



The Thursday Green 'un

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Closure of Boynton Road

ModeshiftSTARS and Sheffield City Council are working in partnership with Watercliffe Meadow on a range of active travel projects designed to raise awareness of a variety of issues. Our collective aim is to keep children safe & healthy on their journey to school and to promote active alternatives to the car such as walking, scooting and cycling.

Inconsiderate parking and dropping children off at the school gates is becoming increasingly dangerous and a huge problem here and across the city. We hope by temporarily closing Boynton Road to through traffic we will highlight the benefits of a safer and cleaner environment for the journey to school.

The school is also taking part in the South Yorkshire 10 day Active Travel challenge from **10th – 21st June 2019**, to try and persuade as many families as possible to leave their car at home and choose an active way to get to school. Closing the road will compliment the challenge and will also raise awareness of 'Clean Air Day' 2019.

Boynton Road will be closed to traffic from **8-9.15am on Thursday 20th June** from the junction with Shirecliffe Road and the junction of Longley Avenue West. There will be appropriate signage on surrounding roads. If you have to drive to school please find an alternative safe place to park as you will be unable to enter Boynton Road with a vehicle.

Blue badge holders are exempt and will be allowed access but please get in touch before the event so we can plan accordingly (Officer contact details below).

We really appreciate your support for this event. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this temporary road closure, please do get in touch with:

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Castleton Residential



What a great start to the residential we have had at Castleton this week! The journey out to the Rotary Centre was good fun. We travelled on a bus then a train and then did a walk. There is a park just down the road from where we are sleeping which is great fun. Our back garden is as big as a football pitch...wow! Tuesday saw a great adventure walking to Padley Gorge and then on to Hathersage to swim outside. The sun shone for us all day! Wednesday was a bit of a trek up Mam Tor but we got there in the end and then followed this on with a visit down a cave. We are certainly enjoying the challenge! The children have been so positive and polite to each other, they have been amazing! We will let you know how the end of the week went after the holidays.

Smoke Alarms

Recently our Y2 and Y5 children were surveyed as part of the 'our voice matters' survey. The results show that many of our children in school stated that they do not have a smoke alarm in their homes. South Yorkshire Fire Service offer advice on completing your own home safety checks if you follow the links on their website www.syfire.gov.uk/safety-advice/do-your-own-safety-check. You may also qualify for a free home visit from the fire service and they can also provide free smoke alarms if you complete an online request.

Learning Across School

Our task this week in **Nursery** was to use sustain shared thinking and work together to make a bug hotel in the construction area or using things from the creative workshop. We looked on the internet to find out what materials we needed to use.

Those naughty Pirates have been around all week in **F2**. They keep leaving us challenges. We are far too clever for them as we keep completing all the challenges and getting their treasure. We have practiced our reading, writing and number skills.

In **Y1** we revisited our investigation to find out if plants can grow in the dark as well as in the light. Both the the plants grew but the one in the dark didn't look as healthy and green as the one that had been in the sunlight. We found out that the reason for this was because it didn't have chlorophyll in its leaves.

In **Y2** we have been busy getting ready for Sports Day practicing all the skills we will need to compete in the different events. Our favourite event is the javelin, they are much harder to throw than you think!

In **Y3** Literacy we have been using imperative verbs in instructions. On Wednesday we followed a recipe to make Koekies – a Kenyan sweet biscuit. On Thursday we ate them during Guided Reading and they were delicious! On Friday we wrote up our recipe!

In **Y5** we went orienteering around Hillsborough park. We even had real-life electronic dibbers! This meant we ran around the park to all the different stations and then back to print out our slip (Mrs Dwyer's favourite bit!) Despite it being really tiring and being quite hot in the sun at points, Pauline (our British Orienteering instructor) said that the children were even better than last year. Their understanding of orientating the map and finding the points was spectacular. So much so, Pauline recommends us taking part in the next competition! Well done Y5!

This week the **Y6** children not at Castleton have had a very different week. It has been like work experience as they have been supporting the learning of younger children around school. The teachers have reported that they have been an enormous help and that the younger children have loved having them to help.

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.

Letters and Class Arrangements

There are quite a few letters going out in the next few weeks about events that are happening in and around school. If you think you have missed anything please ask your child's class teacher who will let you know what is happening. Tomorrow we will be sending home a letter with information about class arrangements for September. We will also use the Green 'Un to keep you up to date.

Lost Property

Could you please check the lost property box if your child has lost any uniform, there are lots of coats, jumpers and PE kits that must belong to someone! We will be emptying it over the holidays.

Tomato Plants

After the holidays we will be selling tomato plants in the office for 50p each. These have been grown from seed by Mick, our volunteer gardener. All money raised will go in to school fund. Why not try your hand at growing your own!

Book Amnesty

Although we have bought in over 1000 new books recently, we currently have 429 books that are overdue on loan. We cannot afford to keep replacing missing books so could you please have a look at home and see if you have any books with the Watercliffe Meadow stamp inside. These books belong to school so please return any that you find to allow other children to borrow them. Teachers have been given lists of the books, and the children who have them, so please have a look in book bags to see if you can help us find any of the missing books. You can put them in the returned books box in your child's classroom, or on the table in the library.

Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up for the Spring Bank holiday week tomorrow, **Friday 24th May**, and return to school for the final half term of the year on **Monday 3rd June**. The next INSET day is Wednesday 26th June (not 3rd June as stated in Learning Journals!). Enjoy your family time together.