



Watercliffe Mead*W

The Thursday Green 'un

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Learning Across School

Over the last 2 weeks in **F1**, we have been looking at our stories for talking groups using a book all about journeys and vehicles called, "We All Go Travelling By ". Our role play area has been transformed into a train station. The children have really enjoyed taking on the role of train driver, passengers or ticket sellers.

In **F2** we are really taking off with our reading and writing after our first full year in school. We are so proud of the way we have learnt all our sounds and can blend them to read and segment words to find the right sounds to write to make words.

We have been learning all about different plants in **Y2** and to extend this learning we went out in to the local area to spot plants and identify them by looking at their leaves, the colour of their petals and other features. We were a little disappointed that we could not go to the Botanical Gardens with the weather being so bad but we still had a great time.

In the **Y5** weekly science lesson, following the label of their Sun, Earth and Moon diagrams, the children worked in groups to dissect the flowers of a lily and then label them. The lesson was really interactive and enabled them to find the different sections of a flower. The learning linked to the upcoming work on life-cycles and today it was the life-cycle of a flowering plant. The children tried to remember the names of the different parts of the flowers that we learned back in **Y3** (this was really tricky). They then used the diagram that we had labelled to help us explore and dissect a flower. It was interesting to see all the parts that are usually hidden away within the flower.

In **Y6** you are either in the play directly or busy making props to make it more amazing. Mr Allsopp and his crew are working non stop preparing props to make the play come to life.

They are busy cutting, painting, sticking and creating and it has to be said they are fantastic! These children may not want the limelight of performing directly on stage but their work will be so important to the final performance!

Holidays

As you will probably know school is not allowed to authorise any holidays during term time for anyone. This advice is given by the local authority and it is the local authority who decide if fines are issued. We do recognise that for families this is difficult. If you are thinking of booking a holiday for next year the best time to take children out of school is in the last half term as this will have a minimal affect on learning. If you would like to discuss this please call in to school to see Mrs Bradley.

False / Acrylic Nails

There have been a number a cases in school of children wearing false or acrylic nails. Can we please remind you that this is not part of our uniform policy and they are not allowed to be worn by children. We will be resending the Dress Code Policy home in the new academic year. If you have any questions please call in and see us.

Sports Days

Thank you to everyone who attended Sports Days over the last week. It was a little soggy at times but we managed to get through and the children we able to showcase their sports skills. As ever we are always open for ways you think we could improve, call in to the office to share any ideas you may have.

Overdue books

We have almost 500 books listed as overdue from our school library. Some of these may be in school but many will be in homes around Shirecliffe. Can you please have a look at home

for any books with the Watercliffe Meadow stamp inside and return them to school so that other children can read them too please? Thank you.

WCM does Aladdin!

So, we kicked off auditions with a bang before the holidays with over 40 Y6 actors and actresses auditioning to play roles in our end of year production, Aladdin.

We are so excited to embark on this new journey into the world of singing and dancing, this year is hopefully going to be the best performance we have ever done!

Stay posted, as tickets will soon be on sale!

New F2 Parents Meetings

September sees the start of a school adventure for current Nursery children. Miss Lane and Miss Mansell are holding meetings for all new families to share information and answer any questions you may have. These will take place in the **Studio on Wednesday 3rd July at 9.15am or 2.30pm.**

Camping Residential

As the Y3 Camping Residential gets closer here are just a few reminders ... we set off on **Thursday 4th – Friday 5th July**. We will leave school, spend the day in Chatsworth Gardens and then walk to Bakewell to our campsite. The deadline for paying and booking a place is tomorrow, **Friday 21st June**. This is to allow us time to make final arrangements for food orders and bookings. If you could not attend the meeting then call in to the office for more information and if you are worried about any aspect of the visit please come and talk to someone in school.

Closure of Boynton Road

Thank you to everyone for their patience while Boynton Road was closed today. This was organised by Sheffield City Council in order to make roads around school safer. If we get any feedback from the project we will pass it on to you. Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Walk to School 2 weeks. It was especially good participation considering the weather was so wet.

Parkwood Uniform

There is an alternative date for the 'uniform try on' date for Parkwood students as the original clashes with the Year 6 show at Hillsborough College and will affect some of our students. An additional date has been set to coincide with our

carnival. Uniform try on will now also be at Watercliffe between 3pm and 5pm on Wednesday 17th July, our Summer Carnival.

Tomato Plants

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!

Summer Carnival

Our Summer Carnival this year will be on **Wednesday 17th July 2.00pm – 4.00pm**. We have been blessed with lovely weather in the past and we have our fingers crossed again for this year. As with most things we do, this event will only be successful with the help and support of our community.

How You Can Help:

- If you are having a clear out, please donate any toys, games or books for us to sell on our Nearly New Toy Stall. These must be in excellent condition – no jumble please! Bring to school from **Monday 8th July**.
- Cakes and buns – please do some baking for us to sell on our Cake Stall. Bring to school on the morning of the Carnival.
- We also need prizes for our raffle and tombola stall. If you have any unwanted gifts, or non-perishable food items, tins etc. bring these to school from **Monday 8th July**.
- We do need helpers on the day from 12 noon to prepare and set up, and to help with stalls. If you can spare some time to help us on the day, please see Liz Graham in the School Office.

Things Coming Up...

4th – 5th July - Y3 Camping Residential

5th July - Reports to families

11th July - Y6 Performance

17th July – WCM Summer Carnival

16th & 17th July – Silver Showroom

19th July – Y6 Prom

22nd July – Y6 Always Children Visit

23rd July – Y6 Leaver's Assembly

We break up for the Summer Holidays at the end of the day on **Tuesday 23rd July**.