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Message from the Headteacher



I am thrilled to announce that our new library is now live and fully operational! It has been an absolute joy to see the excitement and enthusiasm among the children as they explore and engage with all the new books. The library has quickly become a bustling hub of activity. It is heart-warming to witness the children's eagerness to read and spend time there.

Seeing children walking around the school, deeply engrossed in their chosen books, has been lovely to witness. It's almost impossible to pull them away from their new books! This newfound love for reading is exactly what we hoped to instill with our new library.



We have noticed that graphic novels, classic literature, sports-themed books, and comedies are particularly popular. Given their popularity, we are planning to expand our collection in these genres to meet the children's interests and encourage their passion for reading even further.



Additionally, we owe a special thanks to one of our former students, Liz Von Graevenitz, who played a crucial role in the creation of this beautiful space with the book arch. Again, I also want to thank the PTA and all parents for their contributions to make this space really special. Their hard work and dedication have truly brought our vision to life.



In addition to the excitement surrounding our new library, we recently had a fantastic transition day across the school. The children had the wonderful opportunity to meet their new teachers. It was a great experience for everyone involved. The children were buzzing with excitement, eager to get to know their new teachers.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing our children thrive in their reading journeys and beyond.

Key Dates

5th July	Annual reports out to parents/carers
8th July	Y2 children visiting, am
9th July	Y6 Enterprise Fair, 2.30pm
10th July	Parents/Carers Evening to discuss reports.
15th July	Infants visiting to watch Y6 performance
16th July	Y6 Leaver's Concert 2pm & 6pm
18th July	Y6 Leaver's Party, 5pm - 7pm
19th July	Children break up at 3.35pm for the Summer Holidays
22nd & 23rd July	INSET Days
3rd Sept	Children return to school

Assemblies

Mrs Thorlby led our weekly Celebration Assembly, on Monday.

On Tuesday, Mr Hancock spoke to the Y4 and Y5 children about their transition and moving up through the school to become our upper juniors.

Our Y5s were in Eyam on Wednesday so the Y6 children had a special singing assembly.

Our school election result was announced in today's assembly.

One of our pupils, Brooke, was chosen to be a mascot for Scotland's football team during the Euros. She spoke about her experience in Germany. What a fantastic opportunity!

This Week's Awards



Y3BB	Teddy
Y3JC	
Y3PW	Savannah
Y4TH	Bill
Y4JH	Oscar
Y4NH	
Y5JE	
Y5LN	Seb
Y5KL	
Y6AH	Henry C
Y6GR	Olivia
Y6MK	

House Points	
Steel	568
Cutlers	534
Originals	579
Peaks	532



Special Mentions

Y3PW - Charlotte, Yahya, Noah & Alex
 Y4NH - Leah Y4JH - Abigail
 Y5JE - Aurelia Y5LN - Fleur
 Y6AH - Fergus
 IR - Jess

Value of the Half Term

INDEPENDENCE

Our pupils will be encouraged to:

- * Have high aspirations and expectations of themselves and for others
- * Have ownership of their school
- * Think freely
- * Be a critical thinker
- * Be passionate and curious about their learning
- * Develop their organisational skills
- * Use initiative
- * Take responsibility
- * Be an active learner

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 95.3%

**LOST MINUTES =
LOST LEARNING!**



Attendance Winners

Congratulations to:
Y5KI and Y3JC

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



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SEND & Inclusion

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES



SEND Information Event

We are delighted to advise that we have arranged a SEND Information Event.

It will be an informal place where families and children/young people can come and speak to various services that can provide them with information and support around special educational needs and/or disabilities.

When: Thursday 11th July 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Where: Sharrow Community Forum, The Old Junior School, South View Road, Sharrow, Sheffield S7 1DB



OnlineTop Tip

We are aware that some children in our school have access to social media and that currently there are memes on social media platforms that are supporting homophobia and encouraging children to play seemingly innocent games that actually use homophobic language.

The grassroots FA has released a statement saying that this behaviour is not tolerated. We endorse this.

Please talk to your children about the things they see on social media and the games they play with others to ensure that they are morally and socially acceptable.

Safeguarding Top Tip

With the summer holidays approaching, the Royal Lifesaving Society is backing a new campaign, On The Beach Holidays, to help more families enjoy water safely this summer. On The Beach Holidays is highlighting the benefits of children wearing brightly coloured swimwear.

Research by The Holiday Campaign revealed that 2 in 3 children wear blue, white or grey swimwear, making them harder to spot underwater (see image). By changing to bright colours, you can help ensure your child is easier to spot when submerged, making it even easier to keep children under constant supervision when playing and swimming in water.



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NGJS General Election



On General election day, NGJS held their own special election where the children voted for a lesson they would like to take part in over the next two weeks. The options were:

- Forest Skills
- Papier Mache
- Acting session
- Generating a computer game
- British Sign Language

The pupils entered the Polling Station class by class and placed a cross on the Voting card, next to their lesson of choice. Prior to election day, the children learnt about democracy in lessons and in assembly as part of British Values.



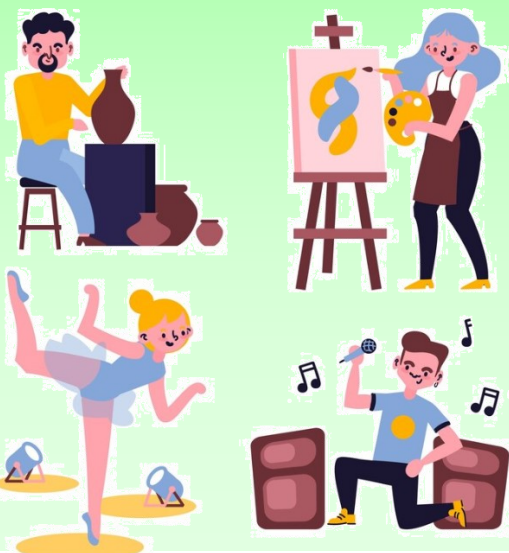
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Arts Council

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to all of our Arts Council members this year, who have given so much creative input into our arts provision in school. They contributed so many innovative ideas which was incredibly evident in our recent immersive project.

We will be holding a final meeting with our members in the last week of term where the children will be creating an art and music "wish list" for the academic year 2024-2025. We feel it is so important for the children to have some ownership over our creative provision at Nether Green Junior School and are always blown away by their contributions.

In September, we will be recruiting new members to our Arts Council and can't wait to hear their new ideas!



Music of the half term

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 Country music, exploring a wide range of performers from Dolly Parton to Beyoncé! We will look at the way country music often tells a story and will be linking this to thoughts about transition, as the children begin to think about moving up and moving on to new adventures.

Language of the Half Term

Each term we select a different language for the pupils to learn greetings and basic phrases in. 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 have 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.

The chosen language for this half-term is Turkish.

There are about 90 - 100 million people in the world who can speak Turkish. It is the official language in Turkey and parts of Cyprus. It is also widely spoken in European countries such as Germany, the Netherlands and France, where there are large Turkish communities.

The letters Q, W and X don't exist in the Turkish language.



Spotlight on the Curriculum - PE

WE DID IT!

We are delighted to announce that we, Nether Green Junior School, have achieved the School Games PLATINUM Mark Award again for the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 academic years.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active. We are thrilled to have been recognised for our success.



We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical education, school sport and physical activity. We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those young people who haven't previously been active or represented our school and to try and ensure that all our pupils have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school in our local community. As a school, we believe in the power of physical activity and we try to provide as many opportunities as possible for our children to gain their daily active minutes with the ultimate aim of them becoming physically literate and lifelong active citizens. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas linked to the five School Games outcomes and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks must go to:

- * Arches School Sport Partnership
- * Sheffield United Community Foundation
- * Sheffield Eagles
- * The Sheffield Federation for School Sport
- * SoccerEds
- * Hallamshire Squash & Tennis Club
- * Elite Karate
- * Kristie at Sheffield Gymnastics
- * All of our amazing staff!
- * All of our parent volunteers!

The final thank you must go to Mr Allen, Mrs Thorlby and Ms Musgrove as all of the sporting opportunities that we provide would not be possible without their continued support!



Year 4

Year 4 really enjoyed exploring our new school library area this week. We were all able to pick a new book and can't wait to visit again next week!



“The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go.”
-Dr. Seuss

Year 5

The Y5s had a fantastic time on the Eyam trip on Wednesday. We visited the Riley Graves where 6 members of the Hancock family died and were buried on their farm. We also visited the Plague cottage, where George Viccars, the first plague victim, died of the plague in Eyam. We saw the local village church where there were depictions of the Plague on stained-glass windows as well as the Plague Register, outlining the names of all the victims. We also visited the Eyam museum and particularly enjoyed seeing the Plague Doctor outfit!

The children behaved impeccably on the trip, showing wonderful behaviour and attitudes. They were particularly respectful whilst walking round the church, making Mrs Neal, Mr Earl and Mr Lomas feel very proud.



Y6 Fiver Challenge Enterprise Market

To help the children gain a better understanding of the world around them, the Y6 children have been developing their maths skills in a real life context by setting up a mini business to create products that they can sell at a profit to the school community.

They will be selling their products at their Fiver Challenge Enterprise Market on Tuesday 9th July in the school hall. The children will be selling items such as cakes, fruit kebabs and sweets as well as craft items such as bracelets, pom-poms, bookmarks, crochet bunnies and keyrings.

Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be taken by their class teachers to view and buy at the market. If you would like your child to have the opportunity to buy something, and in so doing help the Y6 children raise money to fund their Leavers' Party and donate to their chosen charity (yet to be decided), please send your child to school with a small amount of money. Items are being sold for between 50p and £3.00.

The market will be open to parents in Y6 from 2.30pm and to all other parents from 3.35pm to 4.15pm

Thank you for your support.



Integrated Resource

We have had a busy week this week, with two transition days for our new children; and further transition for our Y6s moving onto their secondary schools. To start the week, we had a go at making our own sandwiches, so that we could write a set of instructions. In Maths we have continued working with shapes. Our afternoons have been filled with lots of fun. We particularly enjoyed designing and making our own 'bug hotels' using a variety of natural resources.



Lunch Menu



PRIMARY MENU WEEK 1	'GREEN EARTH MONDAY'	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Course PURPLE	Veggie Pasta Carbonara	All Day Pork Sausage Breakfast with Herby Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potatoes	Chicken Curry with Mixed Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
Vegetarian Main Course GREEN	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges	All Day Veggie Sausage Breakfast with Herby Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans	Roasted Vegetable & Lentil Loaf with Mashed Potatoes and a Sticky Ketchup Glaze	Cauliflower Cheese & Pasta Bake	Cheese Flan with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
Street Food RED		Cheese & Bean Paninis with Baked Potato Wedges		Mediterranean Vegetable & Bean Paella	
Jacket Potato and Filling YELLOW	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, Salmon Mayo or Tuna Mayo
Vegetables	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots & Mixed Fresh Salad	Roasted Peppers & Sweetcorn & Mixed Fresh Salad	Carrots, Broccoli & Mixed Fresh Salad	Sweetcorn, Country Mixed Vegetables & Mixed Fresh Salad	Garden Peas, Baked Beans & Mixed Fresh Salad
Dessert	Marble Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuits & Fruit Slices	Iced Banana Traybake	Oat & Raisin Cookie & Fresh Watermelon Slice	Chocolate Ice Cream

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.

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.

IMPORTANT CHANGE - School Meals

From Monday 8th July we are changing the way meals are ordered in school. Your child will no longer need to have the same meal pattern each week. Instead, a lunch register will be taken every morning by your child's class teacher. Each morning your child will make their selection from the current week's menu (displayed in their classroom) or choose a packed lunch.

The menu will be colour coded, please see below.

Purple – Main Course

Green – Vegetarian Main Course

Red – Street Food

Yellow – Jacket potato with filling

The school office will compile a daily report for the school kitchen who then prepare each child with the meal of their choice. Your child must stick to the choice they made in the morning when they collect their meal in the dining hall. Please talk to your child about this change so they understand how this is going to work. A copy of the weekly menu is available on the school website. If you have any questions, please ask the office staff.

As we approach the end of the academic year, we ask that you check your ParentPay meal account balance, to ensure there is enough money to cover your child's meals until the end of term. The office need to close the year down with no remaining debts.





Y3-6 Extra Curricular Clubs



Y3-6 EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS AUTUMN TERM 2024/25 – Nether Green Junior School

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
FIRST HALF TERM – SEP/OCT	LUNCH	Girls Football Y5	ORCHESTRA (instrumentalists only)	Tennis Club AJW Coaching Y3 – 4		Badminton Club AJW Coaching Y5 – 6
		CHOIR	Dance Club Y3 – 6	Samba Band Club Y3 – 6		Guitar Band
	AFTER SCHOOL	Gymnastics Club Sheffield Gymnastics Club Y4 – 6	NGJS Cross Country Club Y3 – Y6	Karate Club Elite Karate Y3 – 6	Basketball Sheffield Hatters Y5 – 6	
		Boys Football Y6	Forest School Y5 – 6 Fit Kids Sheffield Football Club Y3 – 6 SoccerEds French Club Y3 – 6 Le Club Français			
SECOND HALF TERM – OCT/NOV	LUNCH	Boys Football Y5 – 6 (alternate weeks)	ORCHESTRA (instrumentalists only)	Tennis Club AJW Coaching Y3 – 4		Badminton Club AJW Coaching Y5 – 6
		CHOIR	Dance Club Y3 – 6	Samba Band Club Y3 – 6		Guitar Band
	AFTER SCHOOL	Gymnastics Club Sheffield Gymnastics Club Y4 – 6	NGJS Cross Country Club Y3 – Y6	Karate Club Elite Karate Y3 – 6	Basketball Sheffield Hatters Y3 – 4	
		Girls Football Y5 – 6	Forest School Y5 – 6 Fit Kids Sheffield Football Club Y3 – 5 SoccerEds French Club Y3 – 6 Le Club Français			

- 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 extra-curricular clubs run by an external provider, please find contact details overleaf.

Badminton Club (AJW Coaching)	<i>Booking for Badminton will go LIVE on ParentPay in September 2024</i>
Basketball (Sheffield Hatters)	<i>Booking for Basketball (Y5/6) will be go LIVE on ParentPay in September 2024 Booking for Basketball (Y3/4) will be go LIVE on ParentPay in October 2024</i>
Football (SoccerEds)	<i>Please visit https://www.theevoway.co.uk/soccereds for further details</i>
Forest School (FitKids)	<i>Booking for Forest Skills will go LIVE on WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY 2024 at 7pm fitkidssheffield@gmail.com</i>
French Club (Le Club Français)	<i>Please contact Le Club Français for further details: vessex.lcf@gmail.com</i>
Karate Club (Elite Karate)	<i>Please contact Elite Karate for further details: steve@elite-karate.co.uk</i>
Samba Band Club (Music Hub – Dan Johnston)	<i>Booking for Samba Band Club will go LIVE on ParentPay in September 2024</i>
Tennis (AJW Coaching)	<i>Booking for Tennis will go LIVE on ParentPay in September 2024</i>

