



# Newsletter - Issue 11

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## Dates for your Diary

28<sup>th</sup> November: Parent Online Safety Session 3.30pm-4.45pm  
1<sup>st</sup> December: Y6 Wonder Cinema Visit  
4<sup>th</sup> December: Be Bright, Be Seen Road Safety Assembly  
5<sup>th</sup> December: Basketball Competition at Oakwood High School 12pm – 3pm  
6<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Fayre 2pm – 4pm  
7<sup>th</sup> December: POWER Cadets – Upper School Assembly  
8<sup>th</sup> December: POWER Cadets – Lower School Assembly  
12<sup>th</sup> December: Netball Competition at Oakwood 12 – 3pm  
14<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsals  
15<sup>th</sup> December: Y4 Swimming Begins  
15<sup>th</sup> December: 10am Y5/6 Christmas Concert  
15<sup>th</sup> December: 2pm Y3/4 Christmas Concert  
18<sup>th</sup> December: 10am Y3/4 Christmas Concert  
18<sup>th</sup> December: 2pm Y5/6 Christmas Concert  
19<sup>th</sup> December: Y3 Christmas Party  
20<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dinner Day  
20<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day  
20<sup>th</sup> December: Y4 Christmas Party  
21<sup>st</sup> December: Y5/Y6 Christmas Disco

## Takeover Day 2017

### **Clifton Park Museum**

Well, what an amazing experience! On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, the Y4 children took over Clifton Park Museum with their Roman work and it was certainly a day to remember. On the day, we had over 100 visitors and the children were fantastic at being tour guides. Members of the public commented on how confident, enthusiastic and knowledgeable the children were. All children excelled and shone like the Sitwell superstars that they are! The Roman work looked excellent on display and the quality of the work was commented upon numerous times.

The year 4 team are incredibly proud of the children and the work they have produced. It was an excellent opportunity and one the children will remember for a long time! Thank you for your support and attendance on the day.

Here are some quotes from the questionnaires and the visitor book:

“Amazing, informative, interesting”

“The children were enthusiastic and showed pride in their work”

“The young people made the museum come to life”

“A credit to your school, to Rotherham and to yourself”

“Very polite children”

“Amazed at how much the children have learnt”

“Really lovely to see the children engage with the public”

“Heart-warming and inspiring!”



### 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 tenth week back we hit 97.9% across school –above target. Well done to the 10 classes who had attendance above target.

<b>3RE: 100%</b>	<b>6NE: 99.7%</b>
<b>6JB:99.3%</b>	<b>4GT: 99.3%</b>
<b>5HS: 99.3%</b>	<b>6EL: 98.3%</b>
<b>5ND: 97.9%</b>	<b>3SW: 97.7%</b>
<b>3NO: 97.4%</b>	<b>4GO: 97%</b>
5RE: 96.8%	4JF: 92.5%

#### Star Learners of the Week

Well done to the following children selected as star learners in their classes: Huraira Ansab, Azka Ali, Saifullah Hussain, Amelia Headlead and Louis Pilkington.

### Sport News

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, seventeen of our Y5/6 pupils went along to the Aurora Sports Club to participate in the Rotherham Hockey Finals Competition. The competition was split to form the girls' final fixtures and the boys' final fixtures. This was the first hockey finals for 4 years that Sitwell had competed in and both teams performed brilliantly showing the hockey skills they had developed in PE before half term. 28 teams competed in the finals which meant the schedule of fixtures was very busy on only 3 pitches, but our teams certainly showed their Sitwell 7 Values all day and waited very patiently for when it was time for their fixture. Both teams were a huge credit to the school and we are very proud of them.

Both teams performed very similar as they finished in 3rd place in their groups (out of 7). Well done to the following pupils:

Girls Team: Jamie Sawyer, Gracie Banks, Freya Mounsher, Safia Razaq, Aminah Ali, Imogen Brooksbank, Amira Parvez, Harsimran Kang  
Boys Team: Alexander Teufel, Noah Bagnall, Ntando Nyoni, Jacob Coult, William Harris, Zaki Anjam, Sameer Ud-Deen, Hanan Afsar, Raihan Khan



### Y3 News

During this week in English, the children will begin writing their fantasy stories based on 'Meet Me by the Steelmen'. They will start off by reading a short story and identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning. They will learn that all good stories have a beginning, middle and end and how writers link these effectively. After this, they will focus on the use of language, including fronted adverbials, verbs, and adjectives, to create atmosphere and mood in stories.

In Maths, they will be starting their learning around multiplication and division. This will begin with revising the 2, 5, and 10 times tables (both multiplication and division), moving on to the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. It is vital the children are fluent in these times tables, so please encourage your child to use the Times Tables Rock Stars website that you received a letter about recently along with log in details.

During Topic learning, the children will be editing photos in the Computer Suite and will use the Comic Life programme to produce an information leaflet about Rotherham. In addition, the children will be completing their work around a winter book, which will be displayed on boards around school ready for the Winter Fair and Christmas Concerts. The children have really enjoyed their Spanish lessons so far this half term and have learnt how to greet each other in Spanish. These will continue through this half term.

### Y4 News

In Maths, we will be completing our work on the objective 'counting back through zero to include negative numbers' and consolidating our knowledge with a practical problem solving investigation. Later in the week, we will move on to objective 'read Roman numerals to 100 (I to C) and know that over time, the numeral system changed to include the concept of zero and place value'. We will bring in our topic learning and look at the history behind the number system.

In our English lessons, we will be continuing to focus on diary writing. At the beginning of the week, we will analyse diaries and look at the structure before focusing on the language and informal tone.

In our Reading lessons, we will focus more on the characters in 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' specifically looking at Lila and Chulak. The children are enjoying this text and the tension that is being created.

In Topic lessons, we will continue our research on how to build a volcano followed by creating our very own volcanoes! At the end of the week, we will begin to write our own instruction texts.

We will also be creating our winter fayre projects! Follow our twitter page and Y4 page on the school website for pictures!

### Year 5 News

This week in English, we will continue to read The Jupiter Chronicles, the Secret of the Great Red Spot. We will continue to look at the genre of playscripts, linking to our work on the Christmas production. The children will continue to write their own playscript, based on a chapter of The Jupiter Chronicles.

In Maths, the children will add and subtract numbers with more than 4 digits, mentally and use a formal written method. They will begin to solve reasoning problems, explaining and justifying their methods throughout.

In Topic work this week the children will continue to produce artwork based on the different planets, including sewing.



### Children in Need 2017

Thank you for your donations for Children in Need. Altogether, we managed to raise £280.47 by having a Spotacular day - the children looked excellent in their spotty clothes!

There were so many fantastic entries for the 'design a Pudsey bear competition' but Miss French along with a few members of the school council managed to pick their winners. Well done to Saif, Inayah and Yusuf from Y3, Orla, Charlotte, Kaveesha and Sophie from Y4, Libby, Isabelle and Gracie from Y5 and Raviha and Maryam from Y6. Thank you everyone for all your effort!



## Christmas in School

### Wanted

Do you have any material such as old sheets or duvets at home that you no longer want? Year 5 and Year 6 would love to use them to help make costumes. Material in blue, white, brown, red and green would be ideal. If you have any at home, please send them to Mrs Doughty as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Christmas Fayre & Parent Volunteers

We are looking for parents to help run some stalls at our Christmas Fayre on 6<sup>th</sup> December. If you feel you could volunteer, we would really appreciate your help. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Mrs Hoyland.

Also, if you are interested in running your own stall, please speak to Mrs Hoyland on reception.

Finally, we're looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Christmas concerts. Tickets are now on sale. Don't forget Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper Day is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

### Club News

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS WEEK COMMENCING 18TH DECEMBER.**

### 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 multiplication and division. Already, the Year 6 children 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, each class in year 6 will be completing different English activities. In 6EL, children will be completing their descriptive accounts based on 'Wonder'. Miss Longstaff was very impressed with their winter forest descriptive accounts, based on the winter book 'Owl Moon'; hopefully, the children will be able to transfer these skills to this piece of writing. In 6NE, Children will also be completing their 'Wonder' descriptive accounts. Mrs Elliott was very impressed with the description children have used when writing a comparison of winter and summer, based on the book 'The Winter Fox'. In Mr Berkshire's class, they will begin a non-chronological report unit of work based on the war.

In Topic, children will consider the items they would want to take with them if they were an evacuee. They will then consider how these items would be very different if children had to be evacuated nowadays. Using the subjunctive form, they will write sentences to express this. They will also look at propaganda posters and infer the meaning and purpose of them.

We are all really looking forward to our cinema visit to see 'Wonder' on Friday. As a result of the trip, children will be able to develop the National Curriculum objective 'making comparisons within and across books', making comparisons and looking for similarities and differences, between the book and film version. Please see the separate letter for the specific details of the trip.