



# Newsletter - Issue 5

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## Dates for your Diary

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

## Open Afternoon/Evening

We're looking forward to welcoming you into school next week to meet with class teachers. Once again, all appointments will be held in the hall.

Please can I ask that you try to arrive in time for your appointment and advise you that the appointments are for 10 minutes. In order for us to keep things moving smoothly for other parents waiting, particularly parents with multiple appointments, please can you 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 could 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 fourth week back we hit 97.7% across school –above target. Well done to the 8 classes who had attendance above target.

**5RE: 99.4%**

**3NO: 99.2%**

**3RE: 99.1%**

**5ND: 99.1%**

**6NE: 98.8%**

**4GT: 98.2%**

**3SW: 97.8%**

**5HS: 97.7%**

4GO: 96.9%

6JB: 96.8%

6EL: 96.1%

4JF: 93.4%

#### Star Learners of the Week

Well done to the following children selected as star learners in their classes: Isobelle Wortley, Sena Bekir, Daniyal Chaudhry, Jacob Egan, Fatima Imran, Frankie Orridge, Keira Maxfield, Hashir Rehman, Ilymah Aslam & Aliza Tariq.

### Sports News Cross Country at Oakwood

Well done to all of our 46 pupils who attended the cross country event at Oakwood on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. The event consisted of four different races; Y3/4 Girl Race, Y3/4 Boy Race, Y5/6 Girl Race and Y5/6 Boy Race with over 50 school pupils taking part in each. Each pupil gave it their very best effort in their particular race and all did themselves and the school proud. The top 10 finishers in each race qualify for the Cross Country Finals at Herringthorpe Stadium on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. The following pupils finished in the top 10 in their race:

#### Y3/4 Boys

Eisa Nabi

James Hetherington

Niklas Teufel

Seth Ellis

Ahsan Saeed

Musa Hussain

Taylor Grant-Lewis

#### Y3/4 Girls

Eshal Junaid

Isobel Shea

Charlotte Kendall

Freya Wilson

Misa Fleming

Elizabeth Mcgarty

#### Y5/6 Girls

Harper Tompkin

Freya Mounsher

Natasha Jackson

Olivia Abraham

Ruby Weaver

#### Y5/6 Boys

George Mervill

Leon Wasilewski

Zach Dear

Isameel Hussain

Haider Elsebai

### Y3 News

During this week, the Year 3 children will be continuing their learning around the Iron Man in English. They will finish reading the story and write their simile list poems. Following this, they will begin their learning about writing diary entries.

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

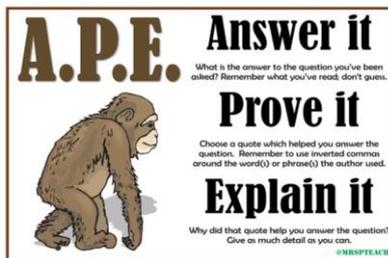
During Topic learning, the children will be continuing their preparations for the Sitwell Sculpture Park. They will create their sculptures and learn how to join different materials together effectively. Also, they will prepare labels for their artwork to be displayed in the Sculpture Park.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm.**

## Y4 News

In Maths, we will be continuing to work on the objective 'Round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000'. This week, we will be consolidating our learning by working on reasoning and problem solving questions. This will involve us using our new learning in a range of different contexts.

In our English lessons, we will continue to write our newspaper reports. After we have written them, we will edit them by setting up editing stations. The children will visit different stations around the classroom to perfect and polish their writing by ensuring they have included the taught elements. Also, in our reading sessions, we will be working on using the A.P.E response in our written answers. A.P.E stands for answer it, prove it and explain it.



In Topic lessons, we will continue to sketch Italian landscapes and use watercolour on our final piece of work. These will look beautiful on our classroom displays! We will also be using the natural resources that we collected last week to create our Roman roads – check out our website for pictures. Further, we will take part in a P4C session about our class read 'Escape from Pompeii'.

## 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 in class. 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](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)

School Account Log-In  
Username: sitwell  
Password: square84

## Y5 News

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 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.

The children will continue their work on Beast Creator, thinking about different minibeasts and where in the world they might live. They will consider how many worms might live on our school field and how best to find out, as well as creating lively artwork based on a minibeast of their choice.

## The Y5 Beast Creator Exhibition

You are invited to attend the Y5 Exhibition on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Responsibility.

At school, children will learn that we all have rights and responsibilities wherever we are and whatever we are doing. In school, children will think about what responsibilities they have at school, at home and as a citizen of our world. We will also explore how our responsibilities change as we get older and why this is.

At home, you can give your child new responsibilities, for example being in charge of doing tasks around the house or looking after a pet or helping with a younger sibling. Talk to your child about how they are responsible for the choices they make with regards to how they treat others and think about the consequences of not taking their responsibilities seriously.

**Any photographs, outside of school, which show your child developing one of the Sitwell Seven Values would be greatly appreciated and may feature in the next weekly newsletter.**



## Y6 News

In Maths, Year 6 will begin a unit of work focussing on rounding numbers. They will learn 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 begin 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.

In Topic, Year 6 will continue their customisation project. They will apply different techniques for customisation, including applique, and will ensure their design represents their identity. Each child will complete a square that represents them and then we will be joining them all together to create a class patchwork blanket, representing the similarities and differences we all have as individuals.

Next week, Year 6 will also complete a set of practice SATs tests to establish their baseline starting point and identify gaps in their knowledge and understanding so that Year 6 teachers can tailor the curriculum to the children's individual needs.

Just a reminder that Year 6 will visit Crucial Crew on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. The children will need to be in school uniform and we will leave and return during the school day. A packed lunch is needed and a warm coat is recommended as the centre can get quite cold.