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## Message from the Headteacher

It has been a busy and enriching couple of weeks and I would like to share some highlights.

### Year 5 Viking Showcase

This week, our Year 5 children proudly showcased their Viking projects to parents and carers. It was fantastic to see all the creativity and hard work that the children have put into this unit of work. They demonstrated a deep understanding of Viking history and culture. A big thank you to everyone who joined us. Your support means a great deal to the children and really enhances their learning experience.

### Exciting Learning Across the School

It has been a wonderful time of hands-on learning for our pupils. Year 3 have been busy crafting some fantastic Stone Age houses, which showcase their creativity and understanding of early human history. Year 4 enjoyed an exciting Greek Day, full of fun activities and a food tasting session that brought Ancient Greece to life. Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils have been hard at work on their Design and Technology project, focusing on moving vehicles, linked to their studies on renewable energy. I managed to see their innovative designs and models in action this afternoon.

### World Food Day

Mrs Thorlby lead a thought-provoking assembly in recognition of World Food Day. The focus was on the universal right to food, a legally binding human right that is essential for living a better life and securing a better future. We discussed how access to food is not guaranteed for everyone and the role we all play in addressing this inequality. Mrs Thorlby also touched on the significant impact of climate change on farmers around the world, helping our pupils to understand the global challenges many communities face in producing the food we often take for granted. Please keep an eye out for our letter on Harvest and how you can contribute to support those in need.

### Black History Month

We celebrated Black History Month by honouring the achievements of influential Black figures who have shaped history in remarkable ways. We also took the opportunity to mark National Poetry Day, where we highlighted the work of two inspiring poets: Joseph Coelho and Benjamin Zephaniah. Their poetry, filled with messages of resilience, identity, and social justice, sparked thoughtful discussions among the children.

### Singing Assemblies

This week we have also held two phase singing assemblies. It was lovely to hear the school filled with music and it was a great reminder of how collective experiences like these build a strong sense of community within our school.

### Maternity Leave Wishes

Tara, Aaminah, Aiza, Hannah, Lilia and Sienna made a big effort to say a fond farewell to Mrs Neal and Miss Balcombe this week, in preparation for them going on maternity leave. In an attempt to make them feel special, the girls decorated the hall. We would like to wish both Mrs Neal and Miss Balcombe all the very best for the exciting times ahead!

## Key Dates

19th October	Orienteering - EIS and Olympic Legacy Park
w/b 21st October	Y6 SEND Review Meetings
22nd October	Whole School PTA Pumpkin Dash
23rd & 24th October	Parent/Carer Evenings (10 min appointments)
24th October	Y6 Bake Sale after school
25th October	INSET DAY School closed to pupils
28th October - 1st November	Half Term Holiday School Closed
4th November	School re-opens
w/b 4th November	Y4 SEND Review Meetings
6th November	Y2 Open Evening, 5.45pm
w/b 11th November	Anti-bullying Week
12th November	Y5 & IR Wonderdome
12th November	Online Safety Workshop, 6pm
13th&14th November	Y5 SEND Review Meetings
18th November	Y5 SEND Review Meetings
16th November	Cross Country - Bradfield Secondary School
16th November	Y4 Ancient Greek Day

## This Week's Awards



Y3BB	Flynn
Y3MC	
Y3PW	Zara
Y4TH	
Y4NH	Jemima
Y4JH	Fred
Y5JE	
Y5KB	Omar
Y5KL	Chrissy
Y6HK	Harriet
Y6OS	
Y6JC	Ajitesh
IR	

House Points	
Steel	86
Cutlers	83
Originals	82
Peaks	79



### Special Mentions

Finn - Y3BB	Robyn - Y3PW
Noah H - Y4TH	Alyson - Y4NH
Archie - Y4JE	Zach - Y5JE
Caleb - Y5KL	Iris - Y6OS
Bailey - IR	

### Other Achievements

Well done to Connor and Ellis, in Y3, for their achievements in Rugby this week.

Another mention goes out to Aymen for his amazing progress on Lexia.

Edward in Y4 has also had success with The Children's University!

### Focus Value - Respect

Our pupils will be encouraged to:

- Be polite and well-mannered.
- Value themselves and other people
- Be respectful, tolerant and caring
- Have mutual respect and tolerance for all, including those with different faiths and beliefs
- Respect our school and its environment
- Take an interest in their community, country and the wider world.

### 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 97.2%**



### Attendance Winners

Congratulations to:

**Y3BB and Y5KB**

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

# Community

## School Council

The School Council for 2024/25 has been formed. Two children from each class across the school are representing our pupil community. The children were selected democratically through a pupil vote earlier in the half term.

The School Councillors have met regularly over this half term and have been given their special notebooks, for all their wonderful ideas, as well as their new school council badges.

This year, each school councillor has been given a specific role, from Chairperson to Finance Officer, all roles have been filled and the responsibilities of each discussed.

Already, the School Council have begun to organise the up and coming charity events. The first charity event they will be involved in is the Shoe Box Appeal. On Monday, they will be announcing this event to the school in Assembly.

Thank you School Councillors for a great start to the year!



## 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 settle into their new classes.

## 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 Ga.**

Ga is one of about eighty languages spoken in Ghana, in and around the capital Accra, by the Ga people. There are also some speakers in Togo, Benin and Western Nigeria.



# Community

## SEND & Inclusion

### SEND Reviews

Thank you to the parents who have attended SEND reviews so far. The remaining dates for reviews are as follows:

Y6 – 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Y4 – 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November

Y5 – 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November

Please note, it is very difficult to rearrange appointments so please try to attend your allotted slot where possible. We are happy to host SEND reviews online.

### Coffee Morning

Our next SEND coffee morning will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at gam. This will be an informal coffee morning – a chance for parents to come together and chat, and for our SENCO, Ms Musgrove to answer any questions. If your child is on the SEND register, or you have met with Ms Musgrove this year, you are very welcome to attend.



## Westbourne Poetry Workshop

Earlier this month, Lara, Essie, Ruby, Brice, Holly, Jimmy and Iyaaz, who are in Y6, went to a poetry writing workshop held at Westbourne School.

The workshop was called 'In Their Shoes' and the children worked with Y6, Y7, and Y9 pupils from schools all around Sheffield. They wrote poetry together and then performed what they had written in the 'Poetry Café' to an audience of parents and carers.

They all had a brilliant day!



## Safeguarding & Online Safety

We take the online safety of our children seriously at Nether Green Junior School.

Our curriculum supports our children to make sense of the online world whilst teaching them how to stay safe and empowering them to be confident living in a digital world.

We ask children to report anything they see, hear or experience that they do not understand or makes them feel uncomfortable, and encourage parents to do the same if they feel we can help in any way.

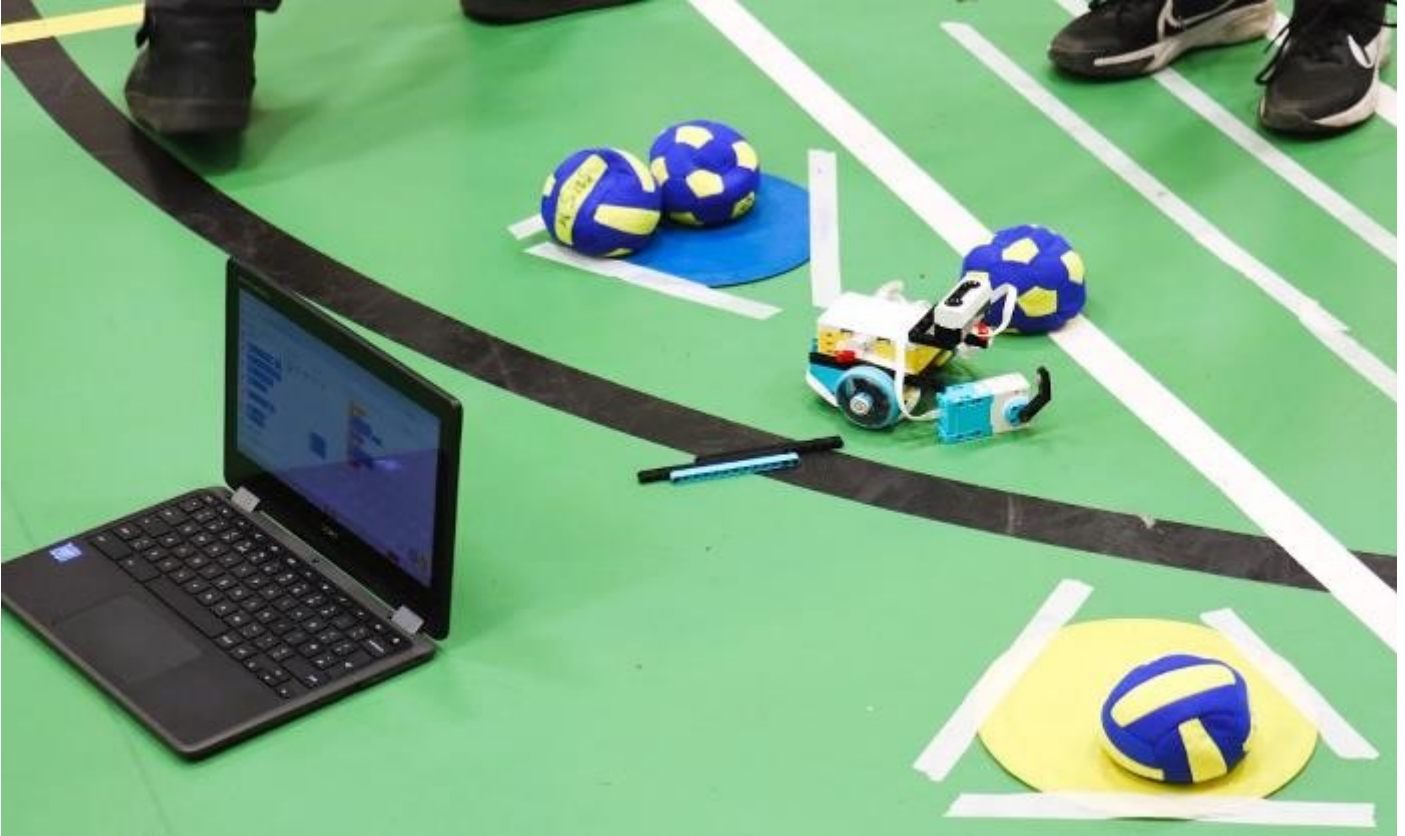
Many of our children are online whilst they are at home. We encourage you to talk to your children about their online experiences so they can share their positive experiences and their knowledge with you and in turn, feel confident to report to you any experiences they are not so comfortable with.

NSPCC have published detailed safety advice for families. This includes safety guidance for over 80 apps.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

## Robotics event

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, a few of our pupils represented the school at a Robotics event at Sheffield Girls High School. Despite it being a long day, the children were engaged throughout and had a wonderful time. They worked with children, from ten other schools across the city, to build robots and then compete in an event at the end of the day. All the children were a credit to the school but a special mention goes to Jemimah for being in the winning 'all girl's team' and for her positive attitude throughout the event, which was recognised by the event organisers. Well done!



## Teddy Tombola Fundraiser Success

Poppy in Y4 prepared a Teddy Tombola to raise money for The Sheffield Children's Hospital. She cleaned and washed teddies, sorted donations, labelled up the toys and made and put up posters.

The tombola was held at Endcliffe Park Café. Leah in Y5 went along to help out on the day. The two of them were absolutely brilliant. They worked their socks off on the stall for 4 hours, as well as running round the park to 'advertise' the tombola and recruit families to take part.

They raised an amazing £150 for the charity. Fantastic work! Well done!



## Spotlight on the Curriculum - Science

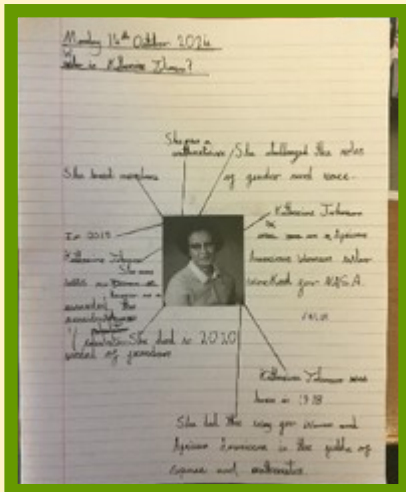
The children have been busy developing their science knowledge and understanding as well as consolidating and learning new scientific skills through practical investigations and hands on experience.

The Y6 children have been finding out about electrical circuits and symbols. They put their knowledge to good use by making a burglar alarm and pulley system that could prevent the Mona Lisa from being stolen!

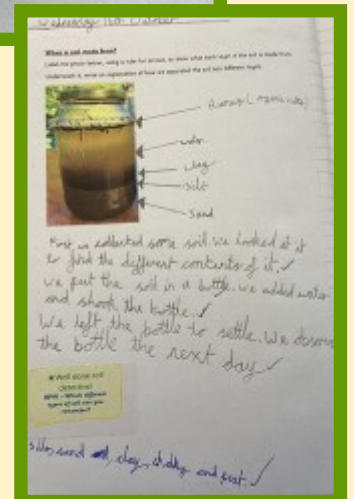
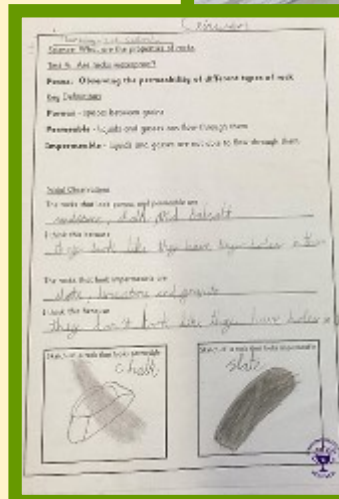
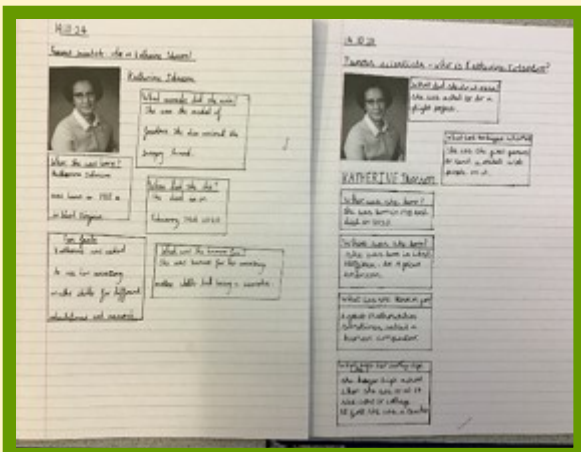
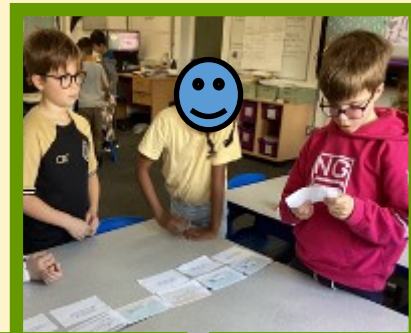
During their Viking Day, the Y5 children designed and made a Viking longship that would float and carry each member of their team – a marble representing each person. They used their scientific enquiry skills to make predictions and consider the effects of water resistance, upthrust and gravity on their boats.



Y4 have been carrying out independent investigations and finding out about the life and work of Katherine Johnson.



The Y3s have been busy finding out about fossils and the different types of rocks and their properties as well as finding out what soil is made from.



Y4 enjoyed creating abstract sculptures of the human figure using clay in art. They used so much creativity and showed so much pride in their work!



## Year 5

The Y5s had an amazing time in York, where we visited the Jorvik Centre and the DIG. We also got to walk through the city centre to York Minster and The Shambles. We saw some amazing buskers and had a memorable day!



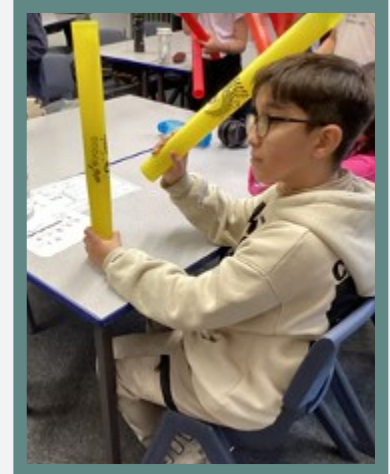
We also had a great time on Viking day (maybe staff more so than pupils). The children learned lots of exciting facts throughout the day. Mr Lomas taught the importance of Viking jewellery and the children made their own. Mr Earl talked about what forces act upon a Longboat and why it floats. Miss Browne spoke to the children about how Vikings would play exciting board games to pass the time.



Thank you to everyone who came to watch our assembly.

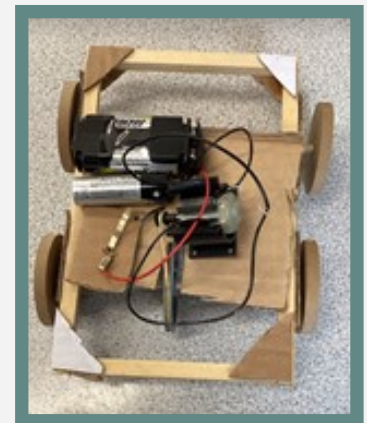


Music unit - fundamentals



PE with Sheffield United

DT project – building an electric car

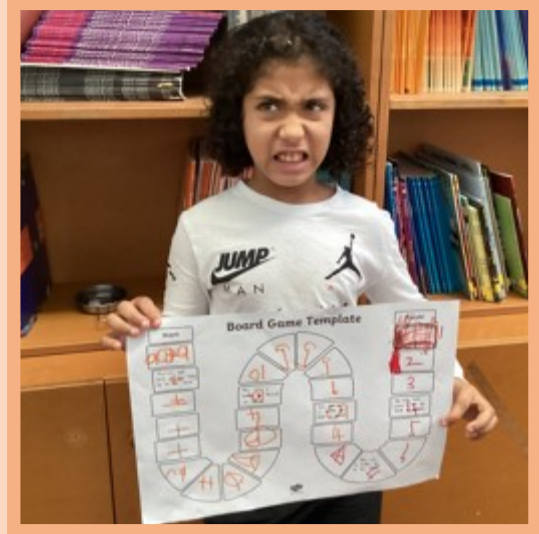


Buddy reading

## Integrated Resource

The Y5 children from the IR, joined their Y5 peers on the visit to York and had a wonderful time at The Jorvik Centre. They practised excavating at DIG and learned about Viking battle tactics.

Last Friday, the Y5 children joined in with the Y5 Viking Day. They took part in lots of exciting activities, including: making a Viking Longboat and testing it with Marbles, making Viking pendants and making a Viking board game. They also practised making scary Viking faces.



Meanwhile, within the IR, we have been learning about the moon landings and had a go at pretending to walk on the moon. In the Green Room, the children had a music session playing various instruments.

# Lunch Menu - w/b 21st October



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	INSET DAY  School closed to pupils
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	
Street Food RED		Cheese & Bean Panini 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	
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	
Dessert	Marble Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuits & Fruit Slices	Iced Banana Traybake	Oat & Raisin Cookie & Fresh Watermelon Slice	

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 we think we eat around a third of a child's recommended 'free sugar' intake.



## WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for parents to join our committee for breakfast club and after school club.

We meet 4 times a year to discuss the running of the club and look at ways in which we can improve the services we offer.

If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of then please get in touch with **Chloe Jones** on **07300847541** for more information.



Greenhill Community Library presents:

## Music for Kids Day

Saturday 26th October 2024

10:00am – 3:00pm

Come and listen to the stories of *Hansel and Gretel*, *The Enchanted Nightingale*, and *The Gingerbread Man*, each set to music.



Join in the fun and games as Meena, the friendly witch, throws a party to celebrate her birthday.



There will also be lots of crafts for you to enjoy and a chance to have a go on a musical instrument.

This is a free event, led by Lucy Phillips and Jonny Ingall on violin and cello. It's aimed at 4- to 8-year-olds, but children of all ages are also welcome! No need to book – just come along and stay as long as you like.

Greenhill Community Library, Hemper Lane, Sheffield, S8 7FE.

## October Half Term Camps Monday 21st – Thursday 24th



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