

Message from the Headteacher

Our Year 3 pupils had a fantastic time on their first trip of the year to Creswell Crags. They explored the cool rock formations and learned about the prehistoric people who lived there. It was a great chance for them to experience something new and have fun with their classmates. A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers who supported the trip.

Our Year 5 pupils had an amazing time at Jorvik, in York. From what I've heard about their trip today, they loved exploring the Viking village and learning about Viking life.

We also had some other fantastic events happening this week! Some of our Year 6 children took part in a poetry workshop, hosted by Westbourne School, as part of National Poetry Day. Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils had a fun experience playing tag rugby at Handsworth Grange.

These trips and events are a really important part of our school life. They help our children learn new things, work together, create special memories and become more independent. I would like to thank the staff for all their commitment and hard work to create these experiences for the children.

If you haven't heard already, Mr Hancock is currently on paternity leave to spend time with his new twins. We wish him and his family all the best during this special time. He'll be back at school on Monday.

Assemblies

- On Monday we had our Whole School Celebration Assembly.
- Our Key Phase assemblies were delivered by Mrs Handley and Mrs Neal which were all about 'Black History Month'. The focus this year is on 'reclaiming the narrative'. This recognises that black people have often been forgotten heroes and heroines and for there to be real change, we need to challenge racism and discrimination in all areas of life.
- Mrs Charlesworth led today's assembly. She talked about Harvest Festivals around the world today.

Office Messages/Reminders

Please log in to your ParentPay account to give consent/provide details for the following trips, if you haven't already done so:

- Y5/Y6 Football (Mon 7/10)
- Y4 Basketball Forge Valley (Thurs 10/10)
- IR - Giddy Goat at the Crucible (Wed 16/10)
- Family Communication Seminar (Fri 18/10)
- Y5 Wonderdome (Tues 12/11)

Key Dates

October	Black History Month
8th October	Y3/Y4 Reading Workshop, 5.30pm
9th October	Y5/Y6 Maths Workshop, 5.30pm
10th October	Hello Yellow Day Mental health awareness/fundraising
11th October	Y5 Viking Day in school
14th - 24th October	Y6 Bikeability
w/b 14th October	Y3 SEND Review Meetings
15th October	Y5 Viking Assembly 2.45pm
16th October	Y4 Ancient Greek Day
18th October	Family Communication Seminar 9am - 10.30am
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

Vacancies

We are advertising two vacancies. Please follow the links below if you are interested.

Play worker

<https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/play-worker-4f7861f6-3028-45c2-8781-67920291441e>

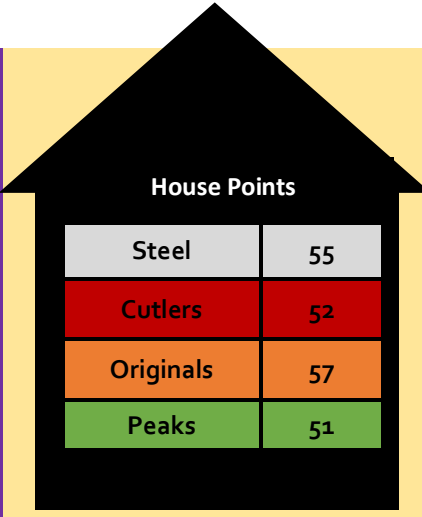
Assistant Caretaker

<https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/assistant-caretaker-nether-green-junior-school-sheffield-south-yorkshire>

This Week's Awards



Y3BB	Flynn
Y3MC	Miriam
Y3PW	Poppy
Y4TH	Aashvik
Y4NH	Henry
Y4JH	Archie
Y5JE	Ben
Y5KB	Omar
Y5KL	Ransh
Y6HK	
Y6OS	Seb
Y6JC	
IR	Nawda



House Points

Steel	55
Cutlers	52
Originals	57
Peaks	51



Special Mentions

Haniya - Y3MC	Ruben - Y5KL
Alfie - Y3PW	Edith - Y6OS
Matlilda - Y4TH	Peyton - IR
Mohammed - Y4NH	
Mariia - Y4JH	Astrid - Y5JE

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

Attendance Winners

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.

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

Our attendance this week was 97.3%

Congratulations to:

Y4NH and Y6JC

**LOST MINUTES =
LOST LEARNING!**



Community

Arts Council

The purpose of the Arts Council at Nether Green Junior School is to give the 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.

Similarly to the School Council, two members from each class from Y3 to Y6, make up our Arts Council and help to represent and share the views of their classmates at meetings which take place 2-3 times each half term.

Our Arts Council elections for this academic year are about to take place. One of our previous members, Helenka (Y6) will be continuing on the Arts Council for another year as our pupil chair. The rest of our Arts Council will be brand new to their roles! Class teachers will be talking to the children about this opportunity over the next few days and giving them information about how to apply. We look forward to introducing our new Arts Council to you soon.



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 - Ga

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

A reminder that on Thursday 10th October the whole school community is invited to dress in something yellow for 'Hello Yellow' day, to raise awareness of children and young people's mental health.

We will also be taking cash donations for the charity Young Minds. This can be given to your child's class teacher on the day, or handed in to the school office.

Thank you.

**Wear
it loud.
Wear
it proud.**

#HelloYellow

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Safeguarding and Online Safety

Keeping children safe online

We all have a part to play in keeping children safe online. Find out how with our online safety guides.

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/>

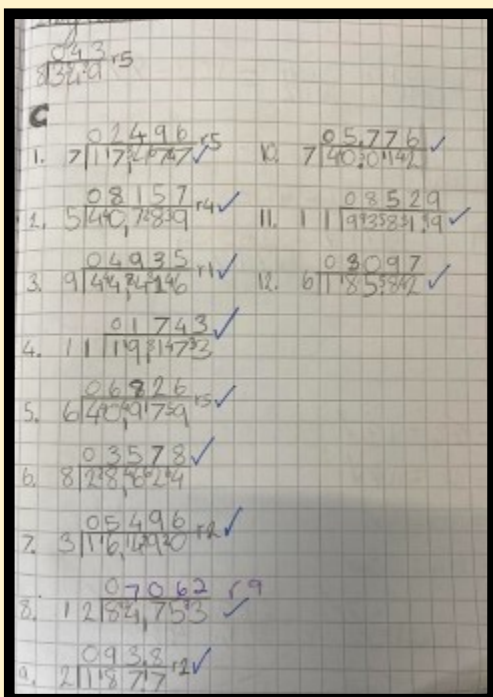
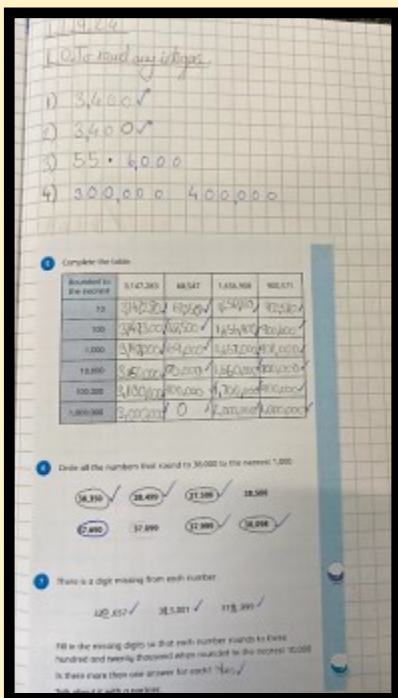
Spotlight on the Curriculum - Maths

White Rose Maths Scheme

Across school we continue to use the White Rose Maths Scheme, a fantastic resource that ensures parity across year groups and the school. The scheme allows the teachers to support all learners, whatever their mathematical ability. All the lessons are supported with interactive flip charts to model and support the learning objective of each lesson.

Across school in the autumn term the children will have already covered place value, addition and subtraction. In the weeks leading up to Christmas we will be covering multiplication and division. In Y5 and Y6 they will be doing work on fractions. This is alongside weekly Basic Skills sessions and Flashback Maths. Basic Skills sessions are a chance for children to consolidate on previous learning, practise formal methods and pick up on misconceptions. Flashback Maths is where they solidify their grasp of previous areas of maths covered, consistently improving their short and long term memory.

Here are some examples of work so far.

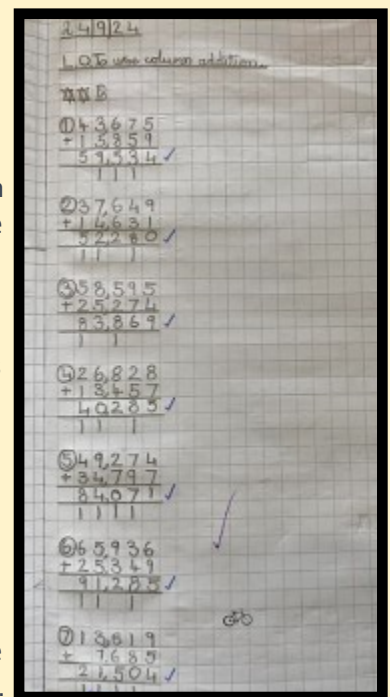


Formal methods and presentation

In maths the emphasis has not only been on mastering the intricacies of mathematical operations but also on refining their presentation skills. The importance of presentation is really helping the children especially when solving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems using formal methods.

Times tables

Times tables is key to supporting children in so many areas of maths. To encourage the children, we will be presenting weekly 'Times Table Rock Stars' certificates - keep an eye out for the winners in the newsletter.



Learning in Action

Year 3



Year 3 have been fascinated by our project 'How did life change for people between the Stone Age and Iron Age?' We visited Creswell Crags this week where we were able to explore a cave that people lived in during the Ice Age.



We also learnt about the job of a palaeontologist and were able to put together the skeletons of prehistoric animals.



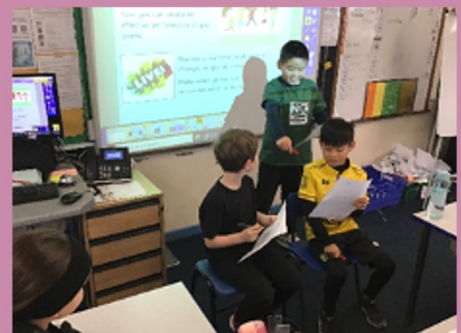
We learnt about what Stone Age people would have needed to survive and worked together to make shelters and hunt for bison.

Year 4

Over the last two weeks, the Y4s have really enjoyed their learning. In life skills, we thought about the key question: 'Are all friends the same?' We created a tangled web to show how we are linked as a class. This was a great visual way to show how we have so many things in common with each other.



We have also enjoyed starting to learn about poetry. We created some performance poetry pieces by using techniques from the wonderful poet, Michael Rosen. The children were fantastic at this.



Year 5

In Y5, we have started to use clay to make Viking brooches. It's been very exciting!



We have also been learning about Longboats and how big and narrow they are! Y5JE all managed to fit into one though, so we can go and raid the nearest town!



Year 6

Year 6 are really enjoying their project "How should we power our world?" They have carried out geography field work. We met Tony who talked to us about the war memorial and its importance.

We have been debating the issues raised on the field trip in class.



Integrated Resource

In the IR, the children joined some of their mainstream friends to take part in 'Theraplay' sessions. They painted each other's feet and then made footprints on paper. They used their feet in a game to get bean-bags over a line and they also had a go at three-legged races.



The whole class enjoyed making flapjacks. The children also used the IT equipment for maths skills and for communication.



Lunch Menu



**NETHER GREEN JUNIOR
AUTUMN 24
WEEK TWO**





PRIMARY MENU WEEK 2	'GREEN EARTH MONDAY'	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Course PURPLE	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges	Hot Dog Baguette with Baked Potato Wedges and Coleslaw	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Bolognese & Penne Pasta	Battered Pollock with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
Vegetarian Main Course GREEN	Vegetable Enchiladas with Sunny Vegetable Rice	Vegetarian Chilli Wedge Bake	Veggie Sausage with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Cheese & Onion Puff Pastry Roll with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
Street Food RED		Chicken & Vegetable Burrito		Quorn Burger in a Bun with Baked Potato Wedges	
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 or Tuna Mayo
Vegetables	Garden Peas, Carrots & Mixed Fresh Salad	Sweetcorn, Baked Beans, Coleslaw Salad & Mixed Fresh Salad	Cauliflower, Carrots, Peas & Mixed Fresh Salad	Broccoli, Carrots, Cauliflower & Mixed Fresh Salad	Garden Peas, Baked Beans & Mixed Fresh Salad
Dessert	Ginger & Mandarin Traybake	Strawberry Jelly	Freshly Baked Chocolate Cookie	Flapjack Finger & Fresh Watermelon Slice	Homemade Shortbread Biscuits

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.

Trouser's Plea

Now that the wetter days are upon us, we are struggling to provide some of our children with spare trousers when they fall over on the playground.

We would be extremely grateful for any donations of the following:

- Jogging bottoms
- Leggings
- Trousers
- Tights

Sizes from age 7 through to age 13 would be greatly appreciated!

If you are able to donate any clothing that your child/ren no longer wear, please drop them off at the school office. Thank you!

