

Nether Green Junior School Newsletter Date: May 9th



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Message from the Headteacher

There has been a real sense of positivity and warmth across the school, not just in the weather, but in the attitudes, smiles and energy from the children. The real highlight for me has been the number of children who've proudly brought me their work to share. It's been lovely to see how proud they are of their achievements, and I've felt equally proud hearing them talk with such enthusiasm and confidence.

In our celebration assembly this week, alongside recognising the many achievements of our children, we also took time to celebrate a very special success from a member of staff. Congratulations to Mr Lomas, who recently represented Great Britain at the World Masters Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships in Murcia, Spain. He competed in four races in his age category, winning a gold medal in the go-minute Mass Start event, bronze in the 60-minute race, bronze in the 2-hour race, and finishing fourth in the Sprint race. That's three medals for Great Britain, and we now have a world champion in our school!

Mr Lomas described the competition as incredibly challenging, with hot, dry conditions, technical maps, and demanding mountain biking routes. He delivered a brilliant assembly to the children this week, sharing his medals, his bike, and even the large bike bag he travelled with. The children were captivated and asked some excellent questions, especially those already involved in orienteering competitions themselves.



Key Dates

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| 12th–16th May | Y6 SATs Week |
| 15th May | Y5JE KES Visit |
| 16th May | Y5 SEND Reviews |
| 19th–23rd May | Mayor's Walk and Wheel Challenge |
| 19th May | Y3 Open Classrooms 2.45pm |
| 19th and 21st May | Y4 SEND Reviews |
| 20th May | Y5 Open Classrooms 2.45pm |
| 20th and 22nd May | Y6 SEND Reviews |
| 20th May | Athletics Competition at Woodbourn Road |
| 20th May | Sheffield Schools Swimming Gala 5PM |
| 21st May | Y6 Open Classrooms 2.45pm |
| 22nd May | Y4 Open Classrooms 2.45pm |
| 22nd May | Y3/4 Girls Introduction to Football—KES |
| 22 May | Y5KB KES Visit |
| 22nd May | Y3/4 School Disco 5.40pm–7.15pm |
| 22nd May | Y5/6 School Disco 7pm—8.30pm |
| 23rd May | IR Open Classroom 2pm—3.45pm |
| 23rd May | Children break up for the holidays at 3.35pm |
| 2nd June | School re-opens to children |



Message from the Headteacher (continued)

We also paused for a moment of reflection this week and Mrs Kirby led an assembly marking 80 years since VE Day. The children took part in a two-minute silence and learned about the importance of remembrance, peace and gratitude. It was a calm and thoughtful moment shared across the school.

Our Year 4 pupils have been away on their residential trip to Edale and, from everything I've heard, they've had a brilliant time. They've embraced the activities with enthusiasm and gained so much from the experience. We were lucky with the weather, particularly Miss Hopkins' class today. With more sunshine ahead, please remember to send children in with hats, appropriate clothing, water bottles and sun cream so they can stay safe and comfortable throughout the day.

Have a great weekend.

This Week's Awards



Y3BB
Y3MC
Y3PW
Y4TH
Y4NH
Y4JH
Y5JE
Y5KB
Y5KL
Y6HK
Y6OS
Y6JC
IR

NO
RESULTS
THIS
WEEK

House Points

| | |
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| Steel | 301 |
| Cutlers | 283 |
| Originals | 296 |
| Peaks | 308 |

Special Mentions

Y3PW - Zara Y4TH - Teddy and
Y3MC - Laurie Matilda
Y4JH - Anna Y5JE - Rohan
Y5KL - Mr Lomas (world
champion cyclist!)

Achievements Outside School

Well done to Otilie, Y3BB, who gained a skiing certificate on a recent skiing holiday.

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 96.5%



Focus Value -

Behaviour and Attitude

Our pupils will be encouraged to:

- Understand and embrace fundamental world values
- Be happy, friendly and caring
- Embrace difference and diversity
- Listen and respect other's thoughts, feelings and opinions
- Be respectful, tolerant and caring
- Be humble

Attendance Winners

Congratulations to:

Y3PW, Y4NH and Y6OS

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

Language of the Half Term - French

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 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 French. French is the official language of more than a dozen countries in Africa, Europe, and North America. The International Red Cross uses French as the official language. French is one of the 6 languages of communication in the UN. Some people claim that French is the language of romance and diplomacy.



Eco-Ambassadors

The Eco Ambassadors have been busy this half term designing the garden area outside the sports hall, with plans for a mini-pond, bee-friendly flowers and a bug hotel. Thanks to a generous donation from Lavang, we have been able to purchase some trowels and some spades and the Eco team have been busy preparing the ground to remove the weeds. Here are some of our children in action!

The school have recently ordered some recycling bins for the playground and the Eco Ambassadors have put together an assembly to share with the school on how they should be used. This will be shared once the bins have been installed. We are moving towards using different bins for food waste, mixed recycling (paper, card, cans) and general waste (non-recyclable items). Eco team have also been thinking about how we can encourage everyone to have less food waste and they will share their ideas with the school in the assembly. In the meantime, we would invite you to discuss ways to use left overs to make new meals and avoid food waste at home and send in any recipes you have. For example, do you use leftover chicken to make a stir fry or leftover vegetables to make a risotto? If your child would like to send in your "leftovers recipes", we will share some in our upcoming newsletters. Please send your recipes to y3@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk for the attention of Mrs Wing or bring them into school, with your child's name and class clearly labelled.

National Eco News: It is now 'No Mow May'. Can you consider leaving a part of your garden with long grass to encourage wildlife for the month of May (or longer)? More information can be found here: <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/>



Music of the half term - Pop



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 Pop music, specifically exploring 1970s Disco artists – one of the most famous being ABBA – which links to the upcoming Eurovision Song Contest. which links to the upcoming Eurovision Song Contest.

Community

SEND & Inclusion

Summer SEND Reviews

Our Summer SEND reviews are fast approaching and will take place on:

Friday 16th May - Y5
Monday 19th May - Y4
Tuesday 20th May - Y6
Wednesday 21st May - Y4
Thursday 22nd May - Y6
Tuesday 3rd June - Y3
Monday 8th June - Y5

You will now have been allocated a slot. Please e-mail Ms Musgrove to confirm your appointment – especially if you would like an online appointment.

Y3/4 Climbing Trip – Friday 20th June

All spaces have now been allocated. Thank you for booking on so promptly.

Safeguarding Top Tip

We are committed to supporting you to keep your children safe online and would like to share the updated information below with you.

Roblox and Parental Controls - South West Grid for Learning

Roblox, the popular Minecraft 'style' game has announced a new raft of parental controls. The website which ranks among the most popular games for children in the e-space, has previously been accused of possessing weak child protection tools. Their new raft of adaptations is important due to the game's position among school aged children. The new features have been adopted to allow parents to take control of their children's game time in a more comprehensive manner.

Parents will now be able to block individuals who communicate with their children, as well as have more detailed oversight over their usage of the programme. Real-time awareness measures have been increased and these changes represent a big step forward in making popular multiplayer games more secure for underaged users. If interested, the South-West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) has produced a comprehensive run down of these changes. Please follow the link below for more:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-launches-new-parental-controls/>

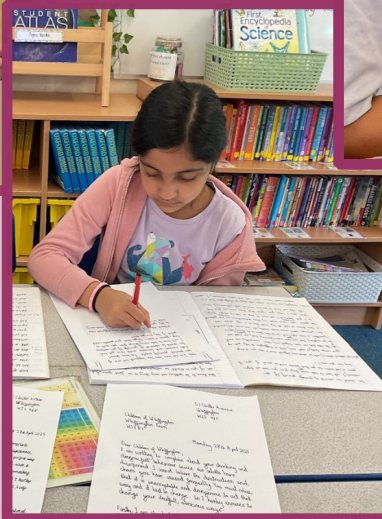
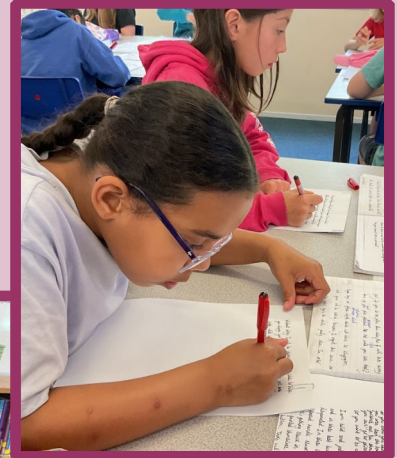
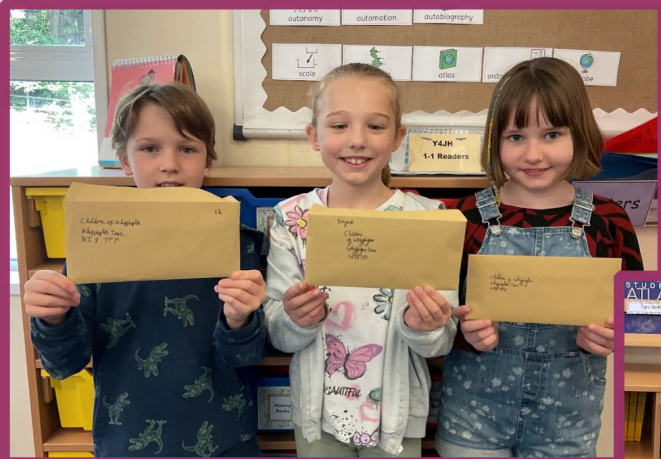
Learning In Action

Year 3

In Year 3 we have been learning about plants and what they need to grow. We've enjoyed carrying out a range of experiments into growing conditions as well as closely observing the characteristics of different plants. Last week we visited the Botanical Gardens where we explored the glass houses and learnt about the conditions different plants need. We also enjoyed sketching plants.

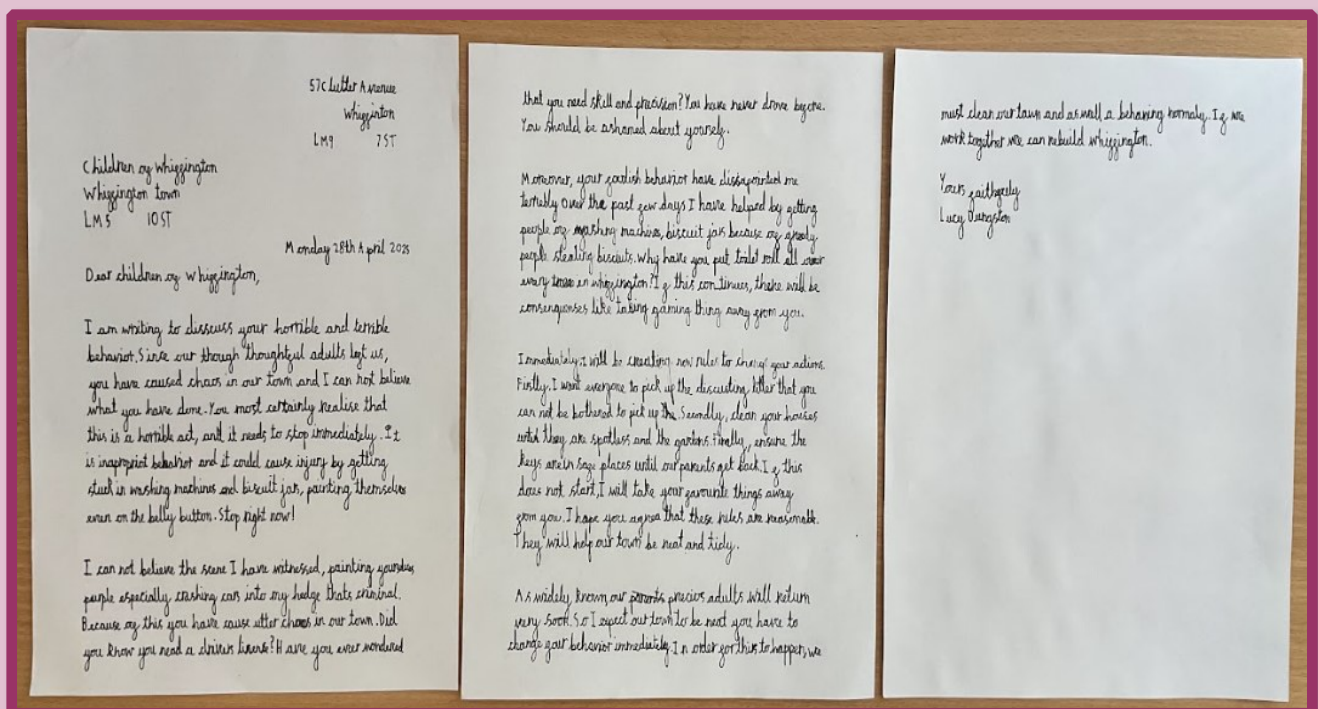


Year 4



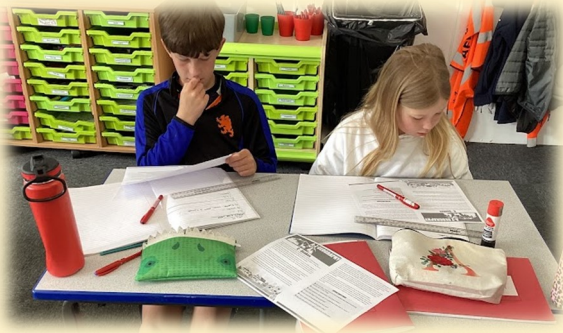
In Year 4, we have been writing formal letters in our English lessons this week. Our formal letters were written from the perspective of Lucy Dungston from our class book 'The Creakers.'

We published them and put them into envelopes to send to the children of Whiffington Town. All of the children put so much effort into writing their letters using the features of a formal letter.

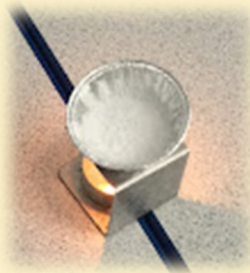
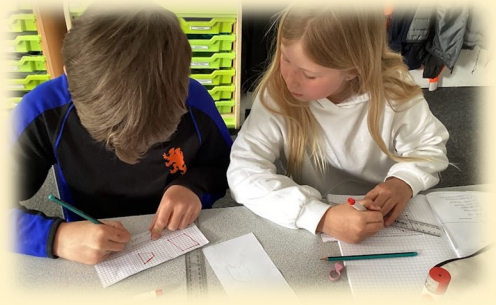
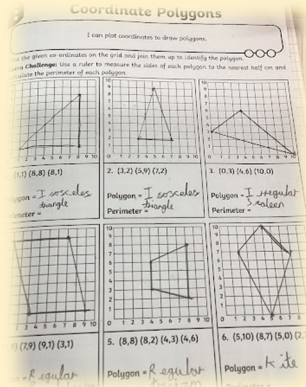
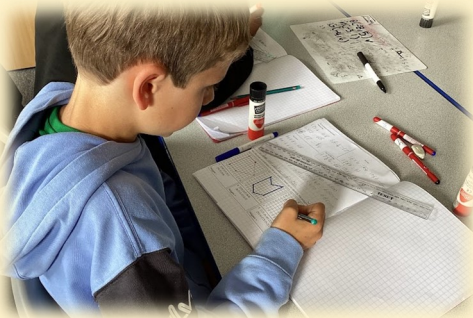


Year 5

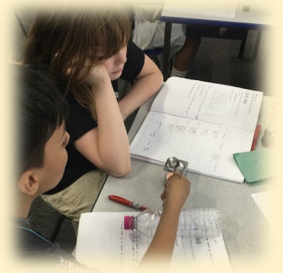
Year 5 have been busy with lots of different things since the last newsletter. Here, Y5KL are working hard at their reading comprehensions linking to our Geography topic, and we're loving our class book - the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. We have been immersing ourselves in its world through drama and art, but sadly we were having too much fun to take any photos!



Maths is always part of our day, and this week we have been learning how to read and plot coordinates and working on beautiful presentation.



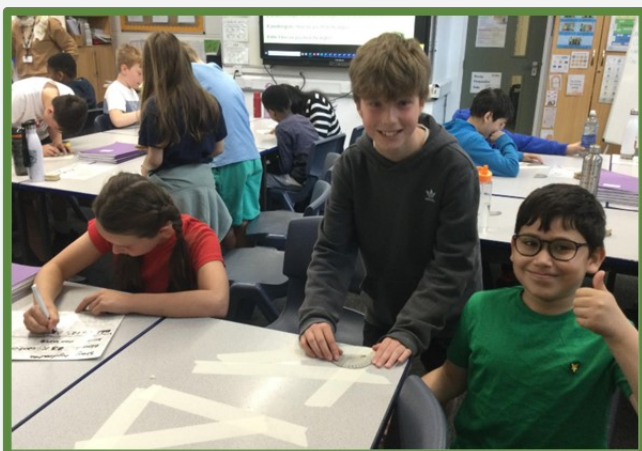
More excitingly, our materials topic in Science involves lots of experiments! Here are some photos of us melting different materials to see what happened! Some of them we expected but some surprised us, and we also found out that experiments don't always work how we expect them to!



After all that hard work, and especially with the lovely sunny weather making it extra hard to concentrate, we need some time to decompress too—here is Y5KB having a well-deserved dance break after an afternoon of hard work!



Year 6 are working hard. They have been consolidating maths learning from the year ahead of their SATs tests.

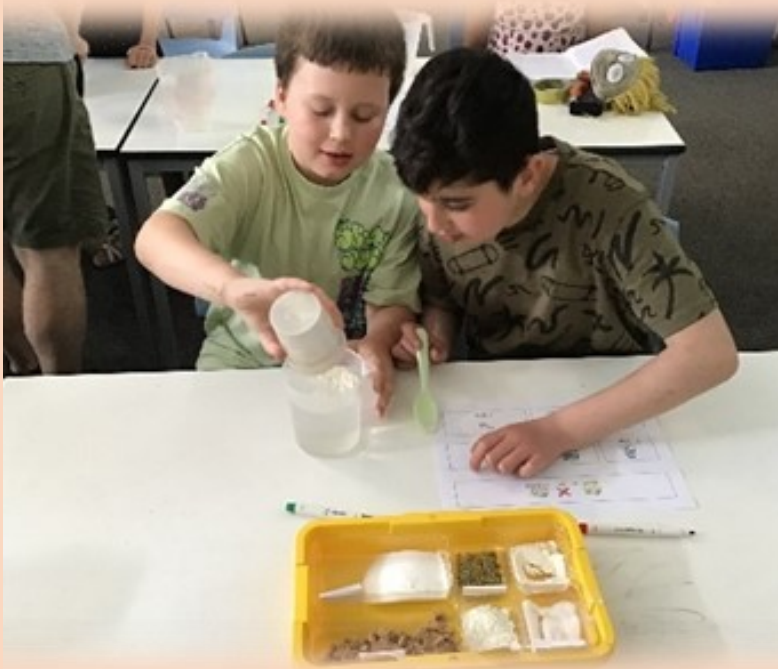


As part of our science topic, we have been studying the heart. This week, we were able to hold and examine a lamb's heart! Children identified the aorta and the chambers of the heart as well as recognise the importance of a healthy lifestyle.



Integrated Resource

Last week in the IR, we learned about solubility as a property of materials. The children conducted their own experiments to test whether everyday materials were soluble or insoluble.



Lunch Menu

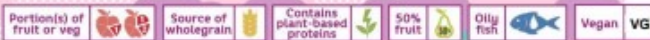
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Spring / Summer Menu Week 2

21st April, 12th May, 2nd June, 23rd June, 14th July, 4th Aug, 25th Aug, 15th Sept, 6th Oct, 27th Oct



| WEEK TWO | FAVOURITES MONDAY | WORLD TUESDAY | ROAST WEDNESDAY | PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY | FISH FRIDAY |
|------------------------|--|---|--|---|---|
| Main Meal Option | Red Tractor Pork Sausage Roll & Home-baked Potato Wedges | Red Tractor Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread | Roast Gammon Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes | Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Tomato Pasta Salad | Battered Fish & Chips |
| Vegetarian Meal Option | Cheese & Onion Roll with Home-Made Potato wedges | Veggie Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread | Quorn Grill, Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes | Veggie Chilli & Rice | Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips Vg |
| Baked Jacket Potatoes | Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise | Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise | Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise | Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise | Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise |
| Street food | | Cheese & Tomato Panini | | Cheesy Bean Pitta with Pasta Salad | |
| Vegetables | British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans | Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots | Broccoli, Carrots & Sweetcorn | British Red Tractor Garden Peas, or Sliced Carrots | British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans |
| Dessert | Banana Cake & Custard | Shortbread & Orange Slices | Chocolate Brownie | Flapjack | Jelly |



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.



THE MAYOR'S WALK & WHEEL CHALLENGE

19-23 MAY 2025

We are collaborating on Living Streets' Walk to School Week to encourage walking, wheeling and cycling to school. This supports our mission to transform South Yorkshire into a healthier, wealthier, happier community.



OLIVER COPPARD
SOUTH YORKSHIRE'S
MAYOR

Nether Green Junior School is taking part in the Mayor's Walk and Wheel Challenge – we'd love your support in helping your children choose an Active Travel trip to school every day of the programme.

What is the Mayor's Walk and Wheel Challenge?

Between the 19th and 23rd of May 2025, we'd like every primary aged child in the region to choose Active Travel as their way of getting to and from school each day. Active Travel means walking, wheeling or cycling to school, and leaving the car at home.

Choosing Active Travel contributes to better physical health and mental well-being for everybody who uses it. Asking children to use it from a young age encourages them to automatically think about Active Travel in the future, when jumping in the car may have seemed the obvious option. The more of us who choose Active Travel will also help contribute to better environments, safer roads and cleaner air.



King Edward VII School



Headteacher's Drop-In Meeting

Monday 19 May 2025

5.30pm - 6.30pm

**Nether Green Junior School, 467 Fulwood Road,
Sheffield, S10 3QA**

All students and their families are welcome

Come along to meet our Headteacher, Linda Gooden. Ask a question, share information, raise an issue, offer your support or just pop in to say, 'Hello.' Linda is looking forward to meeting as many people as possible.

www.kes.sheffield.sch.uk



Children's Clothes Sale

Broomhill Community Library

[upstairs in Childrens]

Saturday 17th May

11.00am - 2.00 pm

Toddlers to Teens at affordable prices!



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