



Message from the Headteacher

I am thrilled to report that the recent trip to Weston Park Museum for our Year 3 classes was a success. The children had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich history and diverse exhibits, enhancing their learning beyond the classroom. From interactive displays to hands-on activities, the trip provided invaluable experiences that complemented our curriculum perfectly. Thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who helped make this trip possible.

Additionally, I am proud to commend our Year 6 students for their positive representation of our school during their recent visit to Crich Tramway Village. I want to extend my gratitude to the staff who organised and accompanied the trip, as well as to the children themselves for being outstanding ambassadors for our school.

These trips are just some of the ways we aim to enrich the educational experience for our children, providing them with memorable opportunities for learning and personal growth.



Key Dates

18 March	Y5 Football, KES, 3.45 - 5.45pm (participants only)
19 March	Y4 Production, 2.00 pm & 6pm
20 March	Cross Country, Mylnhurst, 1.40 - 4pm (participants only)
21 March	Y5/6 Cinema Club
21 March	Tapton Welcome Evening, 5.00 - 6.15pm
22 March	Y4 Orienteering, Westways, 12.45-3pm (participants only)
23 March	Cross Country Relays, Castle Dyke Playing Fields
26 March	Y6 Football, KES, 3.15pm - 5.45pm (participants only)
27 March	Life Skills Consultation Evening 6pm - 7pm
28 March	Spring Bonnet parade 1.40pm - weather permitting & Y4 bake sale 3.35pm
29th March	Good Friday - School closed, start of school holiday

Assemblies

We are delighted to share the vibrant atmosphere of our recent assemblies, where we celebrated both Comic Relief and the 30th anniversary of British Science Week with great enthusiasm. These assemblies served as a platform to unite our school community in both charitable giving and intellectual exploration. During the assemblies, we delved into the fascinating theme of British Science Week, focusing on the evolution of time.

Moreover, we continued to reinforce the importance of teamwork, which has been our primary focus this half term. It was lovely to see our children applying the principles of collaboration not only in their fundraising efforts for Comic Relief but also in their exploration of scientific concepts during British Science Week.

We extend our appreciation to all parents for your generous contributions towards Comic Relief.



ParentPay

Most parents/carers currently use ParentPay to pay for school meals and trips. Soon we will also be asking you to use ParentPay to give permission for your child to attend trips, events or clubs, or ask related questions e.g. who is collecting your child after an event. We hope this will eliminate the need for paper slips which often get lost or forgotten about in your child's bag.

If you have not already done so, please activate your ParentPay account. If you need some help with this, please ask one of the office staff who will be happy to explain or show you how.

This Week's Awards



Y3BB	Fraser M
Y3JC	
Y3PW	Fred
Y4TH	Ayman
Y4JH	Josh
Y4NH	Arthur
Y5JE	Anya
Y5LN	Emily
Y5KL	Sophie L
Y6AH	
Y6GR	Sahar
Y6MK	Sarvesh

House Points	
Steel	374
Cutlers	345
Originals	357
Peaks	336

Lexia

The following children have completed their current level on The Lexia Programme, meaning they can now move up a level!

Alyena - Y3BB

Quinn - Y4JH

Chris - Y6MK

Lawrence & James - Y6AH

Well done!



Special Mentions


Ruby - Y3PW
James - IR
Eyman - Y4JH
Etta - Y4TH
Tamaki - Y5LN
Joe J - Y5JE
Alyena - Y5KL

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

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 94.9%



Attendance Winners

Congratulations to:

Y6KL and Y4JH

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

Community

Arts Council

Formed in October 2023, our enthusiastic Arts Council have already made a positive contribution to the Arts in our school. The purpose of the Arts Council is to give our children a greater opportunity to steer the direction of our Arts provision, engaging them and empowering them to help make decisions that will influence the activities on offer in our setting. They also play an important role in organising and maintaining art equipment and music resources.

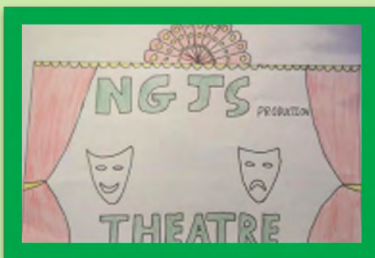
Last week, members of the Arts Council enjoyed putting their filmmaking skills to good use. The children rehearsed two different warm up activities before recording an outstanding demonstration that will be viewed in classes. Two of our members also bravely explained each activity and the purposes behind them. The clips were then edited together using movie-editing software. Our Y4 children can now use these activities to warm up before rehearsals for their upcoming production.

The children have enjoyed using their artistic skills to help develop our stage area by designing a "Nether Green Theatre" emblem. These designs were then put forward to graphic designer, Andrew Castell, who incorporated elements of the children's work to create a final design. Have a look below at some of their initial ideas and their final design. The next task for the children will be deciding how their design is produced and permanently displayed in our Nether Green Theatre.

Final design



Initial ideas



Music of the Half-Term - Samba

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 Samba music. Dan Johnston, our drum teacher and Music Hub Samba band leader, will be inspiring the children with a Samba demonstration; our Y6s will also be sharing some Samba polyrhythm learning from their class music lessons.

Language of the Half Term - Japanese

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 an 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 2 - Language of the Term - Japanese

The chosen language for this half-term is Japanese.

There are about 128 million people in the world who can speak Japanese.

Japanese is the official language of Japan.

There are no plurals in Japanese!



Community

SEND & Inclusion

Y6 Secondary Transition Information Session

We are pleased to have been able to re-arrange our SEND Y6 Transition information session. This will now take place on Friday 26th April at 9:10am. Refreshments will be provided.

This event is by invite only but if you are a Year 6 parent and would like to attend, please contact Ms Musgrove by e-mailing senco@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk.

Local Offer

For more information about Sheffield's Local Offer, please visit <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/>

Here you can find lots of help and advice for your child, including contact details for external support agencies and the SEND Support provided across the city.



Online Safety Top Tip

The internet can be a great place to learn new things, keep in touch with friends and to have fun. Some tips to help children stay safe and positive online include:

- ◆ Staying alert to possible dangers. Support your child when posting, gaming, or talking to others, help them to keep their personal information safe and to not click on unexpected links. Most importantly, remind them to always tell an adult if an online friend asks to meet up.
- ◆ Supporting others to use safety tools. Lots of games and apps have handy tools, like the block or report button, that can help keep your child and their friends safe. Encourage your child to chat with their friends to make sure everyone knows where these are and how to use them on the games they play together.
- ◆ Speaking up! Remind your child that there are lots of adults in their life who want to support them in having a safe and enjoyable time when they're online. Encourage them to speak to one of them if anyone or anything online makes them or a friend worried, upset or uncomfortable.

Safeguarding Top Tip

Our Life Skills curriculum and weekly assemblies support our children to learn how to keep themselves safe. We regularly remind them about which members of staff make up the school's safeguarding team. We hope that all children in school can identify an adult in school they feel comfortable to share a worry or concern with.



We are proud that adults in school have positive relationships with children and that children are able to approach adults to discuss matters. All classrooms have a 'What's on your mind?' box where children can

place a note informing their teacher that they wish to discuss something. We encourage children to report and share any concerns they have.

PTA



Bake Sale - On Thursday 28th March we will hold our next bake sale. Please can Y4 children and families be thinking about what lovely baked goodies they would like to bring to school on Thursday 28th March that we will then sell at the end of the day after the Spring Bonnet parade. Maybe children might like to think of bringing spring themed treat.

As always, please do not bring anything with nuts in due to allergies. All other children will need to bring cash with them on the day. There will be 2 tables on the day - one for larger cakes priced at £1 each, and one for smaller cakes priced at 50p each.

Y5/6 Cinema Club - We are pleased to let you know that the film the Y5 and Y6 children chose to be screened at our Cinema Club on **Thursday 21st March** is...**Shrek!**

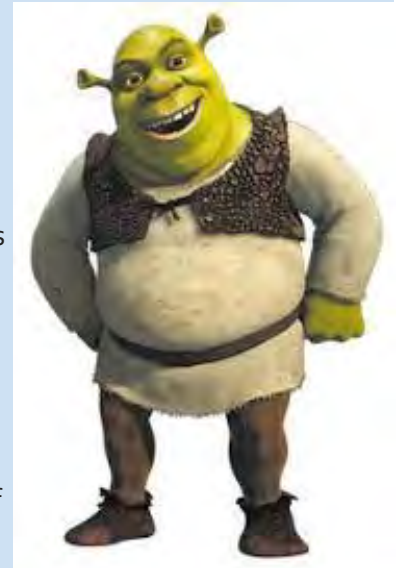
As before, cinema club will run in the main school hall at the end of the day. As well as watching the film on a big screen, popcorn and snacks will be included with the price of a ticket along with unlimited re-fills of squash or water. **The children should use their water bottles for this.** If your child has any allergies, please let us know on the booking form.

The children need to be collected at 5.30pm by a named adult. When you book your ticket you will be asked to state who that adult will be. This is very important in order for us to ensure the safeguarding of the children.

The cost of a ticket is £6 and is payable online via the link below. We do not want cost to be a reason for any child to miss out, so please get in touch with the office if you have any concerns and we will see what we can do to help.

The deadline for purchasing a ticket is **Monday 18th March**. We need to purchase supplies and sort arrangements and so we will not be able to sell any tickets after this date. Please purchase your ticket on the link below.

<https://ti.to/friendsofnethergreen/shrek>



Pilates and Prosecco evening - Thursday 25th April, 7.30pm

A reminder that we will be holding an evening of pilates and prosecco in the school hall on Thursday 25th April. The session will be led by a qualified pilates instructor and will be a great opportunity to enjoy the benefits of pilates and then have a chat with other parents afterwards. Tickets will cost £15 and the event will run from 7pm, for a 7.30pm start and finish at approximately 9.30pm. More details, including how to book, to follow but for the moment save the date!

Our Kindness Calendar

On Monday, to celebrate the beginning of Ramadan, Miss Bartlett invited all the children in school to come and create a kindness Ramadan calendar. The children had to think about an act of kindness for each day.

They cut out stars and stuck them on large sheets of paper and chose 30 acts of kindness that all children could carry out.

Well done to all the children who took part.



Spotlight on the Curriculum - PE

At Nether Green Junior School, we aim to provide our children with a rich, diverse and quality PE curriculum. Through our curriculum, we aim to develop and progress the children's fundamental skills involving their head, heart and hands.

Head	Heart	Hands
		
1. Knowledge	1. Communication	1. Physical Ability
2. Understanding	2. Leadership	2. Fitness Levels
3. Analysis	3. Respect	3. Competitive
4. Feedback	4. Resilience	4. Technique
5. Responsibility	5. Effort	5. Tactics
6. Rules	6. Confidence	6. Problem Solving



Our PE curriculum is mapped out from Y3 to Y6 using the GetSet4PE platform. This scheme of learning is clear, coherent and progressive, which helps us to equip the children with the skills, knowledge and aptitudes they require to be physically literate and lead healthy, active lives.

In Lower Key Stage 2, the children will complete a sequence of lessons focussed on PE Skills (Fundamental Skills, Ball Skills, Fitness and Yoga). This allows them to build upon the foundations in Key Stage 1 and gives them a better opportunity to achieve competency and success. During their PE Games lesson, the children in Y3 – Y4 will begin to practice, link and apply their PE Skills in different ways. This extends further in Upper Key Stage 2, where the children will apply their knowledge, game play and tactics into a variety of physical activities and sports.

Lower Key Stage 2 Priorities (Y3/Y4):

- Apply and develop a broad range of PE Skills
- Learn how to use and apply the PE Skills in different ways
- Start to link the PE Skills to make actions and sequences of movement
- Learn the basics of activities/sport rules

Upper Key Stage 2 Priorities (Y5/Y6):

- Apply their knowledge, game play and tactics
- Enjoy communicating, collaborating and competing with each other
- Develop an understanding of how to improve in different physical activities and sports
- Learn how to evaluate and recognise their own success

At NGJS, we also value the importance of providing opportunities to compete individually and as a team. Through PE, we want to instil in the children the importance of self-improvement and the understanding that a personal best is a real achievement both in sport, but also in the classroom! We also teach the children how to communicate with others as part of an effective team, and compete meeting the expectations of our competition charter. By the time the children leave NGJS, we want everyone to have gained the confidence to represent the school in a physical activity and know what it feels like to be part of a team.

To keep up to date with all things PE & Sport at NGJS, please check out the sport newsletters that are sent out every half-term. Also, for a more detailed breakdown of our PE offer at NGJS, please refer to the specific sport section on our website. <https://nethergreenjuniorschool.co.uk/sport/>



Learning in Action

Year 3

In their history project, Y3BB looked at what everyday life was like for Ancient Egyptians. This depended on financial status and whether they were a rich Vizier, a farmer or a slave.

We acted out different days in the life of different families to see the contrast in lifestyles and what was available to them at the time, like schooling.



Year 5

In Year 5 some children have been taking part in coding classes. They have been telling a machine how to perform and complete tasks.



Sound Machines in Y4!

In Y4, we have started our new science project on 'What are sounds made of?' In the first investigation we completed, we worked in pairs to create a 'Sound Machine'. First, we predicted how we could create a louder or a quieter sound and how this would affect the vibration. Then, in pairs we created our 'Sound Machine' and took it in turns to hit the spoon with a ruler. We listened to the sound it made through the string and experimented hitting it in different ways.



Year 6

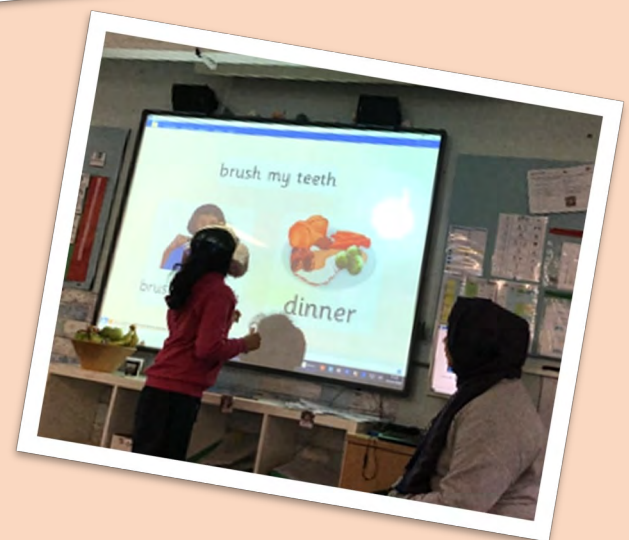


A big well done to twelve of our Y6 children who took part in the Sheffield Hallam Pop Maths Quiz last Saturday morning, competing against schools from across the region. The children had to work together as a team to solve some very tricky maths problems. They were amazing! It was so lovely to see their determination, problem solving, teamwork and enthusiasm. They were a credit to both their parents and our school. Well done Sarvesh, Beau, Suhani, Zac, Emily, Naomi, Arya, Dan, Victoria, Clara, Sophie and Nye.



Integrated Resource

This week in the IR, we have had some volunteers from Sheffield University to come and run a 'cheerleading' session. In Science, we have been learning about air resistance; we made and tested parachutes for this. To continue our transport topic, we had a go at making some aeroplanes this week. Finally, in the green room, we have been identifying 'healthy' and 'unhealthy' foods.



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	Shepherds Pie with Gravy	Fish Fingers with Chips
Vegetarian Main Course	Beany Veggie Sausage Pitta	BBQ Veggie Meatballs with Mixed Rice	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Tomato Pasta	Cheese Flan with Chips
Street Food		CHEESE BAGUETTE WITH BAKED POTATO WEDGES		BBQ CHICKEN & RICE	
Jacket Potatoes 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	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Cauliflower	Mixed Vegetables Garden Peas	Seasonal Greens Carrots	Green Beans Cauliflower	Baked Beans Garden Peas
Dessert	Oat & Raising Cookie with Fruit	Flapjack with Fruit	Chocolate Sponge with Custard	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Shortbread with Mandarins

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



Our desserts meet Public Health England's target for 'free sugar' intake for your child.

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

TEAM FAB4 A FORCE FOR FOOD!

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

How many eggs will you eat this Easter?

Join me on the hunt for some lovely **Easter treats**

Join us on...
THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

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EASTER LUNCH MENU
THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

FISH FINGERS
OR
VEGGIE SAUSAGE

SERVED WITH
CHIPS, BEANS & PEAS

FOR DESSERT
EASTER SHORTBREAD BISCUIT

ADHD DROP IN SESSIONS

The Family Action ADHD Project offers Drop in Café mornings and Information sessions to all families affected by ADHD. Our sessions have been put together to support all families who have children with ADHD.

Café mornings:

For HELP, SUPPORT, ADVICE and INFORMATION. Come along to our informal drop-in coffee morning sessions and have a chat with other parents and meet staff from the Sheffield ADHD Project, Sheffield Family HUBS, Ryegate, CAMHS and other agencies who support families affected by ADHD. Please see the leaflets attached for more information, the drop-in café mornings are as follows:

Lowedges Community Centre, Gresley Road, Sheffield, S8 7HN

Tuesday 12th March, 9.30am-12.00pm
 Tuesday 23rd April, 9.30am-12.00pm
 Tuesday 21st May, 9.30am-12.00pm
 Tuesday 16th July, 9.30am-12.00pm
 Tuesday 8th October, 9.30am-12.00pm
 Tuesday 10th December, 9.30am-12.00pm

Scotia Works, Leadmill Rd, Sheffield S1 4SE

Wednesday 1st May, 9:30am-12.00pm
 Wednesday 19th June, 9.30am-12.00pm
 Tuesday 24th September, 9.30am-12.00pm
 Tuesday 12th November, 4.30pm-7.30pm

Sharrow Community Forum, South View Road, Sheffield, S7 1DB

Thursday 18th April, 4.30pm-7.30pm
 Friday 14th June, 9.30am-12.00pm
 Friday 12th July, 9.30am-12.00pm
 Thursday 12th September, 9.30am-12.00pm
 Thursday 24th October, 4.30pm-7.30pm
 Friday 22nd November, 9.30am-12.00pm

Drop-in Information sessions:

Come along to our Information session to learn more about how to support your child with ADHD. In our information sessions, we discuss the basics of ADHD and provide advice for managing ADHD. Following the session materials will be provided as well as signposting to other services.

Please arrive on time for the session, and please note children cannot attend these sessions.

Scotia Works, Leadmill Rd, Sheffield S1 4SE

Wednesday 27th March: 10am-11:30am
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Tuesday 19th March: 10am-11:30am
 Tuesday 16th April: 10am-11:30am
 Tuesday 25th June: 10am-11:30am
 Tuesday 3rd September: 10am-11:30am
 Tuesday 5th November: 10am-11:30am

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Messy Easter



St John's Church, Ranmoor

**Come and help make the
Easter Garden and have
fun with our Messy
Church for EASTER!**

**Saturday 30th March
2-4pm**

www.stjohnsranmoor.org.uk

Ranmoor Rex

Presents:

Sat 23rd March

**Doors Open at 3.30pm film
starts at 4pm**

**Tickets £3 adult, £1 Child (6-18) 5s and
under free.**

All children must be accompanied and
supervised by an adult, Popcorn and
refreshments on sale.

Use the QR Code here to buy your tickets:

