



Newsletter - Issue 7

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Dates for your Diary

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
7th November: Y4 Trip to Rotherham Minster/Town Centre
10th November: Y4 Express Event – Roman Day in School
13th - 17th November: Book Fair in School
13th November: Y5 Mobile Stars Planetarium
15th November: Y6 'A Child's War' Engage Day
17th November: Y4 Takeover Day at Clifton Park Museum
23rd November: Film Night 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Y3 Sitwell Sculpture Park

Finally, the week of the opening of the Sitwell Sculpture Park has arrived. The Year 3 children have been very busy producing some fantastic pieces of art, and they cannot wait to show you around the sculpture park from 2.00pm onwards on Tuesday 24th October.

Y5 Beast Creator Museum

The Y5 children are very excited this week – they're really looking forward to our Beast Creator Exhibition on Wednesday morning and are looking forward to sharing their learning with you!

Rotherham Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who brought in items for the Rotherham Food Bank. The foodbank relies on your goodwill and support and your gifts will make a real difference. Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to their ability to give everyone referred to them a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food, so thank you to all who donated. It really is appreciated.



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 Sixth week back we hit 97.2% across school –above target. Well done to the 7 classes who had attendance above target.

3NO: 100%
6JB: 99.7%
6EL: 99.7%
4GT: 99%
5RE: 98.6%
5HS: 98.3%
6NE: 97.9%
3RE: 96.7%
4GO: 96.7%
5ND: 96.1%
4JF: 93.9%
3SW: 88.5%

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 completing their work based on the Iron Man by finishing their diary entries from Hogarth's point of view.

In Maths this week, the children will be revisiting all of their learning from this half term. This will consolidate their learning around place value and number.

During Topic Learning, the children will be reflecting on their learning and writing a newspaper report about the opening of the Sitwell Sculpture Park. We are hoping to publish some of these on the school website.

We cannot believe that the first half term is nearly over. We have thoroughly enjoyed this half term with our new classes and are sure that the children have enjoyed their first half term at Sitwell too. This shows through the effort and enthusiasm they have shown for learning and the outstanding work they have produced. We are all looking forward to the next half term - and dare we say the run up to Christmas! Thank you for all of your support so far.

Y4 News

In Maths, 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 visit the ICT suite to type up our newspaper reports about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. This will test our ICT skills as we will be incorporating pictures and text boxes to make our reports look more professional! We have thoroughly enjoyed writing our newspaper reports and they are fantastic to read.

In Topic lessons, we will be focusing on mosaics, exploring their patterns, shapes and history before creating our own. Also, we will be creating posters, invitations and fact cards ready for our Takeover Day at Clifton Park Museum.

Please note that our Roman Express Day will now take place on November 10th instead of October 24th. On the day, the children will be invited to dress up in Roman attire. This could be in the form of a simple toga, tunic or a full Roman soldier costume. If your child wishes to dress up, please send their costume to school, in a bag, ready to change into for the afternoon.

End of Term Tuck Shop Treat

As an end of term treat, we will be selling ice creams, for £1, from the tuck shop at morning play.

Also, to help us raise money for Macmillan Cancer, some children will be selling buns/cakes at 30p each on Thursday.



Y5 News

In English we will continue to read and discuss Charlotte's Web. The children will complete their non-chronological reports including lots of exciting information about their creature.

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.

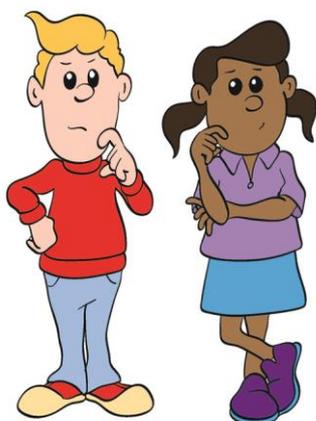
The Y5 Beast Creator work will be on display in the hall.

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.



Y6 News

What a wonderful day Year 6 had on Friday on their CSI day! During the morning session, they learned all about latent fingerprinting, footwear analysis, fibre & hair retrieval and UV detection. In the afternoon, they were able to put these skills into practice by investigating a crime scene, kitted out in CSI uniform. They were also able to create their own and unique key ring, including their fingerprint. The children showed superb RELATIONSHIPS by working in mixed friendship groups. REFLECTION was also a key skill as they had to look back over and review the evidence they had gathered to identify the murderer. Finally, they showed RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY towards the specialist equipment they were able to use during the day.

In maths, Year 6 will begin a unit of work focussing on negative numbers. They will learn about negative numbers in context and look at finding the difference between negative numbers, calculating intervals across zero. They will also complete their weekly arithmetic test and basic skills check.

In English, Year 6 have made a really good start on developing their confidence in writing using the 'show me, not tell' me approach'. When doing this, they showed superb resourcefulness by using the 'Descriptosaurus' resource. They will now be able to apply this to their longer piece of writing: a descriptive account, describing Auggie's first day at school.