



The Thursday GREEN*W

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Anti Bullying Week

On Monday 28th September 2020 we joined over 1,000,000 students and educators and watched The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly 2020! If you would like to watch it, follow the link on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0_1Z0CAZiE&t=290s or search for The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly 2020. We all took the pledge to work together to stop bullying and what we can do to help. We spoke about who would be in our support network if we needed help. We will follow this work up in November as we do every year by taking part in the anti-bullying alliance anti bullying week. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is: United Against Bullying. Anti-Bullying Week will happen from Monday 16th - Friday 20th November and will start with Odd Socks Day to mark the first day of Anti-Bullying Week.

Start and End of the Day

Can we please ask that you don't come on to school grounds before the classroom doors open as this will compromise social distancing in the yard. We have put in place staggered start and finish times to enable social distancing to happen and make it easier for you to keep your family safe. At the end of the day please leave school as quickly as possible. We have had groups of adults and children congregating at the start and end of the day and in the current situation this is not appropriate.

Parents Evenings

Look out for a letter and a text coming home this week with information about how to book a Parent's Evening conversation with your child's class teacher.

10 Day Active Travel Challenge

The 10 Day Active Travel Challenge starts on Monday 12th October to Friday 23rd October 2020. The challenge is for our children and families to choose an active way of getting to school over the 10 day period. There will be prizes for everyone who completes the challenge.

We invite everyone to take part and travel to school in an active way...you might want to walk, stride, cycle, scoot and skate to school! If you live a long way from school and need to drive, you can still take part by parking away from school (at least 5 minutes away) and walking the last part of your journey! This is a good way to improve health, be more active, reduce congestion and improve the air quality around school for our children. We hope you will all take part and have fun!

Class Blogs

Every year group has their own Blog which shares the learning which is happening in the classroom. This may be of more interest than usual now that families are not able to go into the classroom with their children. Why not have a look to see what is happening?

Learning Across School

Our **Nursery** has turned into a ranch over the last couple of days. We have been using hoola hoops to take our horses for lots of walks and races. We have been brushing the horses, feeding them and even doing dressage!

We have also been exploring lots of natural autumnal materials outside such as pine cones, acorns, conkers, red crispy leaves and interesting bits of bark.

In the construction area the children worked together to build a castle!

We have also really enjoyed the return of the sand pit, the children have been brilliant at washing their hands before going in and then again once they have finished playing in the sand. Have a look on our blog. <https://f1wcm.wordpress.com>

F2's went on their first visit on Friday...to the Botanical Gardens. In class we have read the book 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt' so we decided to go on a real life bear hunt. We managed to find the bear but luckily he didn't try to eat us! Have a look on our blog to see the photos! We were amazing and followed the Golden Rules all the time! <https://f2wcm.wordpress.com>

In **Y1** we are really loving our PE sessions. We are moving in different ways and learning how to stop, start and control our body movements, these will be useful skills for when we start playing team games. <https://y1wcm.wordpress.com>

Y2 have had another great week of learning. We are starting a focus on the times tables we need to know and to help you practice this at home we will be sending home 10x table cards. The children will need to learn times table facts and division facts to go with them. Our Beat That tests are going amazingly for so early in the year. We will send these home on a Friday for you to see, please do not worry if the score is not very high at the moment. This is a timed test and all we want is for the children to show small improvements week by week. Keep up the good work **Y2!** <https://y2wcm.wordpress.com>

Y3 have followed up their wonderful visit to Creswell Crags with Stone Age learning in the classroom.

While we were at Cresswell we spent time looking around caves, following animal tracks, putting skeletons back together and finding caves in the rock face. We will keep you up to date on our classroom learning on our blog. <http://y3wcm.wordpress.com>

Despite having limited options for Golden Time now we are in class bubbles, we are still making the most of it. In **Y4**, we have been rotating the activities we do each week – and so far, we have had outside time, decorating and creating delicious biscuits, making friendship bracelets and enjoying playing card games with our friends. Each week, a new card game has been introduced and now we are choosing between Happy Families, Jungle Snap and Pairs on Wheels. The children get very competitive and are loving it! During our circle times today, like other classes in school, we have collected some other amazing Golden Time ideas to make it even more shiny! These range from making slime, dancing, creating junk models to reading and circle time games! Great ideas Y4! <https://y4wcm.wordpress.com>

In preparation for our **Y5** big write, we took some time today in writing to use synonyms to up-level and improve a range of shocking sentences. The children worked really well together and produced some great sentences. Have a look on our blog, we are hard at work! Well done Y5 <https://y5wcm.wordpress.com>

In **Y6** we have been learning about light and how it travels. Light travels in straight lines. We experimented with it making it travel straight up and straight down.

We tried to change the light by making paper tubes to narrow the light beam. We also found that shining the light through our water bottles made light patterns.

Food Parcels

Through lockdown we provided food parcels for families in need. Now we are back to school we can't do this to the same level. If you are struggling to feed your family there are 2 ways we can help.

- 1) On a Wednesday we have access to Fairshare and can provide a food parcel. These parcels will be random and content depends on what we have delivered to school. We will fill a referral form in with you over the phone.
 - 2) We can refer to the Food Banks and a parcel will be provided by them with 3 days worth of food.
- If you need more information please contact school.

Uniform Orders

Did you know you can order WCM uniform directly from our supplier? Just go to the website www.logoleisurewear.com scroll down until you find the WCM school logo and click on it! All our uniform will come up at the same price as we sell them in school. Simply choose what you require and pay online. You can still have it delivered to school and cut out the middle man.

Nursery Places

If you have a child at home who is not yet three years old please make sure you register them for Nursery. Once you have filled in the form just drop it back to school and the Nursery staff will contact you to arrange a home visit, usually within the term of their

3rd birthday. We offer 30 hours for families that are eligible, email office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk for more information.

Applying for a Secondary School Place

If you have not already done so, then this half term is the time to apply for a place for your child at secondary school for September 2021. You can do this online at www.sheffield.gov.uk/pupiladmissions or by filling in a paper form (you can request one of these by phoning Secondary Admissions on **0114 2735790**). For either application you will need your child's unique reference number, which is on the letter you should have received from Sheffield City Council back in July. For an online application, you will also need a current email address. Applications close at the end of October. You will be informed of your child's allocated place at the beginning of **March 2021**. If you have any questions about this or would like help with making an application then speak to one of the Y6 team.

Virtual Tours

Ecclesfield School have asked us to let families know about their virtual tour for children looking to join them in Y7 next year. Have a look and see what you think. <https://youtu.be/ZeOeBi6hXIQ>

Bradfield School virtual Y6 open evening, can be accessed via their website at www.bradfield.sheffield.sch.uk or YouTube Channel Bradfield School 1957 at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCilp8ivnVswJM4GzYQpk8LQ> from week commencing 5th October.

Applying for a Reception Place 2021

Over the last week letters have gone out to parents of children born between the 1st September 2016 and the 31st August 2017, informing them that they need to apply for a school place in Reception 20/21. Admissions are now attempting to make as many of their processes as possible paperless, parents are encouraged to make their applications on-line at: www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare.

Key dates:

Applications are invited - 7th September

Online site closes – 7th December

Closing date – 15th January 2021

Offer date – 16th April 2021

Please remember all families need to apply for a place for their child and just because a child attends our Nursery, they will not be guaranteed a place in Reception. If you have any questions or need support filling in the form please contact the office or see a member of the Nursery team. You can email office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk if you need help.

Donations to Y2

If anyone has any of the following items at home and are happy to donate them to Y2, please could they bring them to the school entrance:

Lego, dinosaur figures, action figures, Barbies, plastic minibeasts. Thank you!

Half Term - We finish for the October Half Term break on **Friday 23rd October** and return to school on **Monday 2nd November**.