

Message from the Headteacher

Our talented Year 3 children have been engrossed in rehearsals for their upcoming production of "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse." The main hall has been full of sounds of their lovely singing, creating a magical atmosphere, as they prepare to take the stage. The dedicated Year 3 team has been hard at work, crafting a beautiful backdrop that will undoubtedly enhance the performance next Thursday and make it all the more magical. We can't wait to witness their efforts, hard work and talent.

Mrs Mellor, Mr Earl and one of our amazing volunteers, Mrs Shenton, took a group of children to the Lyceum to watch the Wizard of Oz. They were all blown away by the incredible performance and were particularly inspired by the wonderful orchestra!

Last Friday, our main hall was transformed into a hub of song and dance, thanks to our fantastic PTA event. Your presence and generous contributions played a crucial role in making the evening a tremendous success. Your commitment to our school community is truly commendable, and we are grateful for your ongoing involvement.

I am delighted to share that our recent learning walks across the school provided us with a first hand glimpse into the incredible teaching and learning happening in our classrooms. The dedication and passion exhibited by our teachers, coupled with the enthusiasm of our children, was inspiring.

I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable weekend, ready then for our final week of this half term.

Key Dates

3 February	Cross Country, Longley Park
w/b 5 February	Y6 SEND Reviews
6 February	Parent/Carer Evening
7 February	Parent/Carer Evening
8 February	Y3 Production 2.30pm & 6.30pm
9 February	Half-term Closes 3.35pm
19 February	Back to school
w/b 19 February	Y4 SEND Review Meetings
24 February	Cross Country, Graves Park
w/b 26 February	Y5 SEND Reviews
9 March	Cross country, Bolehills 9.30am
9 March	Y6 Pop Maths Quiz
14 March	Y3/4 Cinema Club

Assemblies

On Monday we had our celebration assembly where we congratulated pupils on their individual achievements. Our children showed great respect for each other and demonstrated our value of teamwork when the house points were gathered.

Mrs Charlesworth celebrated National Story Telling Week and shared some stories with the children.

Today's assembly was all about supporting children with their mental well being. Healthy minds was discussed. The children were reminded to ask someone if they are alright, if they seem to be alone or upset.

Mrs Pickles and some of our pupils stood up in assembly today to say Thank you for supporting 'The Children's Heart Surgery Fund' and wearing red to school. The amount raised was announced and can be found later in the newsletter!



This Week's Awards



Y3BB	Teddy
Y3JC	Emile
Y3PW	Fred
Y4TH	Eva
Y4JH	Eric
Y4NH	Kitty-Belle
Y5JE	Aurelia
Y5LN	Emile
Y5KL	Austin
Y6AH	Sophie
Y6GR	Olivia
Y6MK	Edward

House Points	
Steel	314
Cutlers	284
Originals	929
Peaks	278

Achievements Outside School

We would like to say a huge well done to all our Y6 pupils and staff who attended the residential visit to Robinwood last week.

Although most of the visit took place during school hours, the children spent their evenings away from home in an unfamiliar environment.



For some of our pupils, this was the first time they had slept away from home which was a massive achievement in itself. The children were put in new and exciting situations which took them outside their usual comfort zones. They pushed boundaries and took risks when taking part in the wide range of activities available.

Well done all!

Special Mentions

Ethar - Y4TH	Bella - Y4NH
Astrid - Y4JH	Iris - Y5LN
Rafe - Y5KL	Joseph - Y6MK
Amaryah - Y6AH	
Thea - IR	

Attendance

Please ensure that your child is on time for school. Children can be brought into the yard from 8:40 am. Learning in school starts at 8:50 am.

Our attendance this week was 95%

**LOST MINUTES =
LOST LEARNING!**



Focus Value

Behaviour and Attitudes:

Positive behaviour and attitudes are essential components of a thriving learning environment.

We encourage our children to demonstrate behaviour that reflects integrity, responsibility, and a positive mind-set.

By fostering a culture of good behaviour and positive attitudes, we create a conducive atmosphere for effective teaching and learning.

Attendance Winners

Congratulations to:

Y3JC and Y5KL

Every week, we will highlight the class in each key phase with the highest attendance.

Community

School Council

The School Council has been focussing on the question: How to improve our school community?

This question is linked with our Life skills Curriculum. The children have taken this question back to their classes and had a discussion amongst their peers.

Some of the suggestions have supported the development of the library area, as well as making sure there is a quiet area for children to access during playtimes.

The School Council has also been looking at our school values and identity to support the school in developing a new school logo. At our last school council meeting we spent some time researching logos of other junior schools in Sheffield and generated ideas through a vision board.

Our next project will be identifying how we can raise money for Sport Relief as a school. The school councillors will be publicising the event during an assembly and thinking of money raising ideas to support the charity.



Music of the Half-Term

Reggae

Listening to music is fundamental to musical understanding. By learning to listen critically, our children will not only expand their musical horizons but also gain a deeper understanding of how music is constructed and the impact it can have on the listener. Listening to a broad range of music also helps develop other areas of musical activity, including composing and performing.

Therefore, each half term we focus on a 'music of the half term' which is explored through assemblies and further listening opportunities. This half term, we will be focussing on Reggae music, in particular the piece *Three Little Birds* by Bob Marley.



Language of the Half Term

Each term we select a different language for the pupils to learn greetings and basic phrases. We choose languages which represent our school community. At Nether Green, we feel it is important to give bilingual children the chance to demonstrate their language skills as well as having the opportunity to share details of their family's country and culture. Language of the Half-term also allows monolingual English speakers to encounter and learn to speak a variety of languages.

All teachers embrace the selected language of the half-term and actively encourage the children to say good morning, good afternoon and respond to simple yes/no questions in the given language.

Spring 1 - Language of the Term - Somali

The chosen language for this half-term is Somali. There are about 25 million people in the world who can speak Somali. Somali is one of the languages spoken by some of our children at Nether Green Junior School.



Community

Safeguarding Top Tip

Promoting good mental health and wellbeing is very important for children. Maintaining a routine can help with this.

A steady routine can help provide stability in a child's life, which can give children and young people a sense of security and help reduce stress. Here are some tips:

- plan regular weekly activities, such as seeing friends and relatives or taking part in a club or hobby
- have regular mealtimes
- set and stick to bed times, particularly for younger children, as sleep is important for children's mental and physical wellbeing (NHS, 2020)
- establish a night time routine for younger children, such as reading a story before bed
- work with older children to create a routine that works for them – including homework, seeing friends, extra-curricular activities and time offline.

The NSPCC website has further information for parents/ carers.

Year Group Email addresses

The following 'Year Group Email Addresses are available for parents and carers wishing to liaise/communicate with class teachers:

Y3 = y3@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

Y4 = y4@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

Y5 = y5@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

Y6 = y6@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

IR = cbamford@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk



Online Safety Top Tip

Safer Internet Day takes place annually, in February, to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people.

This year, Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place next week on the 6th of February, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Please take time to talk to your child after the event to find out what they have been learning.



The Children's Heart Surgery Fund

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our families who made a donation to 'The Children's Heart Surgery Fund'. The school looked very 'red' today, as many pupils had made the effort to wear the colour in support of this charity, one which is very close to our hearts! Thank you!

They raised in excess of £385.00



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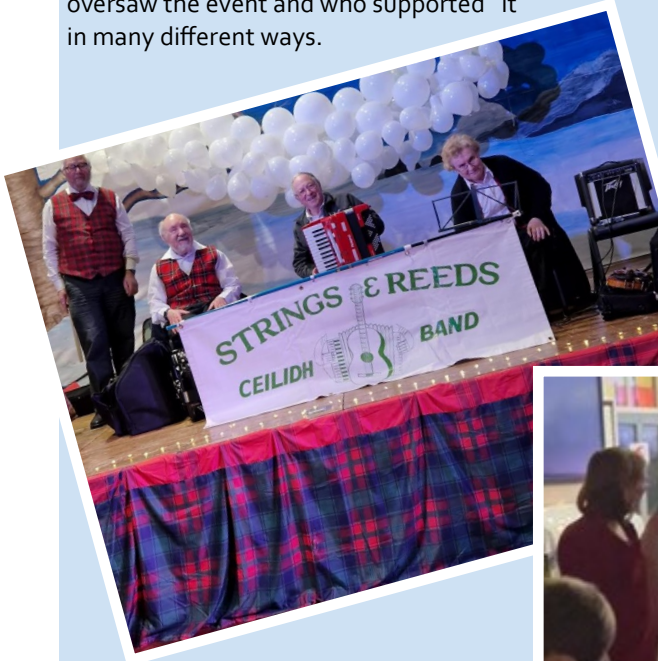
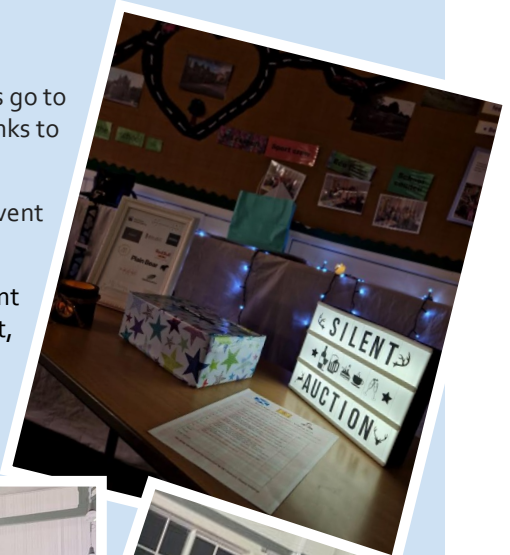
1. PTA ceilidh

We held our first PTA burns night ceilidh social last Friday evening and it was a huge success. It was so wonderful to see so many members of our community come together and enjoy themselves. The dancing was fabulous, with all of us getting skilled and patient coaching from the band who were great. The food was delicious, the company first class and the school hall looked amazing. Looking around the room, you could see huge smiles on everyone's faces and that made all the hard work worth it. We all had huge smiles on our faces all weekend!

The silent auction was also a massive success and there are 13 happy winners of the prizes. All of the winners have been contacted and have collected their items. Thanks go to all those local businesses who contributed gifts so generously to this event. Many thanks to everyone who put in a bid!

Not only did everyone have a lovely time, but we have raised around £1500 from the event which is amazing and means the school can put in place more plans for improvement.

We would like to thank everyone who came and made the event possible. We also want to thank all staff at school who supported us in the planning and execution of the event, with special thanks to the wonderful Mr Jama, without whom we could not have done it. He gave a huge amount of time to help support us with the logistics of planning, preparing the hall, being on hand throughout the entire evening and was even there again to help clear up the next morning, and all done with a smile! I would also like to personally thank the members of the PTA who oversaw the event and who supported it in many different ways.



2. Y5 bake sale - Thursday 8th February

We are asking Y5 to bring in contributions for this half term's bake sale, which will take place after school on Thursday 8th February. Maybe they could plan their recipes this weekend?! All contributions should be brought to the main office by Thursday morning with containers labelled. If the bakes are homemade, please include a list of ingredients and do not bring anything that contains nuts.

3. Save the date - Spring Cinema Club

We have booked the big screens ready for our next Cinema Clubs! Once again, children will have the chance to vote for the film they would like to watch. We will then be in touch with how to book tickets. Watch this space, but in the meantime..... save the date!!

Y3/4 Cinema Club: Thursday 14th March 3.35-5.30

Y5/6 Cinema Club: Thursday 21st March 3.35-5.30

4. PTA walk

There will be a short PTA walk on Friday 9th February. We will meet after drop off and have a little walk through the woods. All are welcome. It is a nice way to meet other parents and get some fresh air at the same time!



Spotlight on the Curriculum

Life Skills at Nether Green

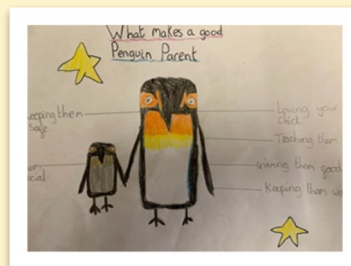
In our Life Skills lessons this half term the children have been learning about community, with a focus on what a community is and how to contribute towards being part of a community. We have been looking at community within the school, how we care for others and respecting differences.

Our upper Key stage pupils are encouraged to think about diversity and its importance within communities, alongside human rights and their relationships to shared responsibilities. During assemblies and within lessons our school values of mutual respect, tolerance, rule of law and individual liberty have been discussed, explored and promoted. Our Life Skills Curriculum is planned and delivered to inspire our pupils to be active members of the community to which they belong.

Discussions in Year 6 were recorded in our Life Skills Scrap Book.



Year 4 pupils have been reading stories that contain messages about different family dynamics within communities. The children produced some artwork depicting the positive qualities within families.



We held a whole school Assembly on our school values.



What is the point in the handshake?



Intend to play fairly and value your opponents. A mark of respect.



SEND

Coffee Morning 4th March

Our next coffee morning will take place on Monday 4th March at 9:10am. All Parents/Carers of children on our SEND register are welcome to attend. Ms Musgrove will be talking about what it means to be a 'Trauma Informed' school and how our staff communicate with and support children using a Trauma Informed model.

Sheffield Parent Hub Workshops

The Sheffield Parent Hub offer a wide range of free parenting workshops throughout the year. There are specific workshops for parents of children with SEND. More information can be found here: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/parenthub>

Seminars

To book on a seminar, please visit our Eventbrite Page: <http://bit.ly/SheffParentHub> and select the correct session.



Discussion Groups

To book on a Discussion Group, please visit our Eventbrite Page: <http://bit.ly/SheffParentHub> and select the correct session.



Group Programmes

Booking for a programme is essential and may require a referral from a professional agency depending on your family circumstances. Please contact us to discuss this with one of our Parenting Specialists on 0114 2057243 or sheffieldparenting@sheffield.gov.uk

To find out more about specific workshops and book a place, please scan the QR codes below.

Tips and information from Sheffield Family Hubs and Sheffield Parent Hub will be shared on our social media pages:



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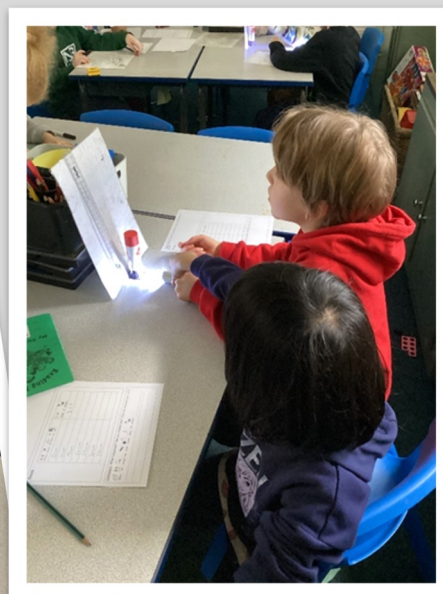
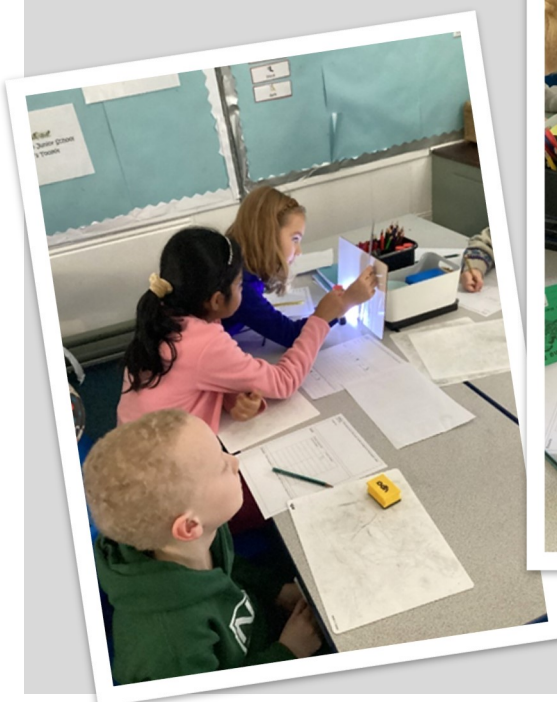


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Learning in Action

Year 3

Children carrying out an investigation on light in their Science lesson.

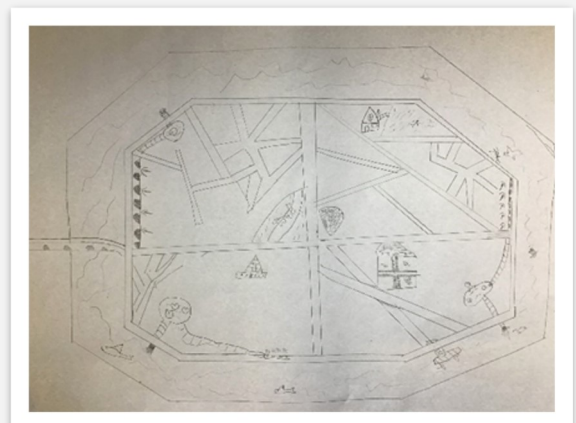
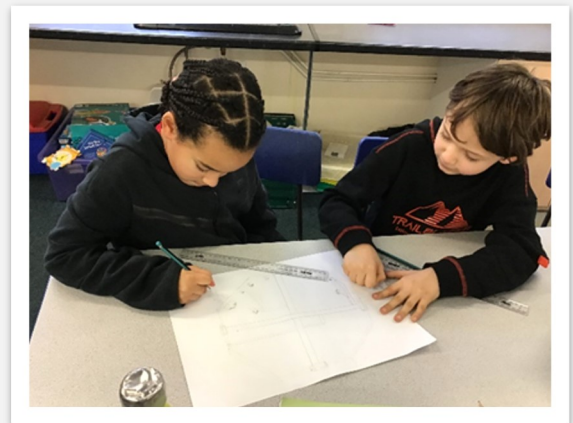
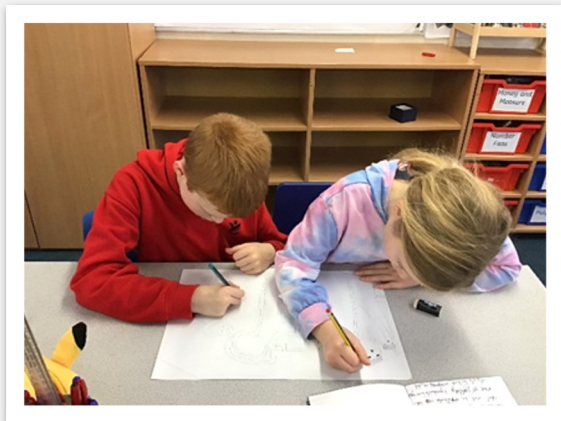


Year 4 learn about the Roman Invasion of Britain!

In our history lessons, we learnt about Boudicca, the Celtic queen and the leader of the Iceni tribe who led a revolt against Roman rule in Britain. We worked together as a class to create a human timeline of Boudicca's life in chronological order.



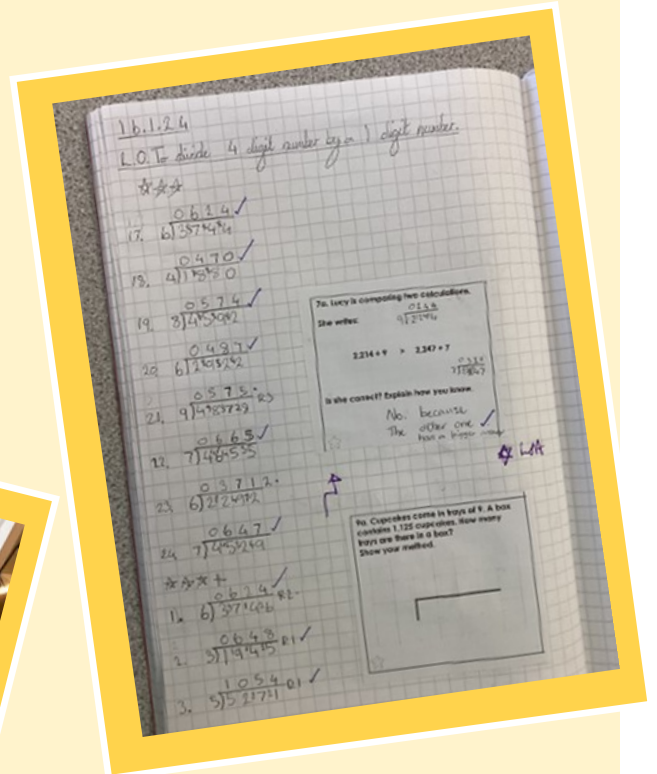
We then discussed the many ways in which Britain changed after the Romans invaded. Then, we went around the room to gather information about what we could find in a Roman town such as an aqueduct or a theatre. After, we worked in pairs to design a typical Roman town.



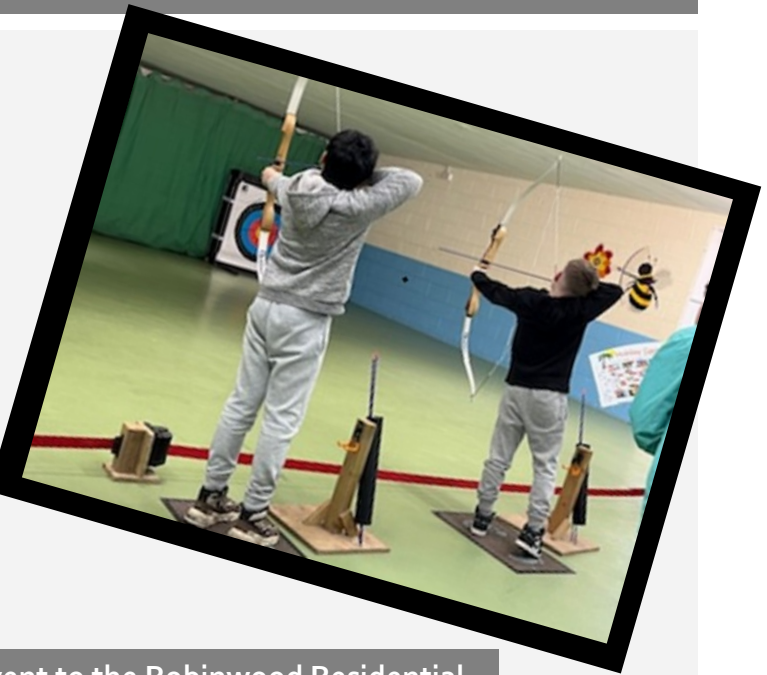
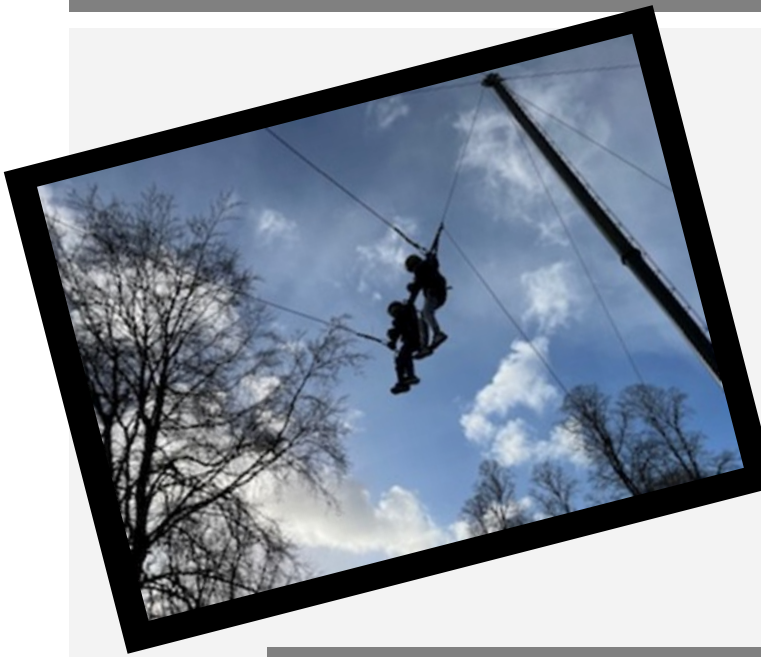
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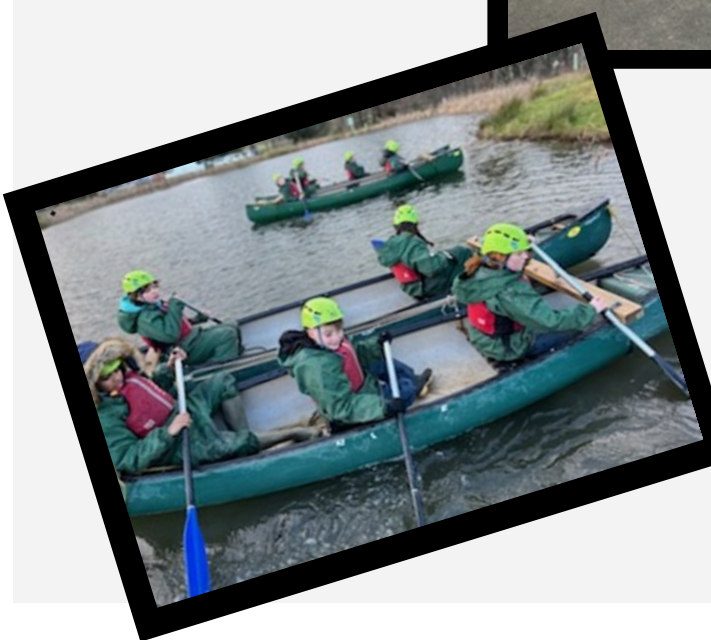
This week in Year 5, children have been practising the formal method of division and applying this knowledge into reasoning problems.



Year 6




Last week the children in Year 6 went to the Robinwood Residential Activity Centre. They challenged themselves with all the activities and worked on independence, organisational and teamwork skills. The activities the children took part in were: High Ropes, Trapezium, Giant Swing, Piranha Pool and Canoeing.



Lunch Menu

NETHER GREEN JUNIOR
AUTUMN WINTER 23/24
WEEK THREE



PRIMARY MENU WEEK 3	'GREEN EARTH MONDAY'	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Course	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Garlic Bread	BBQ Chicken Meatballs with Mixed Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chinese New Year Menu (See poster below) Also available today: Tomato pasta and jacket potato with filling choices of tuna, beans or cheese.	Fish Fingers with Chips
Vegetarian Main Course	Beany Veggie Sausage Pitta	BBQ Veggie Meatballs with Mixed Rice	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy		Cheese Flan with Chips
Street Food		 CHEESE BAGUETTE WITH BAKED POTATO WEDGES			
Jacket Potato and Filling	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		Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Cauliflower	Mixed Vegetables Garden Peas	Seasonal Greens Carrots		Baked Beans Garden Peas
Dessert	Oat & Raising Cookie with Fruit	Flapjack with Fruit	Chocolate Sponge with Custard		Shortbread with Mandarins

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



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.



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'CHATTERBOOKS' BOOK CLUB

STARTS UP ON 24 JANUARY 2024

Wednesday's
4.00 – 5.00 pm
[term time]

★ Word Games

★ Drama

★ Reading

★ Useful writing

★ Discussion

★ Stories



Children aged 7 - 11



★ Build confidence

★ Make new friends

★ Be creative

★ Have fun

Donation of £1.00 requested to Broomhill Community Trust

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JOIN US FOR ...
CHINESE NEW YEAR
THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

CHICKEN CHOW MEIN
OR
SWEET CHILLI QUORN & NOODLE STIR FRY (V)

SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD

FOR DESSERT MANDARIN ORANGE JELLY

HAVING MANDARIN ORANGES AROUND THE HOME AT NEW YEAR IS SAID TO BRING RICHES INTO YOUR LIFE.