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## Weekly Newsletter: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Sports Days

Don't forget we are hosting our annual Sports Days this week. Nursery are having theirs on **Wednesday morning** and the rest of school (Reception to Y6) will be doing theirs on **Thursday morning (from 9:30am)**. Children will be taking part in a variety of events in honour of their house team. Children should wear suitable PE kit (including footwear) and is possible, something in their house colours (see below) – note, this doesn't apply to Nursery children. They should also bring a water bottle and be wearing a hat / suncream if the weather is hot. Friends of Wharnccliffe Side School (our PTA) will be selling refreshments in the hall before the event starts. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Remember, our house teams are based on the Olympic rings and the colours are:

Africa: **Black**, Americas: **Red**, Asia: **Yellow**; Europe: **Blue**; Oceania: **Green**

### School dinners

- If you pay for school dinners, please could we request that you keep an eye on your **sQuid balance** to ensure there are sufficient funds to pay for the meals. We would never want a child to go hungry but we do not want parents to build up large debts either. We would generally recommend paying in advance so you have a positive balance in your account. If your child is in Y6, it is worth thinking about exactly how many dinners they're likely to have before the end of the year (to ensure you don't overpay).
- Meanwhile, we have been informed that there is likely to be a small **price rise** from September. Prices are set by Taylor Shaw (our catering provider) and school does not have a say in the cost.
- With this in mind, it is worth considering whether or not you qualify for **free school meals**. All children in Reception to Y2 benefit from free meals anyway but parents / carers are expected to pay from Y3 onwards. Find out more / apply here: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/school-meals>

### Singing

- Thank you to the children who have agreed to take part in the Peak Edge choir during **BradFest (13<sup>th</sup> July)**. The rehearsals have started now and I'm sure it'll be brilliant by then. Mrs Harrison is keen for a few more children to join us though – please speak to her if you would like to come!
- Meanwhile, Matthew & Abigail S will be singing in the Cathedral with the **Sheffield Music Hub** on the 8<sup>th</sup> July. This is a great opportunity and they are really looking forward to it. If you would like to go along and support them, tickets are now on sale [here](#). Alternatively, you could think about joining yourself?

### Scouts

**Stocksbridge Scouts Group** meet every Tuesday evening (children aged 6 to 14, with different times for different year groups). They do have some spaces but also keep a waiting list for any children who may be too young to join just now. See flyer sent out alongside this newsletter for more information. It is worth contacting them directly if you have any questions...

*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Jake (Willow); Lexi (Sycamore)
- ★ **Silver:** Leonidas, Joseph B, Thomas M (Ash); Caleb F, Eser (Willow); Simon, Aaron, Lily K (Rowan); Hugo (Sycamore)
- ★ **Gold:** Maisie, Felicity, Alfie J (Ash); Holly (Willow); Abigail (Rowan); Oscar B (Sycamore)
- ★ **EVERYONE** in Y6 for their excellent behaviour, attitude and willingness to challenge themselves during last week's residential trip to **Thornbridge**.
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Arlo, Matilda & Ford
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Last week's attendance was **92.9%** overall. The winning classes were **Ash** (KS1) with **94.4%** and **Oak** (KS2) with **98.2%**.
- ★ **House Point winners:** **Europe** narrowly beat **Africa** with 246 house points v 234.
- ★ Well done to the 10 children from Sycamore Class who took part in Friday's '**Colour Rush**' - it looked like you had a great time!
- ★ Thank you to the children in Ash Class who looked after our new starters this week as part of their transition into school.



This week's birthdays:  
 Henry A (5), Eloise (9), Leo  
 W (9)

This week's '**School Standard**' is:  
 Be prepared

## What's Happening?

**Little Seedlings & Saplings** will be practising their graduation song in readiness for their graduation ceremony on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July (at 9am)**. Parents are invited to come and watch - more detail coming soon!

In addition to welcoming their new friends, **Ash** class have been working hard in science. Next week, they will be investigating which materials are best for making a boat.

**Willow** are planning their larger-scale sculptures. Thank you for sending in the boxes - we think we have enough now!

Upper KS2 children in **The Learning Zone** have been enjoying their weekly cooking / baking sessions with Mrs Sugden.

**Rowan** are investigating the life cycle of a flowering plant in Science.

**Sycamore** have been designing their own chocolate bars and writing persuasive adverts for them.

**Oak** are consolidating their maths skills using real-life applications (like calculating the cost of a mortgage!)



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