



The Thursday GREEN'EM

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Halloween at WCM

This year we will be having a 'Halloween' themed day at WCM on **Friday 23rd October**, just before we break up for half term! Children (and adults) can come dressed 'spookily' and there will be 'class based cosy reads' and themed activities for all children during the day!

Reading Miles

By now many of you will be well on your way to earning a bronze reading badge. As a reminder, you need to provide evidence of completing 40 reads or more at home during the autumn term. The closing date for counting is Friday 11th December. As you read this, it means you still have eight weeks to go to aim for 40! Good luck and happy reading. Having your Learning Journal or Reading Record in school every day will allow your teachers to see how you are doing and also give yourself time in a morning to fill in your reading at home if you've been forgetting.



Parkwood Springs on ITV Calendar

We know quite a few WCM families walk and play on Parkwood Springs at the weekend, and we have visited there for the schools cross-country races, the Lantern Procession and other events. ITV is featuring Parkwood Springs in a series on parks in Yorkshire, which should be aired tonight (Thursday) in the Calendar programme at 6pm (if not, next Thursday). You might like to watch it!

Christmas Cards

It's a bit early to be thinking of Christmas we know, but we are sending home with your child a sheet for your child to design a Christmas Card, that you can then purchase to send to your family and friends. The cards are printed on good quality card, with your child's design on the front, a Christmas greeting on the inside, and a section on the back that says "Design Created by.....(your child's name)" and also our school name.

The packs of 12 cards cost £5.50 to purchase. You can also purchase gift tags, mugs, wrapping paper or a bumper pack of cards/labels/wrapping paper for £20. Every item that you order helps us to raise valuable money for our School Fund.

This year all orders are placed online. You will need to return the completed artwork form to school as usual with your child's design by Wednesday 21st

October. Make a note of the unique order code on your form and then place your order and pay online. Orders will not be produced unless payment is made via the website: <https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>

We are also holding a competition for the best design, which will then be used as our official Watercliffe Meadow Christmas Card, which Mr Read and Mrs Bradley send to friends and colleagues of our school. The winner will also receive a prize. This project was very successful last year, and many of our parents were delighted with their cards.

Self Isolating

Just a reminder that if a member of your household is self isolating they are not able to come to school to drop off or pick up children. They should remain within the family home as advised by the Government.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to the families who have booked a parents evening slot, there is still time to book one for next Tuesday or Wednesday. We know this is not ideal but in the current situation this is the best we can offer. If you are struggling please email office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk and one of the team will get back to you.

Learning Across School

This week in **F1** our focused activity has been to try to build imaginative 'small worlds' in the construction area. We have seen some beautiful and well thought out builds to include the 'wall of China', tower blocks, castles, rockets, trains, buses, a snowman, a village and bridges. Some of the children even worked together to create these intricate small worlds, helping each other to carry the longer and heavier blocks.

In **F2** as part of our theme 'all about me' we have been thinking about jobs and have had a vet's practice in our role play area. We have been busy looking after the animals there. We enjoyed dressing up last week too!

In **Y1** we have been seeing how amazing we have been doing with our Phonics over the last 6 weeks. Mrs Wayper and Mrs Bradley were very impressed when they came to do our assessments with us. Our phonics helps us learn to read and write, we can already see a difference in our writing books.

In **Y2** we have been so impressed with the standard and variety of home learning that the children have been bringing into school. Take a look at them on our Blog. The models, artwork and word searches are super! Good job on the hard work put into these! We are so impressed and would love to see even more. If you have any questions about home learning please come and see one of the Y2 Team!

This week in **Y3**, we have been preparing for next week's 'Togetherness Week' by preparing for a visit from an artist. We have been drawing flying rainbows to use with the artist next week that will create a display somewhere around school. Who will spot it when it's finished?

We have definitely jazzed up Golden Time in **Y4!** Y4GE had a choice of using giant chalks on the balcony, playing Tin Can Alley or Giant Four in a Row or (one of the most popular choices of the year so far) using cardboard boxes to harness their imagination. We had forts, robot bodies, children in boxes, rockets, cars and just general fun! Y4KB played some exciting party games and designed and made their own Hamma bead creations.

Y5 science is definitely exciting! We have made some mixtures of materials with explosive results! First, we prepared our bottle volcanoes in the classroom.

Next we mixed together our ingredients in different quantities to see which reaction was the most effective.

Then things got messy with the reactions between the ingredients!

It was great fun and we learnt so much!

This week in **Y6**, as part of our WW2 history topic, the children have been looking at different sources of evidence to see what they tell us about the past. In particular, we have looked at the Sheffield Blitz and the amount of destruction and number of casualties that were suffered in our community. We have also been honing our techniques in PE as part of our fitness circuits - there are some definite improvements and still much laughter. We are nearly at the end of our first pieces of independent writing using The Write Stuff. Children have been crafting stories that involve a challenge; adventures through forests and woods and the pursuit of unusual creatures or fantasy objects. You can hear a pin drop when they are writing.

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.

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**). 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.

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.

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/ZeOeBi6hXlQ>

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.

Yewlands School have sent us the following link for their virtual Y5/6 opening evening.

<https://youtu.be/9Rf0icTqCQQ>

Here is the link to their prospectus and we have some paper copies in school if you would like one. https://www.yewlandsacademy.org/Data/About_Downloads/YewlandsAcademyProspectusWeb.pdf.

Yewlands have also provided this email address if you have any questions you would like them to answer. LearningSupport@yewlandsacademy.org

Applying for a Reception Place 2021

Primary 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:

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.

Half Term

We finish for the October Half Term break on **Friday 23rd October** and return to school on **Monday 4th November**.