

# Newsletter

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## Nether Green Junior School

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### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE - NGJS WINTER FESTIVAL

As you will already be aware, our Winter Festival is due to take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, outside on the big playground. This will be an opportunity for the children to showcase the winter-themed songs they have been learning and help us get into the festive spirit. Our school orchestra, choir and guitar band will also be performing.



The Winter Festival will begin at 2.45pm. Please enter the school grounds through the playground gates to the right of school. The gates will open at 2.20pm.

You are welcome to enjoy some refreshments (which will be served in the dining room), provided by the PTA for a small charge. We politely request that parents/carers bring refillable hot drinks containers, if you have them, to avoid the overuse of disposable ones.

At the end of the festival, the PTA will announce the winners of the Christmas Hamper raffle. Children will go back to their classrooms to collect their home-time belongings. Parents and carers can wait outside ready to collect the children from the usual place at 3.35pm.

In the case of inclement weather, alternative indoor arrangements will be made and further information will be sent via email.

We would like to remind parents/ carers that mobile phones should not be used whilst on the school grounds; this includes using them to take photographs and videos. School staff will take photographs of the children during the festival, to celebrate the event, and these will be shared in the newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming you into school next Wednesday.

## ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

On Monday, we held our celebration and merit assembly.

Hanukkah was the focus of our mid week assemblies.

Today, the children shared their 'Life Skills' learning in assembly.

Also this week, King Edward VII Secondary School staff came in to school to speak to our Y5 and Y6 children about transition and what life is like at secondary school.



## CALENDAR DATES

### DECEMBER

20th - Christmas dinner

20th - NGJS Winter Festival, 2.45pm

22nd - Christmas Party Lunch

22nd - Last day of term.

### JANUARY

6th - Christmas Tree Recycling NGIS, 10am - 2pm

8th - Children back to school

10th - Y6 SATs & Robinwood Meeting, 6pm

16th - Y6 Zoolab

20th - Cross Country, Brunswick

22nd - 24th - Y6 Robinwood Trip

26th - PTA Burns Night Social

w/b 29th - Y3 SEND Review Meetings

### FEBRUARY

8th - Y3 Production, 2.30pm & 6pm

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We raised an amazing total of £215.35 from our Christmas Jumper Day!

All funds raised will be donated to Save The Children.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.



HOUSE	POINTS
<b>STEEL</b>	<b>193</b>
<b>PEAKS</b>	<b>188</b>
<b>ORIGINALS</b>	<b>184</b>
<b>CUTLERS</b>	<b>176</b>

## CURRENT STANDINGS

### Our Values

Effort & Resilience

Independence

Pride

Behaviour & Attitudes

Teamwork

Respect

## PARENT PAY - MEALS

A polite reminder for parents/carers to check their child's ParentPay school meals account balance.

Please clear any outstanding debt before the holidays as accounts need to be reconciled at the end of term.

Thank you

## NGJS ATTENDANCE

This week, our whole school attendance was **95.1%**

Please ensure that your child is on time for school. Children can be brought into the yard from 8.40am. Learning in school starts at 8.50am.

**LOST MINUTES =  
LOST LEARNING!**



## PLAY WORKER VACANCY

We have a vacancy in school for a Play Worker. The hours of work are Monday to Friday 11.45am until 1.15pm. For details about the role, please follow this link:

<https://nethergreenjuniorschool.co.uk/vacancies/>

to our website and read the Play Worker Recruitment Information Pack. You can also download an application form from this page if you, or anyone you know, would like to apply.



## TRANS PENNINE TRAIL - KIDS CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY PACK

We're delighted to let you know that the latest Kids activity pack, full of fun activities for the Christmas holiday season is now available to download from Trans Pennine Trail.

They have plenty of fun activities to children busy over the Christmas holidays, including making a natural Christmas wreath with leaves, berries and pine cones; going on a Winter I-spy mission and making Christmas pudding Krispie cakes. They even provide a template 'letter to Santa' for your child/children to use.

The activity pack is aimed at primary school children with help as necessary from their parents or guardians, and some older children may enjoy some of the activities too.

The activity pack can be used by downloading it to a mobile or alternatively it can be printed at home. If you don't have a printer and are unable to access the PDF, please contact Trans Pennine Trail with your address details and they will send you out a printed copy.



Christmas 2023 Edition  
**Kids Activity Pack**

Packed full of family friendly fun activities and challenges for everyone!



Trans Pennine Trail  
www.transpenninetrail.org.uk

Trans Pennine Trail \*



A national coast to coast route for recreation and transport - for walking, cycling, horse riding and wheeling

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Westgate Plaza One, PO Box 597, S70 2DR

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You will find it, along with their other activity packs, on the Children's page at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Christmas-2023-Activity-Pack-1.pdf>

## NGJS TALENT SHOW!

We are thrilled to announce the Nether Green Junior School Talent Show, where our children will have the opportunity to showcase their incredible talents with each other. We invite everyone to participate if they wish - all talents are welcome!

### Event Details:

**Practise at Home:** Encourage your child to rehearse and share their amazing talents at school.

**Teacher Selection:** Our teachers will choose three acts from each year group to perform in the final event.

**Bring Your Own:** Children should bring their own costumes, props, and music to enhance their performances if they would like to.

### Audition Dates:

Year 3 Auditions: Thursday 14th December - DONE

Year 4 Auditions: Friday 15th December - DONE

Year 5 and 6 Auditions: Monday 18th December

### Final Event:

**Date: Thursday 21st December Venue: In school**

We will celebrate the children's talents in the final newsletter of the half term. Any questions about the talent show should be directed to your child's class teacher.

We can't wait to see all the talents our pupils have!



NETHER GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL'S

# TALENT SHOW

AUDITIONS

- Y3 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December
- Y4 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Y5 – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December
- Y6 – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**FINAL: THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER**

ALL TALENTS CELEBRATED - EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO AUDITION!  
PRACTISE AT HOME, BRING YOURSELF AND ANYTHING YOU NEED TO YOUR AUDITION

## PTA MESSAGES



### Cinema Club

Thank you to all the Y5 and 6 children who came along last night to our second festive cinema club. They were all very well behaved and looked like they had a great time watching the Grinch and enjoying their popcorn. Some had even brought their onesies and blankets along and got all comfy and cosy! Together both events raised just over £1000 for the school which is great!

### Elfridges

Today was our Elfridges event! This has been over a year in the planning and has taken a huge effort to pull off. Thank you to those members of the team who have made it happen! We really hope the children enjoyed it and we will update you with how much it has raised next week!



### Festive hampers

The winners for our will be drawn at the winter festival. Thanks to all those who have brought in their tickets so far. Tickets are £1 and all children were sent home with a book of 5. If you would like any more please see the office. You have until Monday to fill them in and bring the money back in an envelope. Exciting - Look what you could win!



### Ceilidh

Finally, it feels a long way off but tickets are already on sale for our Burns Night ceilidh in January. Please see the poster for more details.

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO INVITE ALL PARENTS, CARERS AND SCHOOL STAFF TO OUR

# PTA Burns Night Ceilidh



**FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2024  
7PM ONWARDS**

NO PREVIOUS DANCING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY- JUST DUST OFF THOSE DANCING SHOES AND HAVE FUN

HIGHLY SUBSIDISED PARENT RUN BAR

SILENT AUCTION WITH EXCITING PRIZES

TICKETS ARE £20 PER PERSON AND INCLUDE A WELCOME DRINK, AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT AND A PIE & PEAS SUPPER (GLUTEN FREE, VEGETARIAN & VEGAN OPTIONS)

TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

AS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IS OUR PRIORITY, PLEASE CONTACT THE PTA IF COST IS A PROHIBITIVE FACTOR IN YOU ATTENDING. JUST DROP US AN EMAIL: FRIENDSOFNETHERGREEN@GMAIL.COM

SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS

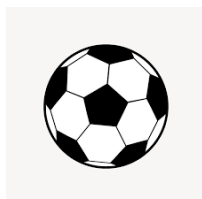


## NGJS EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SPRING TERM

Please find below details of our upcoming extra-curricular activities/clubs for the Spring Term. Please read the information at the bottom of the page carefully, as it gives further details on how to secure a place for your child at each of the different clubs.

### Y3-6 EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SPRING TERM 2023/24 – Nether Green Junior School

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Spring 1	BEFORE SCHOOL					
	LUNCH	<b>Girls Football</b> Y5 - 6	<b>ORCHESTRA</b>	Tennis Club AJW Coaching Y3 - 4	<b>Dance Club</b> Y3 - 6	Badminton Club AJW Coaching Y5 - 6
		<b>CHOIR</b>				<b>Guitar Band</b>
	AFTER SCHOOL	Gymnastics Club Sheffield Gymnastics Club Y3 - 6	SoccerEds Y3 - 6	Karate Club Elite Karate Y3 - 6	Basketball Sheffield Hatters Y5 - 6	
		<b>Boys Football</b> Y5	Forest School Fit Kids Sheffield Y5 - 6	Forest School Fit Kids Sheffield Y3 - 4		
		<b>Netball</b> Y5 - 6	French Club Le Club Français Y3 - 6			
Spring 2	BEFORE SCHOOL		Bike to Breakfast Trundle Tuesday Y3 - 6			
	LUNCH		<b>ORCHESTRA</b>	Tennis Club AJW Coaching Y3 - 4	<b>Dance Club</b> Y3 - 6	Badminton Club AJW Coaching Y5 - 6
		<b>CHOIR</b>				<b>Guitar Band</b>
	AFTER SCHOOL	Gymnastics Club Sheffield Gymnastics Club Y3 - 6	SoccerEds Y3 - 6	Karate Club Elite Karate Y3 - 6	Basketball Sheffield Hatters Y5 - 6	
		<b>Girls Football</b> Y5 - 6	<b>Flag Football</b> Y6	Forest School Fit Kids Sheffield Y3 - 4		
		<b>Netball</b> Y5 - 6	Forest School Y5 - 6			
	French Club Le Club Français Y3 - 6					



The clubs highlighted in **red** are run by teaching staff free of charge.

These clubs are promoted during assembly and the children will either sign-up with their class teacher or take a letter home for parent/carer consent.

**All other clubs are run by external providers for which there is a charge.**

**For more information about your child joining one of the clubs run by an external provider, please find contact details below:**

Badminton Club (AJW Coaching)

[enquiries@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk)

Basketball (Sheffield Hatters)

[enquiries@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk)

Football (SoccerEds)

<https://www.theevoway.co.uk/soccereds>

Forest School (FitKids)

[fitkidssheffield@gmail.com](mailto:fitkidssheffield@gmail.com)

French Club (Le Club Français)

[vessex.lcf@gmail.com](mailto:vessex.lcf@gmail.com)

Gymnastics (Sheffield Gymnastics Club)

[sheffgym@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sheffgym@hotmail.co.uk)

Karate (Elite Karate)

[steve@elite-karate.co.uk](mailto:steve@elite-karate.co.uk)

Tennis (AJW Coaching)

[enquiries@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk)

## Y4 TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

Our talent show auditions got off to a great start this week. Here are some of our Y4 children auditioning for a place!

Many of the children have been practising hard to ensure they get a place in the final!



## DINNER MENU W/C 18/12/23

If your child's meal pattern changes, we politely ask that you inform the school office directly, rather than speaking to class teachers. We ask that a week's notice is given for any changes made. Thank you.

**NETHER GREEN JUNIOR**  
**AUTUMN WINTER 23/24**  
**WEEK TWO**

PRIMARY MENU WEEK 2	'GREEN EARTH MONDAY'	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Main Course</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Garlic Bread	Beef Pasta Bolognese	CHRISTMAS DINNER	Chicken & Bean Burrito	CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH
<b>Vegetarian Main Course</b>	Cheesy Bean Pitta	Veggie Pasta Bolognese		Macaroni Cheese	
<b>Street Food</b>		BEANY VEGGIE BURRITO		Fish & Chips	
<b>Jacket Potato and Filling</b>	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo		Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	
<b>Vegetables</b>	Sweetcorn Garden Peas	Green Beans Carrots		Mixed Vegetables Sweetcorn	
<b>Dessert</b>	Apple Crumble Bar	Lemon Cake with Custard		Chocolate Cookie	

**Available Daily:** Salad Selection, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts

Portion(s) of fruit or veg	Source of wholegrain	Contains plant-based proteins	50% fruit	Oily fish
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Our desserts meet Public Health England's target for 'free sugar' intake for your child.

Recommended fruit and vegetable portion sizes are calculated using School Food Standards. On average our desserts do not exceed a third of a child's recommended 'free sugar' intake.