



Newsletter - Issue 9

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Dates for your Diary

13th - 17th November: Book Fair in School

13th - 17th Winter Book Week

13th - 17th Anti-Bullying Week

13th November: Y5 Mobile

Stars Planetarium

15th November: Y6 'A Child's

War' Engage Day

17th November: Children in Need Day – The Big Spotacular

17th November: Y4 Takeover

Day at Clifton Park Museum

23rd November: Film Night

3:30pm – 5:30pm

28th November: Parent Online

Safety Session 3.30pm-4.45pm

5th December: Basketball Comp

at Oakwood High School 12pm

– 3pm

6th December: Christmas Fayre

2pm – 4pm

7th December: POWER Cadets –

Upper School Assembly

8th December: POWER Cadets –

Lower School Assembly

8th December (Provisional

Date): Y6 Wonder Cinema Visit



Anti-Bullying Week 13th – 17th November

This week is national Anti-Bullying week which we will be celebrating in school. All classes will be learning about how we are all different and unique and how their behaviour impacts on other people's feelings.

This year's theme is 'All Different, All Equal'. Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks all week to reinforce this message.

You can find out about what the children get up to by following our school's twitter page.



Let's Celebrate

Attendance

Good attendance at school is vital to enable children to make as much progress as possible during the school year. We urge you not to take holidays during term time unless it is absolutely unavoidable. We look to achieve at least 97% attendance across school each week and always recognise the good attendance of individual children throughout the year. Each week we also look at class attendances and our best attending classes take the certificate for the week, go in first for dinner on Friday and earn a smile each. During our eighth week back we hit 95.9% across school –below target. Well done to the 4 classes who had attendance above target.

4GO: 98.3%	4GT: 98.3%
6EL: 98.3%	5ND: 97.3%
6JB: 96.7%	6NE: 96.6%
3SW: 96.6%	5RE: 96.4%
3RE: 93.5%	4JF: 92.9%
5HS: 92.7%	3NO: 92.6%



Children in Need – 17th November

On Friday 17th November, we will be fundraising for Children in Need. We will be holding a non-uniform day for a donation of £1. In order to link with this year's theme, it would be great if children could come to school in something spotty!

Miss French will also be running a competition to design a new hero themed outfit for Pudsey bear. Please hand your completed entries into Miss French on Friday 17th November where a winner will be chosen from each class.

Please note that due to Y4 participating in Takeover Day at Clifton Park Museum on this date, Y4 children will need to be in full school uniform.

Y3 News

This week in English, the children will be continuing their reading activities linked to our class reading book, 'Meet me by the Steelmen' and will be producing a piece of writing linked to their learning.

In Maths, they will be continuing their learning around multiplication and division. Thank you for completing the questionnaires that your children brought home last week. These will be used in our statistics learning when the children will interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables. If you have not yet sent yours into school, please do so as soon as possible.

During Topic Learning, the children will be looking at a variety of different examples of street art and the local artists that have produced these works. This includes 'Phlegm' and 'Faunagraphic', who produced one of the 'Herd of Elephants' that could be seen around Sheffield during the summer last year. They will take part in a debate, during our philosophy for children session, around whether this should be called art or graffiti.

In addition, each Year 3 class will be creating some work around a winter themed picture book to display around school. Class 3SW will be reading 'Snowballs' by Lois Ehlert, 3RE will be reading 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson and 3NO will be reading 'A Dot in the Snow' by Corrinne Averiss.

Y4 News

This week, Y4 are going to be exceptionally busy! We will be preparing for our Takeover Day at Clifton Park Museum on Friday 17th learning about our winter book and celebrating both Anti-Bullying week and Children in Need!

For our winter book, each class will be reading a different picture book as a stimulus for our writing and art work.

In 4JF, the children will be reading, 'The Tale of Jack Frost' by David Melling; this is a story about a little boy found asleep in the snow and whether or not he will be strong enough to battle against the Goblins. From this, the children will write a descriptive piece of writing including taught techniques such as alliteration, similes and metaphors. For art, the children will be using watercolour techniques, glue, glitter and cutting and sticking techniques to create snowflake windows.

In 4GT, the children will be reading, 'The Gruffalo's Child' by Julia Donaldson; this is a story of the Gruffalo's child who, despite her father's warnings, sets off into the deep, dark wood to find the big, bad mouse. The children will write a descriptive piece of writing focusing on taught techniques including fronted adverbials. In art, the children will be producing a watercolour picture and a collage.

In 4GO, the children will be reading 'Twas the Night before Christmas' by Clement Moore. From this, the children will be writing a rhyming poem taking inspiration from the text. In art, the children will be using their watercolour skills to produce a creative painting and a collage of the characters in the book.

Children love learning through pictures books and we cannot wait to see the fantastic work they produce.



Year 5 News

The children have had a fantastic first week back and have made a brilliant start to their new Stargazers topic.

In English, we will continue to read, The Jupiter Chronicles, the Secret of the Great Red Spot. We will discuss the story and the characters in detail, forming and expressing opinions about the book and thinking about the science fiction genre.

In Maths, we will continue to count backwards through zero and work with both positive and negative numbers before beginning to solve a variety of negative number problems and reasoning questions.

In Topic work this week the children will describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. They will read a book based around the season of Winter and produce art work and writing based on the story, which will be used for our Winter displays around school.

Y3 News

The Year 3 children had a very exciting day out in Rotherham last week. Even though the weather was wet, we managed to explore many of the historic buildings in Rotherham town centre, including the Minster, Chapel on the Bridge, Imperial Buildings, Hastings clock, Masjid Ahl-E-Hadith Mosque and the Town Hall. The children were exceptionally well behaved all day and applied their Sitwell 7 by being responsible and respectful throughout our visit.



Remembrance

Thank you to the children who attend our knitting club and the family and friends that helped out too as they have raised over £55 by selling their knitted poppies in school. All were very well made and extremely popular with children and adults alike. 50% of the money raised will go to the British Legion, whilst the other half will go back into the knitting club to help towards the cost of materials for the rest of the year.

Sitwell Seven

The 'Value of the Week' is Relationships.

Children will learn the importance of teamwork and how to collaborate effectively, when working towards a common goal. In school, children will focus on their listening skills, how to negotiate and compromise and the importance of trust. Your child may be asked to work in pairs, small groups, or larger groups on a variety of different tasks.

At home, you can discuss the importance of teamwork and encourage them not to exclude others. Playing board games is an excellent way to inspire teamwork. Whether your child is teamed up with friends, siblings, parents or grandparents, it can be a fun time for young and old to play together. Make sure no one gets too competitive though! Other activities to promote teamwork at home include washing the dishes together, helping out in the garden, preparing food as a family and helping out with the housework.



Y6 News

In Maths, Year 6 will begin a unit of work focussing on formal written methods of column addition and subtraction. Already, Year 6 have practiced their skills of fluency in this area and have shown some good knowledge and understanding. The focus will be on developing their reasoning and problem solving skills in this area. There are going to be some pretty tricky questions for them to contemplate so they will have to show lots of resilience and take some risks!

In English, Year 6 will be completing work based on a winter book. Each class will focus on a different picture book.

6EL – Owl Moon

6JB – The Snowman

6NE – The Winter Fox

Over the course of the week, each class will complete English and art activities linked to these books.

On Wednesday (15/11/17), Year 6 will also kick start their 'A Child's War' topic by having their World War 2 school day. Remember, we would really appreciate it if children could come dressed as children during WW2 so they can fully get into role as a child at school during this time. They will experience the range of subjects and activities children during the war would have, including a PE drill!

