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Nether Green Junior School

Message from the Headteacher

Open Classrooms

Our open classrooms week is the week commencing Monday 23rd November, and we are looking forward to welcoming you in to see your child's learning. Please come in through the main entrance, apart from Year 4 parents and carers, who will need to come in by the top (upper) gate. A member of staff will be there to let you in and walk you down to the Year 4 classrooms.

Our New Learning Mentors

Following on from last week's newsletter, if you see two new faces on the gate in the morning and after school, they are our new learning mentors, Mrs Summers and Miss Hussain. Please do say hello and help us make them feel welcome in our school community.

Michael Rosen Day

Our Michael Rosen day yesterday was really lovely. The children had an activity-packed day linked to the author, including watching a live webinar, and the day ended with children reading out their own poems to the whole school. It was great to hear the confidence and creativity in their performances.

Children in Need

Today is Children in Need, and the children all looked very comfortable in their pyjamas, spots and yellow. Thank you to the School Council, who led an assembly with Mrs Neal about the charity and the difference it makes. Thank you also to all of you for supporting the day.

SATs Workshop

Thank you to the parents and carers who came to our SATs workshop. We hope it gave you a flavour of what to expect, and of how we manage those expectations while still offering the children our broad and balanced curriculum.

Parking and Drop-Off

Please do not drop children off on the main road on the zig-zag lines, and please do not drive onto the pavement. This is extremely dangerous. I have spoken to those I have seen doing this, but keeping children safe outside school needs everyone to take responsibility for their own actions. Stopping on the zig-zags or mounting the pavement puts your own child at risk, as well as other children and members of the public using the pavement. Thank you to the many families who already park safely and walk the last part of the way.

Key Dates

14th	November	SFSS Cross Country 4 Bradfield Secondary School
16th	November	Odd Socks Day (Anti-Bullying Week)
16th	November	Y5 Squash Taster Session
17th	November	Y5 Into Film Festival (small group)
17th	November	Y6 Weighing & Measuring
18th	November	Y5 Wonderdome (in school)
19th	November	Y5/Y6 Sports Hall Athletics, Concord Sports Centre
20th	November	Y6 Tag Rugby Finals
23rd	November	Y5 Squash Taster Session
23rd	November	Y4 Open Classrooms
24th	November	Y3 Open Classrooms
25th	November	Flu Immunisations
25th	November	Y5 Open Classrooms
26th	November	Y6 Open Classrooms
26th	November	Y3/4 PTA Cinema Club
27th	November	Y6 Victorian Day
27th	November	Y4 Ice Sheffield Christmas Show
27th	November	IR Open Classrooms
28th	November	Cross Country 5 Concord Park
28th	November	Orienteering EIS & Olympic Legacy Park
2nd	December	Y5/Y6 Squash
3rd	December	Y5/Y6 PTA Cinema Club
4th	December	Choir - Christmas Singing
10th	December	Christmas Jumper Day



This Week's Special Mentions





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN FOR GOING THE EXTRA MILE DURING OUR ROCKET RUN CHALLENGE:

Y3MC
Hugh worked so hard
Edna made such an effort in wearing a beautiful sparkly jacket
Alex showed such dedication
Abdul never stopped trying (IR)

Y3NH
Ellis is an impressive sportsman
We all loved Lucia's beautiful cape
Harriet showed athletic prowess
Sam had concentration and focus

Y3WN
George is a fantastic runner
Oscar showed some fantastic running skills too
Piper's sparkly outfit was brilliant
Freya showed focus and concentration all the way
Elliot really gave the challenge 100% - he was our STAR runner of the day

Y4TH
We thought Mia's sparkly skirt and rainbow face pain was fantastic
Louie was a true superstar at running
Jack T was determined and showed focus
Grace showed determination in achieving her goal
Deshita worked ever so hard

Y4JE
Rufus worked so hard
Rudi kept on going,,,and going
Elliot never stopped smiling
Lily and Esmay worked as a team and supported each other

Y4HH
Raffa showed elite running skills
Austin worked so hard and stacked up a high number of laps
Bella fell but this didn't stop them. They got up and gave it 100%

Y5BB
Finlay's rocket suit was phenomenal
Ottilie is such a natural runner
Alyaanah kept smiling all way round

Y5KB
Sam have natural running ability
Charlie is such a fantastic runner
Tess never gave up
Connor put in the max effort

Y5ML
Sebastian showed a great attitude
Leila never gave up
Raff showed excellent athleticism
Eyliah wore a fantastic sparkly outfit
Ayaan showed resilience and kept on going!! (IR)

Y6JC
Loic is a professional when it comes to running!
Noah T what a runner
Seb never gave up
Rudy dug deep and got the job done
Ethan showed skill and dedication
Masha gave a fantastic amount of effort

Y6OS
Thea worked hard on her own and also showed support to her teammates (IR)
Teddy really gave it 100% and showed some excellent skill at pacing himself
Macca showed great fitness
Emile is up there with some of the best runners in school
Tommy put in an admirable effort showing great dedication
Leo was an absolute legend and he never stopped or slowed

Y6PH
Well done to the whole class who showed true determination and focus throughout!

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO....

- **Sylvia in Y4HH**
- **Bruce in Y5KB**
- **Alex in Y6OS**
- **Ahmed-Nasir in Y6PH**
- **Y4HH - Sylvia, ballet exam**
- **Y6 girls' football team have reached the city finals**
- **Y6 boys' football team showed super resilience and teamwork**



CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO JEMIMA

Jemima has completed 3 years of training and 19 grading levels and has become a Black belt in martial arts this weekend! She had to do an intense weekend of testing and exercise prior to achieving it. Amazing!

This Week's Awards

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

Y4TH



House Points Autumn 2

Steel	26
Cutlers	31
Originals	33
Peaks	31



To be announced next week



Focus Value

Pride

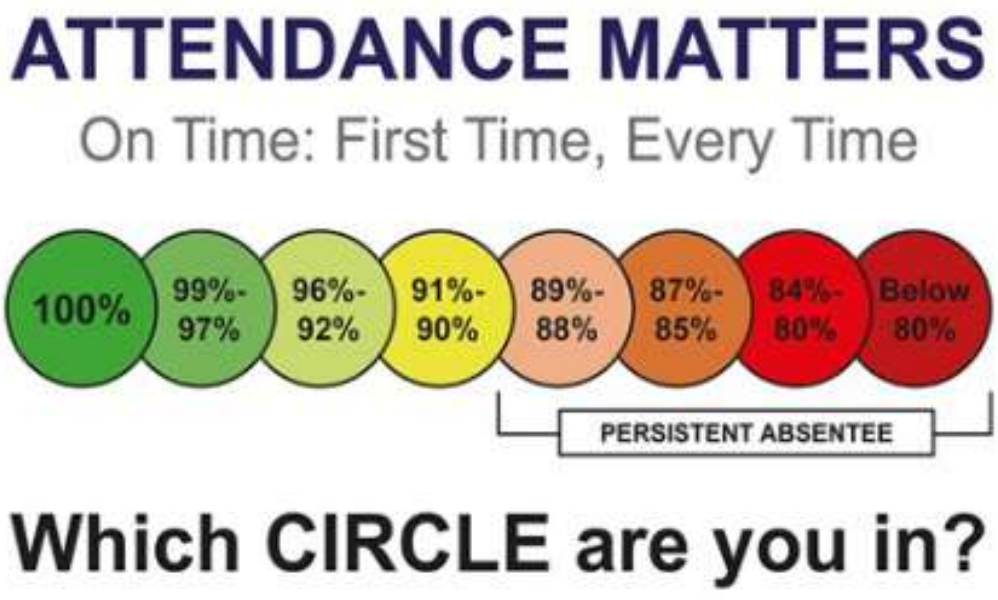
Our children will be encouraged to:

- Show pride in one another's achievements
- Have pride in their work & all aspects of learning
- Look after their school, resources & environment
- Take pride in their achievements



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.



Safeguarding Tip

Be Bright, Be Seen!

As the autumn days shorten and the **clocks went back on Sunday, 25 October**, our children will face reduced visibility during their journeys to and home from school. To help keep them safe near busy roads, please consider the following tips:

- **Bright Clothing:** Encourage your child to wear brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing during daylight hours.
- **Reflective Gear:** Fluorescent colours don't glow in the dark. As dusk falls, attach reflective clips, stickers, or bags that show up clearly under car headlights.
- **Ditch the Distractions:** Remind older children walking home alone to put away mobile phones and remove headphones when crossing roads so they are fully aware of their surroundings.

Music of the half term

Jazz

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 a range of listening opportunities.

This half term we will be exploring **Jazz Music**, focussing particularly on the piano and trumpet within this musical style. We will be listening to a range of interesting pieces including In their own sweet way by Dave Brubeck, Blue in Green by Miles Davis and Peace Piece by Bill Evans.

Language of the Half Term

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 2 - Language of the Term – Arabic.

The chosen language for this half-term is Arabic. Arabic has about 350 million native speakers, is an official language in 22 countries and many children in our school speak it at home. Arabic has many different dialects and this half term Nuha (Y5KB) prepared a fantastic presentation on Sudanese Arabic and culture.

One of the interesting things about Arabic is that not only does it have its own alphabet, but it is also written right to left! English has been influenced by Arabic too, with words like algebra, guitar and sugar coming from this language.







Spotlight on the Curriculum

History



We have enjoyed our history learning so far this term, with lots of different theme days, trips and events to celebrate our learning.

In Y3, our history topic last half-term was all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Highlights included our trip to Creswell Crags and an archaeology day.







The Y4s enjoyed learning all about the ancient Greeks last half-term and learned all about the legacies they left behind. They really enjoyed dressing up as Greeks for Greek Day and even took part in the Olympic games.





Y5s learned about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings last half-term and the impact their invasions had on Britain. They loved their trip to Jorvik and were a real credit to the school.









In Y6, we have started our topic on the Victorians this half -term and have started to learn all about the impact that the Victorian era had on Sheffield. We are looking forward to our Victorian day.

We are really focusing on retaining our key knowledge across the curriculum and in history, we continue to do 'flashback history' activities to embed our learning. It is great to see so many wonderful examples of children developing their historical understanding and skills.



Learning in Action

Y3

Year 3 had a great time going into the mock-up cockpit with the Yorkshire Air Ambulance team.









Learning in Action
Y4

On the final day of Autumn 1, the children in Y4 took part in our 'Ancient Greek Day'. We took part in different activities such as mosaic making, creating our own mythical creature, preparing (and eating!) a Greek salad, and we even competed in a mini Olympics competition. It was an incredibly fun way to end our project on the Ancient Greeks!











During the first week of this half-term, we really enjoyed listening to Dr Stu Reid who told us about the incredible work the Yorkshire Air Ambulance do to look after all the citizens of Yorkshire. Then, we completed the Rocket Run to raise money for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and for the school. The Y4 children showed tremendous enthusiasm and resilience to complete as many laps as possible.

We finally enjoyed dressing up as pilots and paramedics ourselves and getting the opportunity to try out what it would be like to drive a helicopter!

Learning in Action
Y5

This week, it has been exciting to see all the support for Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Firstly, we enjoyed an engaging assembly about the incredible work they do, learning that they can get to someone is 30mins by air that might take 3 hours by road. Then, everyone put in 110% effort to the Rocket Run to complete as many laps as possible, all while raising essential money to support Yorkshire Air Ambulance, as they are not funded by the government. To celebrate this, we then enjoyed dressing up as pilots and paramedics ourselves and getting the opportunity to try out what it would be like to drive a helicopter!













Learning in Action

Y6

Year 6 showed great resilience and teamwork during the Rocket Run. Having the air ambulance team in during the week really helped the children understand what they were raising money for. Thank you to both the PTA and Yorkshire Air Ambulance for their time.















Learning in Action

IR

The IR children enjoyed the Rocket Run last week and everyone made a real effort running around the course to raise money for the school and The Yorkshire Air Ambulance. They also had a go trying on the equipment and 'flying' the helicopter.













NETHER GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL

EAT SMART

Autumn/Winter Menu Week 2

16th Nov 2026, 7th Dec 2026, 4th Jan 2027, 25th Jan 2027, 15th Feb 2027, 8th Mar 2027

WEEK TWO	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal	All Day Pork Sausage Breakfast with Homemade Herby Diced Potatoes	Beef Bolognese with Wholegrain Penne Pasta	Roast Gammon with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Home-baked Jacket Potato Wedges	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Meal	All Day Vegetable Sausage Breakfast with Home-made Herby Diced Potatoes VG	Plant-based Pasta Bolognese with Wholewheat Penne Pasta	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Biryani with Wholegrain Rice	Cheese Flan & Chips
Street Food		Flatbread with Masala Chickpeas & Peppers with Wholegrain Rice VG		Sweet Chilli Vegetables & Noodles	
Vegetables	Broccoli, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans	Garden Peas & Carrots	Seasonal Greens & Country Mixed Vegetables	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Shortbread Biscuit & Fruit Slices VG	Chocolatey Orange Fudge Cake	Orange or Strawberry Jelly with Fresh Fruit	Lemon Drizzle Cake & Custard	Chocolatey Oaty Slice

Available Daily: Pick & Mix Selection, Salad, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

Portion(s) of fruit or veg | Source of wholegrain | Contains plant-based proteins | 50% fruit | Oily fish | Vegan VG

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.

ParentPay reminders

Please log onto ParentPay to give permission and/or make payment for the following trips:

- **Y5 Into Film Festival, Tuesday 17th November**
- **Y5 Wonderdome, Wednesday 18th November**
- **Sports Hall Athletics, Thursday 19th November**
- **Y6 Tag Rugby Finals, Friday 20th November**
- **Y4 Ice Sheffield Show (small group), Friday 27th November**

More information about Odd Sock Day, Monday 16th November will be sent out next week.

There will be NO FRENCH CLUB on Tuesday, 17th November.



COME AND LEARN MORE

Tuesday 10 November | 7pm
The Summer House, Sheffield

Thursday 19 November | 5pm
S. Anselm's School, Bakewell

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