



Newsletter - Issue 6

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Dates for your Diary

16th October: 3RE at Broom Methodist Church
17th October: Y5/Y6 Open Afternoon 1.30pm - 4.30pm
17th October: Y3 – Y6 Hockey Competition at Oakwood 12pm – 3pm
17th October: Y5 – Y6 Girls Football Finals at Wath 4pm – 6pm
18th October: Y3-Y6 Open Evening 4pm -7pm
19th October: Y3/Y4 Open Afternoon 1.30pm - 4.30pm
19th October: Y3/4 & Y5/6 Cross Country Finals at Herringthorpe Stadium 10am – 12pm
20th October: Year 6 CSI Day in School
24th October: Y3 Sitwell Sculpture Park (Mighty Metals)
24th October: Y5-Y6 Boys Football Finals at Wath 4pm – 6pm
25th October: Y5 Beast Creator Museum
25th October: Y3/Y4 Bonfire Safety Assembly
25th October: Halloween Disco 6pm-7:30pm
26th October: Y5/Y6 Bonfire Safety Assembly
27th October: INSET Day

Open Afternoon/Evening

We're looking forward to welcoming you into school this week to meet with class teachers. **The Tuesday and Thursday appointments will be held in the hall and the Wednesday evening appointments in your child's classroom.**

Please may I ask that you try to arrive in time for your appointment and advise you that appointments are for 10 minutes. In order for us to keep things moving smoothly for other parents waiting, particularly parents with multiple appointments, would you please make an additional appointment at a time agreed with the class teacher, if you wish to have a further discussion. The focus of this meeting will be to discuss your child's attitude to learning and how they have settled into their new school year.

Please would you also complete and return a parent questionnaire when you attend. Thank you.

Anti-Bullying Week 2017

Would you like the chance to participate in a showcase event at New York Stadium? This year, the theme for anti-bullying week is: All Different, All Equal.

We have decided to run a competition in conjunction with Rotherham's anti-bullying team to find a winning entry to showcase at the event.

If you would like the chance to enter, please create your very own rap or poem on this theme.

Think about:

- Promoting difference
- Promoting equality
- What makes you unique?
- Everybody should feel safe in school without the fear of being bullied

We know that we have talented and creative writers in school and we cannot wait to read your rap or poem.

Please give your entry to Miss French by Friday 20th October.

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 fifth week back we hit 98% across school – above target. Well done to the 10 classes who had attendance above target.

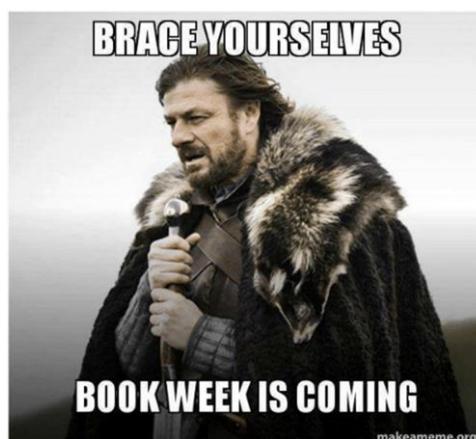
6JB: 99.3%
6NE: 99.3%
5HS: 99%
3SW: 98.8%
4GO: 98.7%
5ND: 98.6%
3RE: 98.5%
5RE: 97.9%
4GT: 97.6%
3NO: 97.4%
4JF: 96.1%
6EL: 95.3%

Star Learners of the Week

Well done to the following children selected as star learners in their classes: Noah Bagnall, Katie Fletcher, Emily Fossey, Safa Hussain, Khalisa Majid, Oliver Baines, Zara Amani, Daryl Mbera, Sana Ilyas and Jacob Broadhead.

Reading Competition and Book Festival Week

From Monday 13th November, the school will be holding a book festival, celebrating the wonderful world of books. To celebrate the book fair being in school, we will be running a competition where five winners will receive a £5 voucher, which can then be spent at the book fair. We would like the children to be 'caught reading'. Once you have caught your child reading – the more original, the better – take your photograph to 6NE for a chance to win. Deadline for photographs will be the 8th November. We look forward to seeing the wonderful places where your child has read.



Y3 News

In English, the children will be continuing with their diary writing and will be taught how to plan by discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar and draft and write by composing and rehearsing sentences orally, progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures and organising paragraphs around a theme.

In Maths, the children will be applying all of the place value knowledge they have become fluent in over the past few weeks to solving word problems, puzzles and challenges. Some children will be reasoning about their methods and answers too.

During Topic Learning, the children will be continuing their preparations for the Sitwell Sculpture Park. They will complete their sculptures and evaluate them before putting them on display. Also, they will prepare labels for their artwork to be displayed in the Sculpture Park. **The children have created some fantastic sketches and sculptures already, and we hope you can join us to recognise their achievements at the grand opening of the Sitwell Sculpture Park on Tuesday 24th October at 2.00pm. Refreshments will be available for a small donation to school funds.**

Y4 News

In Maths, we will be continuing to consolidate our learning on rounding to the nearest 100 and 1000. Later in the week, we will be working on the objective 'counting back through zero to include negative numbers'. We will be completing practical activities to aid our understanding including making number lines and looking at negative numbers in real life situations.

In our English lessons, we will continue to write, edit and improve our Newspaper Reports. After the children have completed their final piece of writing, we will visit the ICT suite and type them up. This will test our ICT skills as we will be incorporating pictures and text boxes to make our Newspaper Reports look very professional!

In Topic lessons, we will be creating pictures in the style of a volcano and finding out about their history and how they are formed. We will then move on to generating vocabulary to surround our pictures, focusing on onomatopoeia. Finally, we will begin to look at mosaics, exploring their patterns, shapes and history before creating our own.

Please note that our Roman Express Day will now take place on November 10th instead of October 24th.

My Maths

MyMaths is now back up and running and your child can now log back in to their account. If your child has forgotten their log-in details, please see your child's class teacher. Year 3 pupils will come home with their log-in details shortly. Class Teachers will set a series of activities to be completed over the term, linking to their learning in class, which will help to support and consolidate their learning. The website address and school log-in are detailed below. Your child then has a separate log-in for their personal account. Website: www.mymaths.co.uk

School Account Log-In
Username: sitwell
Password: square84

Y5 News

This week in Y5 the children will be very busy preparing for their Beast Creator Exhibition. They can't wait to show you all their hard work!

In English this week, the children will continue to read and discuss Charlotte's Web, drawing inferences about characters and events, finding evidence in the text and summarising key events. They will also continue to write their non-chronological reports, conducting their own research about a creature of their choice.

In Maths, the children will continue to work on place value, counting backwards and forwards in powers of 10 as well as reading, writing and comparing numbers up to 1,000,000. They will solve problems based on this, explaining their reasoning.

In their Topic work this week, the children will be using their DT skills to design and make their very own minibeast hotel.

The Y5 Beast Creator Exhibition

You are invited to attend the Y5 Exhibition on Wednesday, 25th October, at 9:30am-11am.



The children have been very busy designing and making their very own minibeast hotels and are looking forward to sharing their work with you.

The Y5 Beast Creator work will be on display in the hall.

Sitwell Seven

The 'Value of the Week' is Reflection.

Children will learn the importance of organising their work; prioritising what needs to be done, knowing what they have done well and what they need to do to improve. In school, we will encourage children to comment critically on their learning and evaluate their strengths. We will also encourage them to anticipate problems and ask enquiry questions. Reflection is a valuable skill for children to develop and can help a child find new ways to approach problems.

To develop this value further at home, you can ask open-ended questions about your child's experiences, encouraging them to think for themselves and discussing their ideas with you. Encourage your child to record their experiences as they happen, as it is sometimes difficult to remember events and activities. This is a great way to help them reflect and when the fun is over, you can sit down together and talk about the deeper meanings involved. Finally, encourage your child to make connections by making comments or asking questions that steer them in a certain direction. Encouraging them to think about thinking is called metacognition and helps your child to understand when and how to use certain thinking strategies, which will help them to handle life problems.

It is always lovely to hear about children who are developing the Sitwell Seven skills outside of school. Below is a photo of Jem Tompkin holding the two respect cards that he has been awarded for fair play and respect whilst playing for his football team. These are nominated by the opposition team. Well done Jem!



Y6 News

Year 6 have a very exciting week ahead as they have their CSI experience. On Friday, all children will take part in a full day Forensic Science workshop. All pupils will bring home hands-prints, footwear marks, hair & fibre samples. Additionally, all pupils will have the opportunity to make a keyring showing their own "unique" fingerprint on it, which will act as a memento of the day's activities. Further, all pupils will be allowed to keep their White SOCO suits. As part of the day, children will be introduced to Forensic Science and the methods, applications and processes used, during a Crime Scene Investigation. This includes:

- Latent Fingerprinting session
- Footwear analysis using Forensic Footwear lifts
- Fibre & Hair retrieval including analysing the fibres under a pocket torch microscope
- UV Detection

Also, during the week, children will take part in a range of other CSI activities.

In maths, Year 6 will continue a unit of work focussing on rounding numbers. They will consolidate their understanding of the rules associated with this and practice their fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills. They will also complete their arithmetic test and basic skills check.

In English, Year 6 will continue writing a short narrative as if they have woken up as Auggie, the main character, concentrating on ensuring they use correct grammar, punctuation, spelling and vocabulary. They will develop their understanding of the 'show me, not tell me' approach as a way of describing character's feelings by describing facial expressions and body language, rather than simply naming an emotion.