



The Thursday Celebration

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Neil Griffiths returns to Watercliffe

What a great morning we had Wednesday with children's author Neil Griffiths in school. First, he did a session with parents then worked alongside children across school. Meeting an author as enthusiastic about reading as Neil is a great way to encourage our children to develop a love of reading and we hope the parent session gave some great tips to help with reading at home. If you have any questions about the messages from Neil please come and ask someone in school. We truly believe...

There is no such thing as a child who hates to read, there are only children who have not found the right book!

Learning Across School

This week in **F1** we have been practising our tripod grip. We have been writing thank you letters to Sam's Safari for bringing in the animals to show us. We used our phonics to work out the initial sound in words, like 's' for snake. We also drew pictures of the animals we saw and talked about why we liked them and which ones were our favourite.

In **F2** we are continuing our learning about the Arctic and Antarctic and have been busy learning facts and talking about things that are the same and different in the different parts of the world. Did you know that the Arctic is sea surrounded by land and Antarctic is land surrounded by sea?

In **Y1** we have been looking at the past and present in our History focus. Have you seen the photos of teachers outside our classroom, there are some funny ones! Our science focus has been around materials and we have been investigating which materials are the best to make a house for the three little pigs. We have looked at how strong materials are and if they are waterproof!

In **Y2** Circle Time we spoke about what the word gratitude meant. We shared all of the things that we are grateful for such as our eyes so that we can see, our beds so that we have somewhere comfy to sleep and our families. We know that there is always something to be thankful for and always someone less fortunate than us. This is a very tricky concept to understand but we were so impressed with how the children could share ideas. Look out in our classrooms for our gratitude jars.

This week in **Y3** Maths we are working with money, adding different amounts together and working out change. This is not as easy as it sounds and the children had to concentrate to ensure they counted accurately. Just a shame all this money wasn't real, we could have had great fun shopping!

In **Y4** we are still trying to keep our recycling campaign going strong. This week we are ordering bins to use for recycling, we will put one outside Y6 and the other outside Y4. We will let you know when these arrive. Have you noticed there is less single use plastic being used in the café? This is because we now use juice from jugs and fill up plastic reusable bottles. Thank you to the café staff for helping us do more to save our environment.

Y4s @ The Crucible

The Year 4s are continuing to work on a piece of drama based on Joe Scarborough's art work. We are now at a point where Georgina is putting together a play script and we will be ready to rehearse and get a set ready for the performance!

We will be performing at The Crucible Theatre on two dates:

Year 4SB will perform on Tuesday 24th March at 4.30pm

Year 4FG/HR will perform on Thursday 26th March at 4.30pm.

Triple P-Online (TPOL)

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Art Competition

Mrs Haque is hoping children across school will take part in an art competition taking place across Sheffield. The piece of art can be a maximum of A4 size.

The categories are: Painting, Mixed Media and Drawing

Please pass entries to Mrs Haque by **Monday 2nd March** with your full name and class on the back.

10 finalists will be chosen from KS1 and KS2 to be displayed at the Main Exhibition at Ponds Forge on 15th and 16th May, where prizes will be awarded.

If you have any questions call and ask Mrs Haque!

Maths Workshops

In the last couple of weeks of this half term we will be holding workshops to look at the written methods that children learn in school and some of the ways we now teach maths.

Your child will also come with you and no parent will be asked to answer any maths questions!

Everyone is welcome and please do come along. The workshops will be held in the school hall as many of you showed an interest at parents evening.

Y2&3 Tuesday 4th February 2.30pm

Y4&5 Tuesday 11th February 2.30pm

London Residential

We will set off on our adventure on **Friday 17th April** and return

on Saturday **18th June around 6pm.**

Information packs have been sent home with your child if you did not attend the information meeting. Please remember if you owe any money to school and you are not on a plan to repay this you will not be able to book a place

for your child. The cost of the residential is £65 and this must be paid in full by **14th February** to allow us to book train tickets and places in the museum.

Thornbridge Residential

Thank you to the families who came along to the information meeting for the Y4

Thornbridge residential. Information packs will be sent home to families who did not attend.

Mrs Gill and Mrs Read's class will be going 23rd – 25th March and Mr Barnes' class 25th –

27th March. Please remember if you owe any money to school and you are

not on a plan to repay this you will not be able to book a place for your child.

Read Write Inc

As you will know we are now using Read Write Inc across school to teach children to read. All children from F1 to Y2 will take part in the programme and some children in Y3 & 4 who need additional support will also access aspects of the programme. If you need more information please see your child's teacher or call and see Claire Bradley. There are also tutorial videos that you can watch on the Ruth Miskin website:

www.ruthmiskin.com

Select 'Find out more' at the top, then 'Parents' from the drop-down list.

WCMGT

Week 2 of auditions are over and the judges are busy working out who will get through to the Semi Finals next week. Acts will find out at the end of the day tomorrow who has been successful! The final will take place on **Friday 14th February.**

Supervision in the morning

This is just a reminder to supervise your children if they are playing on any of the equipment outside before school. We don't want any accidents before the day begins if we can help it.

Half Term Holiday

We break up for the February half term holiday on **Friday 14th February** and come back to school on **Monday 24th February.**

Inset Day

Our last INSET Day of the year is on **Wednesday 11th March.** School will be closed to children.