



# The Thursday GREEN'UN

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## Anti Bullying Week

This week has been anti-bullying week, not just at Watercliffe Meadow but right across the country schools have taken a stand to be 'United against bullying.' At Watercliffe we believe that it is always important to be kind and we have been spreading that message this week. Across school children have been learning about how to keep safe online. We have explored what is meant by screen time and why it is important to monitor how much screen time we have. The children have also been discussing sharing information online and what information is ok to share and what should be kept private, we discussed what could happen if we share our personal information. Sometimes we may come across things online that we do not like or make us feel uncomfortable, we know that it is important to tell an adult and share it. The internet is a great resource for our children but we must continue to talk to them about using it responsibly to stay digitally safe and happy.

## Relationships, Sex and Health Education

The new Relationships, Sex and Health Education curriculum becomes statutory in England in the summer term 2021. We want to gather some feedback from our families before the end of this term and intend to run some focus group sessions for interested parents in the spring term, whether we are able to do that face to face or will need to do it virtually. We have set up an email address for you to respond to with any questions or to let us know that you would like to be part of the focus groups in the spring term. We have sent a letter home with the Green 'Un tonight with further information. If you have any questions about the new RSHE curriculum and how we will implement it at Watercliffe Meadow, if you have suggestions for ways in which we can enhance the understanding of cultural aspects in our curriculum or you would like to be part of the 'focus groups' in the spring term then please respond to this letter through the

[RSHE@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:RSHE@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk) email address.

We value your feedback and want to utilise this as an opportunity to enhance what we already do.

## Children in Need

Thank you for your donations last week for Children in Need. Altogether we raised £533.92. Thank you for your support.



## Learning Across School

In **nursery** we have been looking at the South Pole. The children have really enjoyed playing in the igloo with the penguins. We have been reading the story 'Lost and Found'. The children enjoyed this so much they have been acting out the story with the boy and the boat in the small world.

The children also had a visit from Pip the penguin this morning all the way from the South Pole. The children held Pip and said how cold/freezing he was! They gave us some wonderful ideas about what we could do to get him warm and what he might like to eat. Great ideas guys!

In **F2** we have been learning about Diwali. We have made Diya lamps out of clay (we will send them home next week when they are dry) and we have had some yummy food for snack! Did you know that Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. **Diwali**, which for some also coincides with harvest and new year celebrations, is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness.

In **Y1** we have been doing a mixture of working at home (Y1SM) and working in class (Y1MM). We have all been learning more facts about space and what it is really like to be an astronaut. Here are 3 facts about astronauts:  
1. The word astronaut is Greek for 'Star Sailor'

2. An astronaut's suit costs \$12million dollars each.
3. Most astronauts grow up to two inches taller as a result of being in space.

We've had such an exciting week in **Y2!**  
We had some very interesting visitors who crash landed in our hall whilst they were time traveling. They took us back in time to the Titanic and we discovered new and interesting facts about being on the 'unsinkable ship'!

Please take a look at the video that our friends at Sheffield Theatres have made for us to show our amazing experience from this week. Well done Y2 on your brilliant drama skills, wonderful imaginations and positive learning attitudes!

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N6MLx-GnallZfs-k9xvqxa\\_4jLQsqUJL/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N6MLx-GnallZfs-k9xvqxa_4jLQsqUJL/view)

From Monday 9th November until Friday 14th, Watercliffe Meadow **Y3** participated in a nationwide Times Tables Rockstars Battle. We were able to play any game mode to answer as many questions as possible to earn points for the school!

We had an exciting visitor in **Y4**. Mr. Smith came in and brought with him a basket full of books he had chosen just for us. We have one basket each. Y4GE's basket contained a great range of books, including Michael Rosen's collection of poems called the Hypnotiser (some of Miss Eden's favourites).

Thank you so much Mr. Smith!

During PE in **Y5** we definitely built up a sweat as we continued working hard during our fitness sessions. We focused on a small number of circuits: skipping, star jumps, burpees, sprints and shuttle runs.

The children pushed themselves very hard and showed great physical resilience.

Our first **Y6** visit into the ICT Suite this year was eventful! Our word-processing skills and ability to move pictures and add captions to them developed hugely during the afternoon. We need a little more time to finish our reflections of the World War II day we had in school, complete with photographs, but they should look good when they are completed and will go inside our University folders.

### **Bubble Closure**

As you may know we had a positive case of Covid in Y1SM. We were informed around lunchtime on Saturday and all the families were informed within a few hours. We recognise that this is a difficult time for families and we thank you all for your cooperation. Activities are

posted each morning on the blog to support learning at home. If you have siblings in other classes this can be a particularly difficult time for you trying to get them to school as the child who has to self isolate can't come onto school premises. Although we can't come and collect children from home, we can talk through different options with you and look at ways others in our school community could support. If your child tests positive please let us know as soon as possible either by phone or emailing [office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk)

We have sent a letter out with tonight's Green Un with an update on how things are happening in school in relation to COVID.

### **Times Tables Rock Stars**

All children in school from Y2 to Y6 have their own login for Times Tables Rock Stars. This is a really good programme to allow children to practice their times tables in a fun way. Short, sharp bursts practicing times tables is proven to be the most effective. Please encourage your child to use this programme as much as possible. Logins are in your child's journal or reading record.

### **WCM Calendars**

Once again this year we will be selling our very own WCM calendars. The children have been busy designing and every year group has had an input. Order online at [Office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:Office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk) and pay by bank transfer if possible. They cost £3.00 each or 2 for £5.00.

### **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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare).

Key dates:

Online site closes – 7<sup>th</sup> December

Closing date – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Offer date – 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Training Day**

It is our first training day of the year next week on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. School will be closed to all children.