

Newsletter

Spring 1



Message from the Headteacher

We have had a busy half term as always, some of the highlights have been a visit from author Nik Perring for a writing workshop for our Westfield Hub students, an Emergency Services World of Work day, lots of Fire Station visits, STEM day and the odd bit of snow! It was lovely to see our Phase 4 students at Ringinglow Rd engaged in some additional Preparation for Adulthood work experience/visits thanks to the Co-op and DJ Allen Motor Repairs.

Next half term we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March, our Phase 4 students from Ringinglow Rd will be visiting Sheffield University for cinema themed activities and there will be a whole host of exciting Forest Schools sessions and animal interactions at Mayfield Alpacas. We are also pleased to announce the date of the FOBG Fashion Show on Tuesday 16th June. Funds raised at these events are channelled back into school to support projects which benefit our students, so any support you can provide is greatly appreciated by all our students.

Finally I would like to wish our students, their families and all our staff members a restful half term break. Sacha Schofield

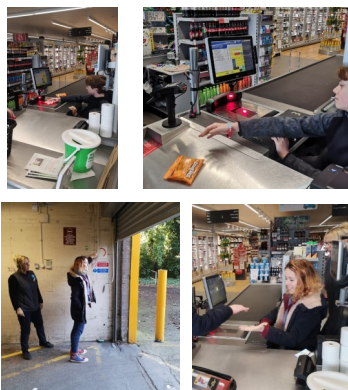
News from Sheaf Training

Local author **Nik Perring** came to Post 16 as Sheaf Training was chosen as one of the launch sites for the Sheffield Year of Reading. Post 16 students were invited to attend and read aloud from their favourite books. Students then took part in a writing workshop, the link to Nik's website shows what our students were able to achieve in just a short time.

<http://nikperring.com/>



Prep for Adulthood visits at Co-op Ecclesall Road



Students from 4ND had a great time at the Co-op on Ecclesall Road. They were taught how to scan, total and give out receipts at a till. They also saw the delivery area, freezer and storeroom. Fantastic life skills experience.

Work Experience

One of our students was helping to balance wheels and investigated the axle of a car as part of his work experience. Huge thanks to D J Allen Motor Repairs, Crosspool.



World of Work Emergency Services and Medical Day - Wednesday 15th January 2020

On Wednesday 15th January we had the pleasure of welcoming employees from RNLI, Sheffield Children's Hospital, Yorkshire Ambulance Service and South Yorkshire Police into school. Classes had 20 minute sessions with the different visitors which allowed the students to become more informed about the many different careers and jobs within these four organisations and also helped reinforce safety and medical advice. And we had so much fun!!



Ali from RNLI told us about the many roles and work places available. Students told her where they had seen Lifeboat stations at Scarborough and Cleethorpes. We tried lifeguard uniform on and discovered the colours match the safe swimming flags.



Comments from our students were "I liked doing the sessions like the RNLI about staying safe. I learnt a lot."

"I liked talking about the Lifeboat station at Scarborough. I go there with my family. The staff there help people to stay safe."

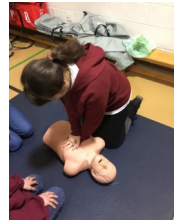
Chantelle from Ward 5 at Sheffield Children's Hospital told us the best part of her job is working with people - patients, families and colleagues. We enjoyed seeing the photos of the hospital and discussing how it has changed. The students enjoyed using the torches and blood pressure cuffs! Comments from our students were "I liked putting the oxygen mask on." "I asked questions about transitioning from the Children's hospital to the adults."



We were thrilled that 2 **PCSOs from Woodseats Police Station** brought a Police Van for us to explore whilst we learnt about the many roles within the Police Service. Students asked questions about the battering ram and felt how heavy it was. We all enjoyed pretending to drive the van! Our students said "I liked driving the police car and saying 'This is the police, pull over! Put your hands above your head and kneel on the ground!'" "I liked the police van because I was riding in the police van. I liked hearing the siren."



Ali from Yorkshire Ambulance Service delivered a practical CPR session with every student., she talked about all the people involved in the Ambulance Service including the control team, IT and paramedics. "I learnt a lot. I liked putting my hand up to answer questions about 999." "I tried really hard to push down on the dummy. I was practising what to do in an emergency."



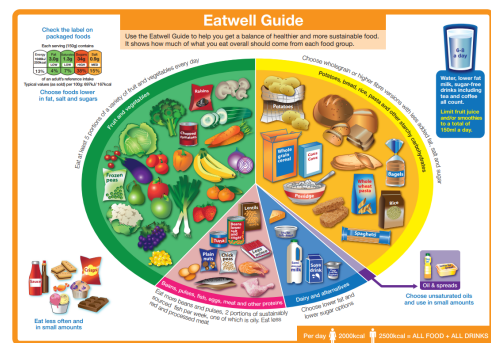
Our next WOW event will be on Wednesday 4th March 2020 to coincide with National Careers Week. We have many visitors planned but they will all be a mystery to the students and staff! The students will work together to ask yes/no questions to find out who they are and what they do!

Lost property

We have a number of unclaimed items, including branded wear in lost property. Please contact the school if your child has lost anything and we will try to reunite them. Please note: we can only keep lost property for so long before we send it on to a local charity.

FLOWER 125 project

We have had a great response from the children who have accessed the Flower 125 health programme that focus's on healthy lifestyles, run by an external provider MAST. Thanks to all students who took part.



FOBG - Save the date

FOBG will be hosting a fashion show with clothes sale on Tuesday 16th June, 7pm.

To become part of the team, please get in touch. Either email fobg@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk or speak to Rose Ward at school on 236 3545.



Y11 Prom fundraising and end of year activities

Our **Y11 Spring Fayre** will be on **Thursday 26th March**. All students will have an opportunity to buy from the various stalls set up and run by our Y11 teams. Governors and Y11 Parents/Carers will be invited to school. A letter will go out after the half term break and all donations of plants and unwanted gifts will be gratefully received.

To date we have raised over £1000 for our Y11 students to have a good send off in June 2020. Thank you for your continued support.



Don't forget to follow us on twitter @bentsgreensch



New Communication practice, "Every family, every week."

At BGS we have been working hard to enhance communication between school and home as we want Parent/Carers to feel more involved with their child's learning and development.

Tutor groups will endeavour to communicate with all Parents/Carers at least once a week. The method of communication could be a text message, an email, a telephone call or a short note in the home school diary. Parents/Carers can specify which method they prefer by informing their child's tutor team.

The only exception to the weekly communication will be when there has been a significant incident in school. This will always be communicated on the day of the incident by telephone.

We are constantly looking at new ways of improving our home school communication and any suggestions from families would be welcomed!

Upcoming dates

Mon 17—Fri 21 Feb HALF TERM

Thurs 27 Feb— Fire station visit 10.15-11.15am - 4LR

Thurs 27 Feb— 4HP cinema activity with UoS

Mon 2—Fri 6 Mar—National Careers Week

Tues 3 Mar - Y11 visit from Robertson Construction

Wed 4 March— WOW Careers Q and A session

Thurs 5 Mar—World Book Day

Thurs 5 Mar—4DP cinema activity with UoS

Thurs 12 Mar—4JR cinema activity with UoS

Mon 30 Mar—Mon 13 April EASTER BREAK

Cinema themed activities with University of Sheffield

We are really looking forward to welcoming the Film Unit at The University of Sheffield to the school after half term. It is a student led cinema group who provide fun cinema themed craft activities for children with disabilities and learning difficulties.

The sessions aim to increase the interest of the big screen amongst young people who are living with disabilities. The student volunteers will work with participants to share their love for films through a variety of different craft based activities, with the hope to invite school groups to the university cinema later in the year for a private screening.

We will update you in the next newsletter and on twitter.

Visits to Central Fire Station, Eyre Street, Sheffield

Students from our Ringinglow site have been going on class visits to the Central Fire Station. They have been learning about fire safety, exploring the fire engines and fire station and discussed different careers available within the Fire Service.

