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Nether Green Junior School

Message from the Headteacher

I want to say a big thank you for everything you have done to support your child and the school this half term. We really do appreciate it. Your support, and your feedback, help us to keep making our school a better place for every child.

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening this week. I hope it gave you a good insight into your child's learning and how they have settled into the year so far.

There have been a few other highlights this week too. Year 4 had their Greek Day today, and the children were all very excited about it. Thank you for all your efforts with the dressing up. As a parent myself, I know it isn't always easy, but it is all worthwhile when it helps create such memorable experiences for the children.

The children who took part in Bikeability this week loved the experience, and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm as they built their confidence on their bikes.

There have been so many other fun and memorable moments throughout this half term, and we look forward to adding to them next half term.

Have a great half term with your friends and family, and if you're able to get a break, I hope you enjoy it and have some time to relax. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 2nd November.

Key Dates

22nd	October	Children break up for half term holiday at 3.35pm
23rd	October	INSET DAY
2nd	November	Children return to school
2nd	November	Y5/Y6 Girls Football at Hallam
4th	November	PTA Rocket Run
4th	November	Y6 Boys Football at King Egberts
4th	November	Open Evening for Y2 Parents/Carers 5.45pm - 6.45pm
5th-6th	November	Y6 SEND Reviews
6th	November	Xmas4schools artwork back from parents
7th	November	Orienteering Ecclesall Woods
11th	November	Y6 SATS Workshop 5.30pm
12th/13th	November	Y5 SEND Reviews
13th	November	EFL Kids Cup
14th	November	Cross Country Race 4 Bradfield Secondary School
16th	November	Y4 Squash Taster session
17th	November	Y6 Weighing and Measuring
18th	November	Y5 Wonderdome
19th	November	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics
20th	November	Children In Need Day

This Week's Awards

Special Mentions

Congratulations to :

Amaya-Rose in Y6OS for coming in first place with her floor routine in a gymnastics competition.

Leo in Y6OS for gaining his orange belt in martial arts.

Magnus in Y5ML who won two bronze and two silver medals in the Yorkshire Swimming Championships.

Congratulations to the following children:

Y3NH - Maha

Y3WN - Isabelle

Y4TH - Arietta

Y4JE - Eve

Y4HH - Harry

Y5KB - William

Y5ML - Umayyah

Y6OS - James

Y6PH - Ruby

Y6JC - Magnus

Attendance Winners

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

This week's winners are

Y4TH and Y6JC

Golden Broom Awards

Y5KB





Y3NH	Dhruvan
Y3MC	Luke
Y4JE	Max
Y5KB	Sophie
Y5ML	Robyn
Y6PH	Eleonore
Y6OS	Lexie
Y6JC	Savanna

House Points

Steel	129
Cutlers	107
Originals	119
Peaks	120

Focus Value

Respect

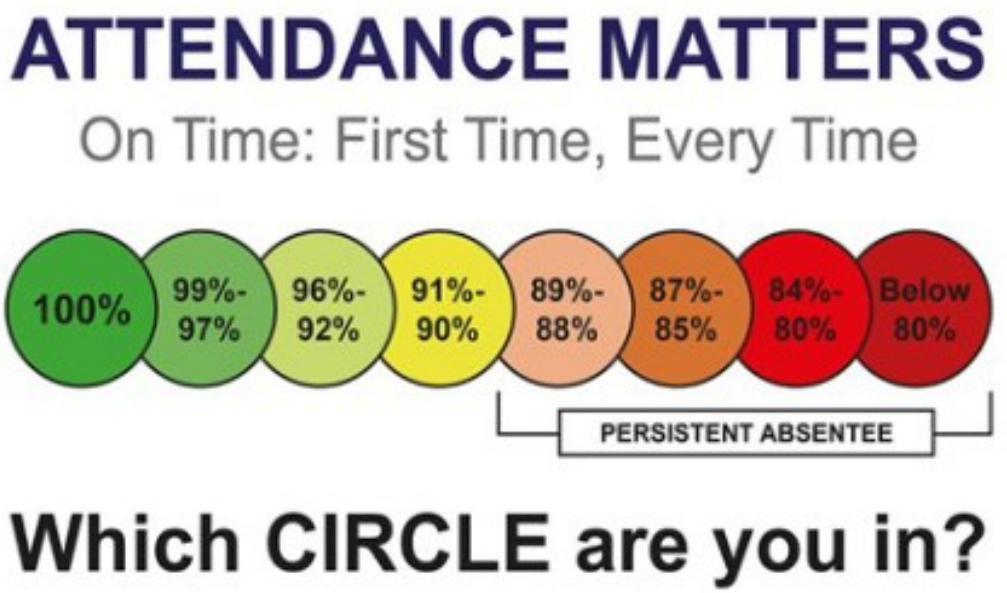
Our children will be encouraged to:



- Be polite and well-mannered
- Value themselves and other people
- Be positive, friendly and caring
- Have mutual respect and tolerance for all
- Respect our school and its environment

Attendance

Please ensure your child is on time for school. Children can be brought into the yard from 8:40am. Learning in school starts at 8:50am.



Community

Eco-Ambassadors

Welcome to the Eco Ambassadors' news. Our Eco team is made up of two representatives from each class, who meet regularly on Monday lunchtimes to plan ways to make our school more 'Eco friendly' such as by saving energy, creating more biodiversity and reducing waste.

The new Eco Ambassadors have now met to come up with some plans and ideas for the year ahead and they have lots of great ideas. Our first focus will be on litter, after a group of Year 6 children came to see Mrs Wing concerned about the amount of litter in the school grounds. We have already conducted two litter picks in the school grounds and recorded data on the amount of litter collected. The Eco Ambassadors and the children who raised the concern plan to present this information to the school in an assembly early next half term to encourage children to ensure their rubbish ends up in the correct bins on the school yard. We hope to significantly reduce the litter in our school grounds.

The Eco Ambassadors will be meeting with Rob from 'Let's Go Zero' in November to talk about what we are already doing to encourage sustainability in our school and get more tips for how we can make our school more sustainable. We are looking forward to meeting him.





'Eco' dates for your diaries

28th October – World Sustainability Day: Celebrate by doing something sustainably such as planting new plants, going car free, shortening shower lengths, eating a vegan diet for a day. You can find more tips here https://happyeconews.com/world-sustainability-day/

Music of the half term – Symphonic Story telling



This half term, we are exploring **Symphonic Storytelling** - discovering how composers can use instruments, melodies and musical ideas to bring stories and characters to life.

We will be listening to a range of exciting pieces, each telling a different story. Our listening pieces will include Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf, The Sorcerer's Apprentice composed by Paul Dukas and Stravinsky's The Firebird.

Safeguarding

Staying Safe Online during the Half Term break

During the school holidays, some children may spend more time gaming, watching videos, and communicating online. Help protect them with these quick tips:

Check Privacy Settings: Review the safety and privacy settings on your child"s devices and favourite apps/games.

Keep Tech in Shared Spaces: Encourage children to use tablets, phones, and consoles in communal family areas rather than alone in bedrooms.

The "Trusted Adult" Rule: Remind your child to tell you immediately if they see or hear anything online that makes them feel uncomfortable, worried, or unsafe. For age-appropriate guides on apps like TikTok, WhatsApp, or Roblox, visit platforms like Internet Matters.



Language of the Half Term

Spanish

Each half 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 do the register in the given language.

Autumn 1 - Language of the Half Term - Spanish

Spanish is a global language with over 595 million total speakers, making it the world's second most spoken **native** language after Mandarin. Spanish is a largely phonetic language, meaning the spelling closely matches the pronunciation, making it relatively easy to learn.
Being the official language in 21 countries, Spanish is primarily spoken in the Americas and Europe. It uses inverted question marks (¿) and exclamation marks (¡) at the beginning of questions and exclamations, along with the standard ones at the end.
The demand for learning Spanish is increasing, as are Spanish-language cultural products like cinema, making it a language of growing importance globally. At NGJS, the language that the children learn is Spanish, so we are keen to see more children using it around school as well as in lessons! ¡Vamos!



Spotlight on the Curriculum

Life Skills

We want all our children to grow into happy, confident individuals who can build positive relationships, work cooperatively with others and develop an understanding of the people around them. By nurturing these skills, we aim to give every child the opportunity to reach their full potential.

At our school, we refer to our PSHE and RSE curriculums as **Life Skills.** Our Relationships and Health Curriculum forms an important part of this provision, building on the work we already do to help children develop the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to navigate the world around them and prepare for the next stage of their lives.

Life Skills lessons encourage children to participate in discussions, express their own thoughts and opinions, and listen to and respect the views of others. Children reflect on and record their learning in a class scrapbook and contribute their ideas to a class graffiti wall.

This half term, the focus in **Life Skills** lessons has been based around wellbeing, healthy relationships and digital lives. Year groups have focused in more detail on the following questions:

IR – How many emotions are there? Change and loss are part of life. Delicious food fuels my body! The right way to get things wrong. Do we all need the same things to stay healthy? Fun surprises and uncomfortable secrets. Making decisions that feel good for me.

Y3 – We all have powerful emotions. How many ways are there to exercise? A healthy and mindful week. I am wonderful! Our bodies belong to us! Do friends always want the same things?

Y4 – Changing our batteries. My emotion toolkit. What makes life so amazing? Celebrating healthy and delicious food from across the world. Making brave 'ousy' mistakes.

Y5 – How do we look after our mental health? How can I share what's in my head and heart? What is special about me? Comparing ourselves to others on social media

Y6 – Change is important. Staying regulated. Power and friendship online. Discrimination online. Motivation and manipulation online. Do I live in a echo chamber?



Learning in Action

Y3

Year 3 had a brilliant time on their trip to Creswell Craggs. They became palaeontologists and learnt all about the animals that roamed through Creswell Crags thousands of years ago. They even assembled real animal skeletons. Then they practised their survival skills and learnt how to make a shelter using natural materials and even threw spears like a Stone Age hunter. Finally they explored a cave and saw where people sheltered during the last Ice Age.







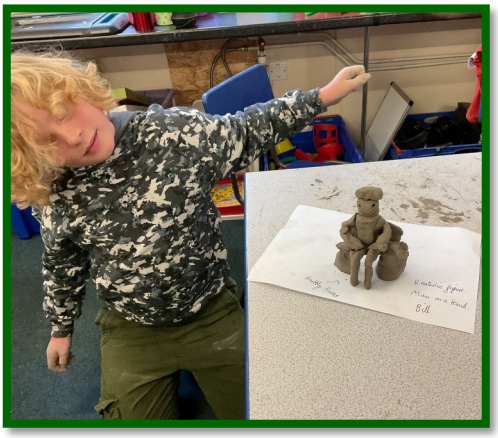
Learning in Action
Y4

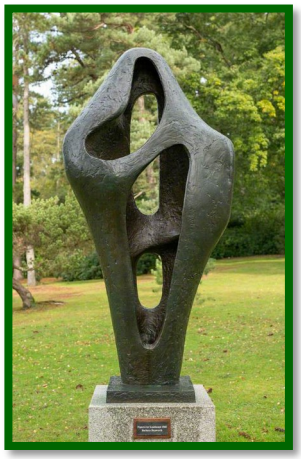
In Y4, we used our clay skills to create a sculpture of a human figure inspired by Alberto Giacometti, Ben Eqonqu and Barbara Hepworth. The children did an incredible job in the design process and their abstract models were super creative! Well done Y4 - you've done so well with this project in our art lessons.



















Learning in Action
Y5

A big well done to everyone in Year 5 for all their hard work for the Viking Assembly and thank you to everyone who was able to come and watch and support. We think you'll agree that they all did a fantastic job! We also really enjoyed all our fun activities and creative costumes for Viking day!





For the past 2 weeks we have been creating our final Viking brooches for our Art project. The children have learnt about the Arts and Crafts movement and incorporated the intricate, nature-themed designs into their creations. They used techniques such as rolling, wedging, scoring, and sticking to create their final piece.



Learning in Action

Y6

We have enjoyed exploring OS maps and finding six figure grid references as part of identifying suitable locations for a solar farm.





Many Year Sixes have participated in Bikeability to understand how to ride safely on the road. Thank you to Cycle North for the sessions.









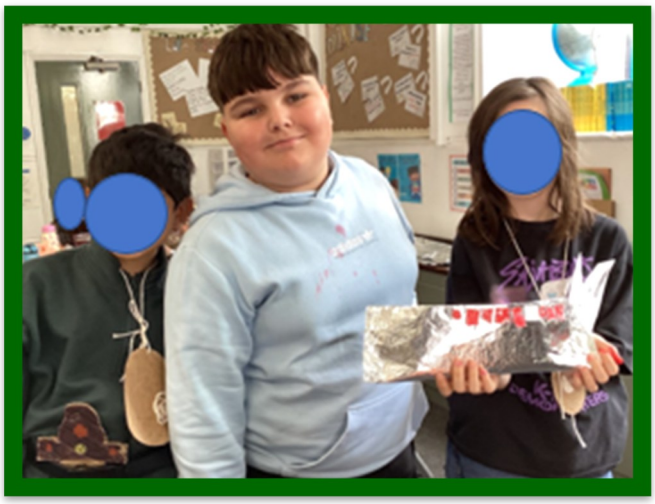
Learning in Action

IR

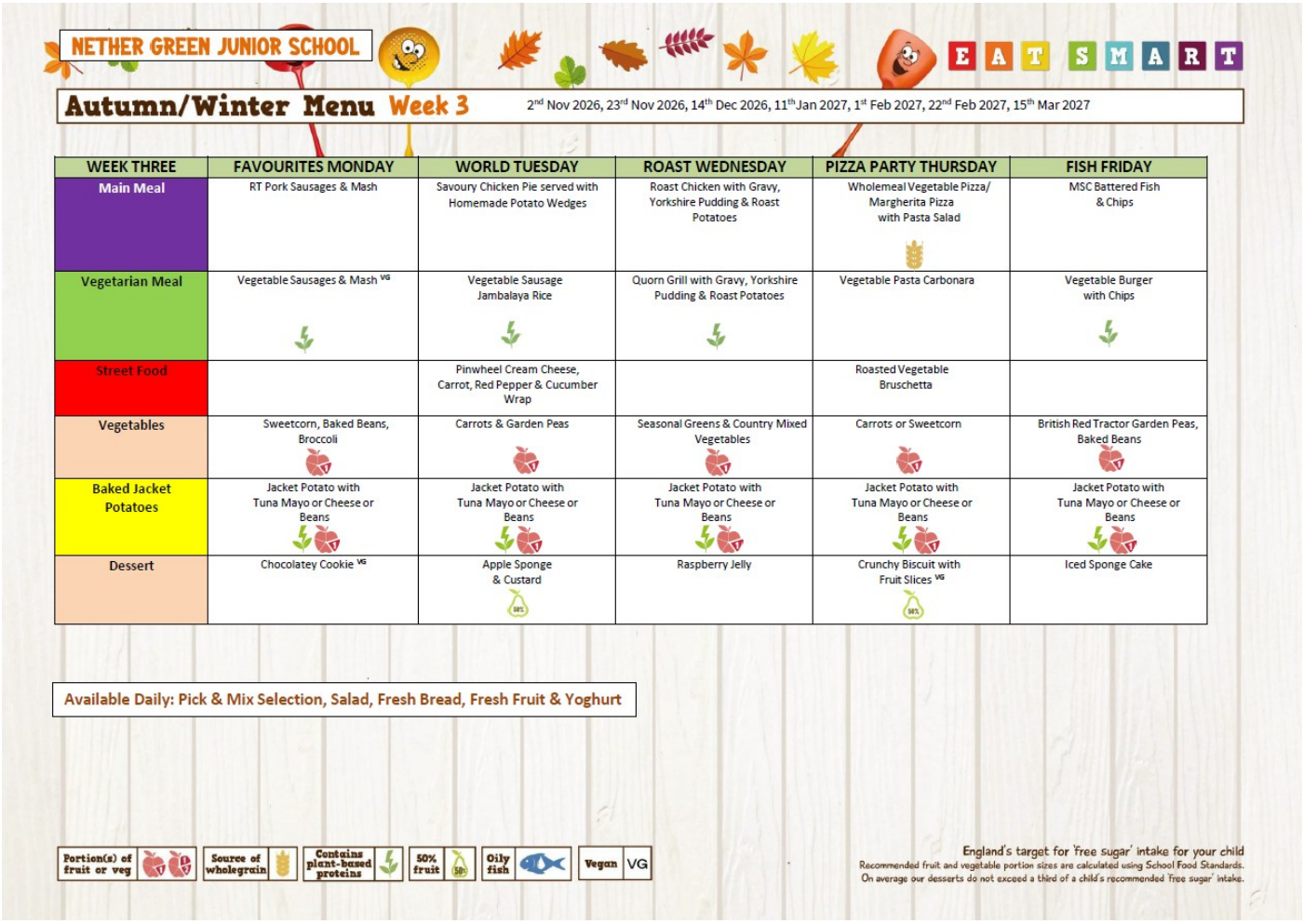
The IR children have been practising singing and signing to the show Izzy Gizmo, last Friday they had a brilliant morning out with a trip to The Crucible to see the live show. Our Year 5 children also took part in the Viking Day enjoying making Viking jewellery, a board game and a model long boat.











Forest Skills Halloween Camp

Forest Skills are running a Halloween Camp during the October half term in the Forest school area at Dobcroft Infant School on Monday 26th October , 10:00am—3:30pm.
There are limited places - so book soon to avoid disappointment!
https://fitkidssheffield.classforkids.io/camp/80

Family Cycling Event at Greenhill Park

Cycle North is inviting children and their parents or carers to join us for a fun family cycling event at Greenhill Park, S8 7HN. Sessions are available on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 October.
Book here: https://buytickets.at/cyclenorth/2280799
This event is open to children aged 5-15 and their adult, making it a great opportunity for families with younger children or teenagers who may not yet have had the chance to learn to ride or develop their basic cycling skills.
The session is designed around adults and children learning and cycling together, helping families develop confidence, skills and enjoyment of cycling in a fun and supportive environment.
Parent or carer participation required throughout the session and is led by qualified Bikeability instructors.
Cycles and equipment provided free of charge for the duration of the session.
Greenhill Park, Gresley Road, Sheffield, S8 7HN
1 ticket = 1 adult + 1 child.
Places are limited and advance booking is required.

Nether Green Junior School

Join us for our

Open Evening



Parents, carers & children are all welcome!

Wednesday, 4 November, 5.45 pm

467, Fulwood Road, Sheffield S10 3QA

Greenhill
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Greenhill Community Library presents:

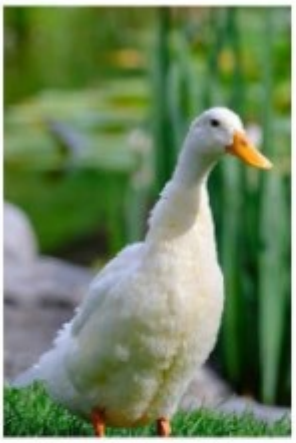
Music for Kids Day

Saturday 24th October 2026

10:00am – 3:00pm

Come along to our duck-themed day and listen to the stories of *Jemima Puddle-Duck*, and *The Red Shoes and the Dancing Duck*.





There will be live music played on the violin, cello, and oboe. New for this year will be the magical chime bars, and you can join in composing some music for them!

Come and relax by our musical duck pond to learn all about these aquatic birds.

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.