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## Weekly Newsletter: wb 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

### Sports Day/s

Thank you to everyone who attended one of our Sports Days last week (Nursery on Wednesday, Reception – Y6 on Thursday). Thanks also to Mr Hartley and the Y6 Sports Leaders for helping to organise this. It was very successful overall; the children had fun but also displayed the values of being ambitious, inspiring, connected and fair (hopefully you noticed this!). We did the 'track' events in the morning and the 'field' events in the afternoon...

Remember, our house teams are based on the 5 Olympic rings (which in turn represent the 5 continents). Points were awarded for coming 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in individual events; but also for displaying the above values (e.g. not giving up!). Everybody did well but you'll obviously want to know which team won:

1<sup>st</sup> place: **Africa**

2<sup>nd</sup> place: **Oceania**

Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> place: **Asia / Americas / Europe**

If your child is currently in Nursery, they will be allocated a house team in September (they'll be in the same one as their siblings if they have any already in school).

### Reports and Parents' Evening

Our **annual reports** are due to come out this week (hopefully on Monday all being well!). You will notice that we have changed the format slightly this year (not massively so); this is to keep us more in line with the other schools in the Trust. After having read the report, if there is anything you would like to discuss with your current (or next) teacher; you are invited to attend our Informal Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. This is from **3:30 to 5:30pm** and is on a 'drop-in' basis (i.e. no appointments are required – just pop up!).

### Nursery Cleethorpes Trip

Reminder: it is our Nursery trip to Cleethorpes this week. If you have booked a place, please arrive in good time and ensure your child is dressed appropriately and prepared for the trip (hats, sunglasses, suncream etc.). There are still places on the coach if you haven't booked and would like to come – get in touch ASAP! Finally, as all the staff will be in Cleethorpes that day, Nursery is CLOSED to anyone not on the trip!

### Summer Concert

Letters went out last week about our annual Summer Concert. This will take place on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm**. Please return the slip to give your child permission to perform. If you would like to come and watch, tickets are priced at £2 each. Space is at a premium this year due to the building work so we can only offer a maximum of 2 tickets per family on a first-come, first-served basis. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

### Things to do

- Kid Love Yoga are running a **Summer Holiday Camp** on selected dates during July and August, priced at £28 for a full day (with offers available if booking multiple days). Find out more or book [here](#).
- With the Olympics starting soon, Ponds Forge are offering FREE diving taster sessions on Monday evenings up until the 18<sup>th</sup> July (open to children aged 6-16 who can swim 'competently in deep water'). To book or find out more, email them on [learntodive@cityofsheffielddiving.co.uk](mailto:learntodive@cityofsheffielddiving.co.uk)
- A number of parents have been asking about after-school clubs for September. I can confirm that we are *nearly* in a position to reveal our plans for this. Watch this space!
- Meanwhile, our PTA (Friends of Wharnccliffe Side School) are planning an '**Autumn Fayre**' for Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> September – save the date! (We would've liked to do a Summer Fayre but couldn't because of the building work). More information coming soon.

*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Lucy (Ash); Braxton (Sycamore)
- ★ **Silver:** Maze, Josh F (Willow)
- ★ **Gold:** Macie (Ash); Ross, Poppy (Rowan); Ameera (Sycamore); Rocco, Caiden (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Violet and Heidi
- ★ **Healthy Eating Champion:** Roscoe
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was 94.6% overall last week. The winning classes were Ash (KS1) with 97.8% and Sycamore (KS2) with 96.9%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Europe won the house point trophy for the second week in a row! (See over for information about Sports Day!).
- ★ Well done to all the children who represented our school at Friday's **Gymnastics Competition** organised by LINKS. Our Y5/6 team finished in a very impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place against teams from across the city. Meanwhile, our Y3/4 team were 8<sup>th</sup> in their age category.
- ★ Finally, well done to **Isaac C** who received a certificate and Amazon voucher from Stocksbridge High School for earning the most achievement points in his form during their transition week!

This week's birthdays: **Jacob B** (10), **Felicity** (5), **Kyle** (5). Also, apologies for missing **Leonidas** (5) recently!



This week's 'School Standard' is: Push Myself

## What's Happening?

**Little Seedlings & Saplings** are talking about starting school and how this might make us feel (whether or not they are due to attend Wharncliffe Side School!).

Children (and parents!) new to **Ash** have been invited to come in and do a 'Treasure Box Workshop' later this week. Meanwhile, Ash Class will also be making windmills in DT.

Y2 children in **Willow** have been busy completing their end-of-KS1 assessments. These are no longer statutory but they are useful to inform teacher assessment and help identify any potential gaps before the children move up to the juniors.

KS1 children in **The Learning Zone** are making their own mini rainforests!

**Rowan** are discussing how we can improve our world during RE lessons.

**Sycamore** are starting their final piece in History: Would we rather be a Roman or a Maya? (Using what they know about both civilisations).

Y6s in **Oak** are busy visiting their new schools. Children going to Stocksbridge went last week while those going to Bradfield are going this week. Children going to other schools have their transition days at different times. We will miss them all!



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