



The Thursday GREEN'UP

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Rays of Hope for a Brighter Future

The last 2 weeks have all been about 'togetherness' in school and we have been taking part in a project called 'Rays of Hope for a Brighter Future'. The weeks explore our feelings about lockdown and the positives that have come from it – our creative responses will be a positive way to always remember what we all went through. The class blogs will share what each year group has been up to. Our learning has been supported by artists and we have really enjoyed expressing our thoughts and emotions through art and different media.

Learning Across School

In **F1** we are sad that we can't be in school but as this Wednesday should have been our dressing up big finish day we would love to see you dressed up! Send in the photos and we will post them on the blog!

Don't worry though we will still have our big finish day, it will just be the first Wednesday back after half term! We are also going to have a belated Halloween party on the Wednesday so save those dressing up clothes and come in them on **Wednesday 4th November!**

In **F2** we have been making a rainbow collage out of photos of the children's faces! They have enjoyed looking for their own and their friends' photos!

In **Y1** we have had a special visitor who has been doing art work with us. We are making a banner to go on the bottom corridor. Once it is finished, we will post it on our Blog!

This week as part of Togetherness Week we have been designing and printing tiles to create a **Y2** 'flag'. We had to create a design in sketch books, then transfer it onto tracing paper, then transfer it onto a polystyrene tile! Then we needed to use special printing ink and a roller to press the design onto fabric. It was great fun!

This week in **Y3**, we have been creating designs for our Togetherness Week mosaic that we will be completing in the final week of half term.

We each created our own version of a flying rainbow and we will use them altogether to go over the entrance of school. We can't wait for them to be up!

In **Y4** we have made dreamcatchers.

Dreamcatchers are said to be a tool to help give the dreamer good dreams by catching bad thoughts and only letting positive ones shine through. We are going to keep them as an installation in school when we have made them to keep the positivity flowing. By Tuesday, the Y4s had worked in groups to use coloured wool and feathers that reflect our feelings of lockdown, in addition to stating words that we think of when we discuss the positivities of the current times. We then went on to make our very own dreamcatchers...it was a great experience.

On Wednesday in **Y5**, as part of our Togetherness Week we had a visit from Artist John. Our task for the day was to create self-portraits in the style of Andy Warhol. We loved using Sharpies and acrylic paint to create our designs, the finished designs were stunning and will be appearing on the Y5 blog soon!

In **Y6** we have worked with a visiting artist – Sarah Jane Palmer. We talked about the things that we enjoyed doing during lockdown. We drew around our hands and filled the outline with our lockdown activities, thoughts and feelings.

These are being taken away to be coloured and stuck onto a cornflower to create one larger piece of art. We also started sticking lockdown images onto the stems and leaves.

Halloween at WCM

Don't forget tomorrow is 'Halloween' themed day at WCM. Children (and adults) can come dressed 'spookily' and there will be 'class based cosy reads' and themed activities for all children during the day!

Parkwood Springs on ITV Calendar

Last Thursday ITV Calendar had a nice item about Parkwood Springs, which as you know we use for a number of events and activities. If you missed the programme, you can still see it on the ITV website at

<https://www.itv.com/news/calendar/2020-10-15/parklife-parkwood-springs-the-sheffield-green-space-dubbed-the-hyde-park-of-the-north>

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.

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/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.

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.

Busy Things

We have had the following offer through from Busy Things...

Parents can now support learning at home with the help of Busy Things for just £1!!!

We all know that children do better in school when they are supported at home - now more than ever! Busy Things can help build children's confidence and engage them with learning at home in a fun way!

To support families at this time, we are offering a month of unlimited access to 100s of fun games and activities across the curriculum FOR ONLY £1!!!

This includes personalised content for up to 5 children aged 3-11!

All families can enjoy 7 DAYS OF FREE PLAY Absolutely no obligation to buy, no payment details are taken.

www.busythings.co.uk

Training Day

It is our first training day of the year on **Wednesday 25th November**. School will be closed to all children.

Half Term

We finish for the October Half Term break tomorrow, **Friday 23rd October** and return to school on **Monday 2nd November**. Well done to those of you who spotted the wrong date in last weeks edition!