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Weekly Newsletter: 17th June 2024

Quality of education

- We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded Sheffield City Council's Early Years **Commitment to Quality** Award. This came after a rigorous inspection which recognised the work we are doing on ***“Developing and embedding an inclusive, language-rich environment that supports all children to reach their full potential.”***
- Meanwhile, we have been nominated for an award at the forthcoming ‘**Sheffield Schools Get Active Awards**’ for our commitment to school sports and PE. Even if we don't win, we will be ‘highly commended’ in at least one category... We'll share more information when we have it.



BradFest singing

Our school choir have been invited to take part at BradFest (Bradfield Secondary School's Festival of Music) on the 13th July. We will be learning a set of songs and singing alongside children from across the Trust as a Peak Edge Choir... This is an exciting opportunity to be part of the local version of Glastonbury. If your child would like to take part, they will need to attend choir practice on Friday lunchtimes. See Mrs Harrison for more information.

Drowning Prevention Week

Drowning Prevention Week will run from the 15th – 22nd June. In 2022, the UK saw a 46% increase in the number of child drownings, compared to the 5 year average. With the summer fast approaching, we would like children and young people to enjoy water safely and responsibly – NO child should drown. The children are taught about water safety as part of their swimming lessons but they always need reminders... If you plan on visiting any beaches (at home or abroad), please talk to your child about water safety first. This ‘spot the dangers’ activity [sheet](#) may help!

Community meeting

We have been informed by Wharcliffe Side Development Association that they have had to cancel their planned meeting on June 22nd for reasons out of their control. Their next meeting will therefore be on the **20th July at 10am** – everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, find them on Facebook or email on wharcliffesideda@gmail.com.

Considerate parking and driving

We appreciate that the building work (and subsequent temporary reduction in the size of the staff car park) is making parking around school a little more difficult than usual. However, please could we remind parents / carers to always be considerate of others when driving and parking around school (including blocking off neighbour's drives). You may have noticed that we have had recent visits from the council's parking inspection team – I expect this will continue throughout the build; but more importantly – **you could endanger a child's life**.

Toys on the yard

Finally, we have noticed that children are playing with toys etc. before / after school and not putting them away correctly. If you allow your child to use this equipment, please make sure they put it away properly afterwards. Otherwise, we will have no choice but to ban children from using it outside of designated times. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** *Oliver* (Willow); *William* (Sycamore); *Charlotte, Mickey, Ella, Betsy* (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** *Roscoe* (Ash); *Fearne, Molly, Iris* (Willow); *Willow H, Max, Evie F, Theo* (Rowan); *Jacob S, Charlie* (Sycamore); *Edie* (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** *Jude, Sonia, Lacey* (Ash)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** *Theo* and *Isaac*
- ★ **Healthy Eating Champion:** *Thomas P*
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was **95.8%** overall last week. The winning classes were *Willow* (KS1) with **98.3%** and *Rowan* (KS2) with **96.7%**.
- ★ **House Point winners:** *Oceania* won the house point trophy for the second week in a row!
- ★ *Oliver R* and *Ben C* have been invited to a special ceremony to collect their gold awards from the **Children's University** (for amassing over 100 hours of extra-curricular activities).
- ★ Well done to *Alfie & Iris* who recently completed the 5k for Cancer Research. Meanwhile, Alfie also won a gold award for his judo at a competition in Newcastle!



This week's birthdays:
Riley (11) and *Lexi* (9)

This week's '**School Standard**' is:
Make decisions and explain choices

What's Happening?

Reverend Michelle will be visiting *Little Seedlings & Saplings* on Monday to tell them a bible story.

Ash will be learning all about England and looking at interesting places such as London & Cornwall. Feel free to send Mrs Wellum some photos of your holidays in England or other parts of the UK as they learn about them this half-term.

Mrs Harrison has been very impressed with *Willow's* ocarina skills in music. KS1 children in *The Learning Zone* are writing their own versions of 'Slowly, Slowly, Slowly, said the Sloth.'

Rowan are studying the impact of women in NASA during the book study sessions.

Sycamore will going to the 'Colour Smash' on Friday!

Y6s from *Oak* will going on their residential trip to Thornbridge Education Centre this week.



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