no Golden Time all year! What a great achievement.

## Keeping Kids Safe

**SETTING UP A DEVICE SAFELY FOR KIDS**

- YOUTUBE**  
SETTINGS → TICK SAFE SEARCH FILTERING → TICK STRICT
- TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES**  
SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES (NOT GREEN)
- DISABLE SAFARI BROWSER**  
(IF YOU DON'T WANT THEM SEARCHING ANYTHING)  
SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → ALLOWED CONTENT
- MAKE ITUNES SAFE**  
(TO KEEP DEVICES SEPARATE WHERE YOUR ITUNES ACCOUNT HAS BEEN CONNECTED TO)  
ITUNES ON YOUR COMPUTER → EDIT → PREFERENCES → DECIDE WHICH SHOWS AND RATINGS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THIS DEVICE AND OTHER DEVICES.
- SAFARI**  
SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → SET IT UP THE WAY YOU WANT IT AND APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR CHILDREN.
- DISALLOW UPLOADING OR DELETING OF APPS**  
SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → INSTALLING APPS OR DELETING APPS
- GUIDED ACCESS**  
(FOR KIDS TO STAY WITHIN AN APP, TO AVOID GOING TO OTHER APPS AND WEBSITES)  
SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → SCROLL DOWN TO LEARNING → ACCESSIBILITY → GUIDED ACCESS → TOGGLE ON

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## Learning Across School

Last week in **F1** was our minibeast workshop. We made butterfly wings, printed ladybird wings, used cotton wool to paint a caterpillar, made minibeast headdresses, painted tree branches and finger printed blossom and decorated dragonfly wings.

In **F2** our caterpillars are making cocoons. Wow! We will soon have some beautiful

butterflies. We are watching them closely to see the changes.

In **Y1** we have started an investigation to find out if plants can grow in the dark as well as in the light. We all predicted what might happen. We placed one pot in the window and one pot in a dark cupboard. We will check the pots next week to see what has happened.

Over the week in **Y2** we have been learning the Dreamtime story of how the birds got their colours. The children have made story maps to help them to retell the story.

What a fantastic afternoon we had in **Y5!** Our parents were invited in to support their children complete a quiz based on the London landmarks we researched when making the London app. We set ourselves up in quiz teams, accompanied by a bowl of crisps, ready for the questions to begin. Part way through the quiz we stopped for a refreshment break and the picture bonus round.

The children had taken home the app content the week before, and even the parents had been revising from it – this meant there were really high scores! Some groups even got full marks for correctly identifying the landmark shown in the photograph. Well done **Y5**. We are very grateful for all the parents that were able to attend.

### **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 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.

### **Relief Cleaner**

We are looking for people who would like their name to be held in school to cover as a relief cleaner when we have sickness to cover. Please call into the office and talk to Kim Walsh if you are interested.

### **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**. The next INSET day is Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June (not 3<sup>rd</sup> June as stated in Learning Journals!). Enjoy your family time together.