

Newsletter

Autumn 1



Message from the Headteacher

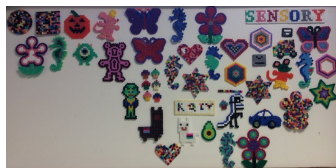
We have had an amazing, if not long, half term! It has been lovely to see our new students settling in to the school community. The World Of Work week talks and activities were insightful to all, especially our older students who have been thinking about their future. There have been many great experiences in the classrooms too. Please enjoy reading a small insight into what has been happening at school. We wish all our families a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Sacha Schofield



Sensory News

This half term in Sensory we have been creating our hamma wall! Hama beads are great activity! It is a logical and creative activity, fantastic for the developing mind, improves hand-eye coordination, encourages conversations, stimulates the imagination and improves motor skills. We are Hama bead crazy!



Katy Day

3BC Entry for Green Spaces Competition

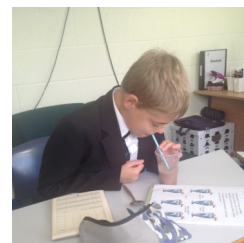
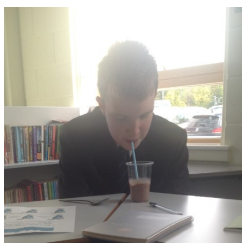
3BC have been working hard to design a poster which illustrates what parks and other green spaces mean to them and the role they play in their lives for a Sheffield Hallam Competition. Fingers crossed it's a winning entry.



News from the Westfield Hub

Y8 Hub students enjoyed learning the 'milkshake breathing' technique during our recent Mighty Minds sessions. The milkshake breathing technique helps students to focus on calming their breathing when stressed or anxious by taking deep, slow breaths in and out. All of the students in the group engaged well and were very pleased to find out they were allowed to drink the milkshake at the end!

Stacey Whitaker—Westfield Hub



World of Work week—14th – 18th October 2019 Ringinglow site

Our WOW week was a huge success with many employers visiting the school to showcase careers and work opportunities. Our students asked so many relevant and worthwhile questions and engaged really well with our visitors.

Halo Nails: A group of Y10 and Y11 girls visited Halo Nail studio at Banner Cross. The students listened to the owner Amy talk about her career and the business and explored the salon. The students were treated to a file and polish and had a dance and singing session!



South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue: Chris and Toby spoke to all students about being safe around fire, the importance of testing smoke alarms and having an evacuation plan. We all now understand the stop, drop and roll technique – please ask us to demonstrate! The students asked lots of questions involving careers within the Fire Service.



WOW carousel: All students had a carousel of 20 minute talks from a wide range of employers informing us about their companies, their roles and their education and career progression.

Paul from **First Bus** provided us with facts about the travel industry and answered many questions on the role of bus drivers. Paul provided us with pens and bus maps of Sheffield which Hamaad (4JR) said “Will be very useful for me as it will help me with my independence skills.”

Jo and Peter from **Co-op Ecclesall Road** brought food tasters and uniform for us to try on. They told us that work experience usually starts at age 15 and employment from age 16. They’ve invited us into store to

practice on their tills! Emily (3AM) now would like to work there!

Mark and Moray from **South Yorkshire Police** were a big hit with the students. We found out about a day in the life of a Police Officer, how to catch criminals internationally and how eco-friendly their vehicles are. They will be back soon with Police vans for us to explore!

Katie and Rebecca from **Cranswick Country Foods** talked about working in factories. They have jobs in lots of areas. They gave us squeazy pigs which were popular. Tyler (4DP) enjoyed learning about farming and pigs.

Melany from **National Trust** at the Longshaw Estate wowed us with photos of beautiful landscapes, stories of working outside and brought real life antlers in for the students to explore. We will work with the National Trust again next year but all young people are invited to help out at their free Muck In days on the second Sunday of every month 10am-12.30pm. For more details please see:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/longshaw-burbage-and-the-eastern-moors/features/muck-in-at-longshaw

Nicola from **Chatsworth House** spoke about the many departments and roles within the house and gardens. We hope to visit soon and see these roles in action. This was Connor’s (4HP) favourite talk as he liked the photos of the animals and the water fountain.

Brad from **Sheffield Wednesday Football Club** spoke about working at a large football club and the job roles available - they have apprenticeships, nutritionists, dietitians, physiotherapists, coach's, players and managers. He encouraged us to keep working hard and focus on our goals, whatever they may be.

The Star visited our World of Work week – Alana the reporter asked students what they have learned and Dean the photographer took photos of 3AM, 3JC and 3NA actively joining in with the talks.



FOBG - How can you help



FOBG welcome all help and support from Parents/Carers family and friends. Worried about the time commitment you may have to give to become involved, don't be, attending the monthly meeting is fantastic but it's not the only way you can be part of the community. You may be able to help in ways you've not considered, for example, providing new fundraising ideas, helping at individual events, taking on your own challenge (sporting or otherwise) and gathering sponsorship. Do you work for a company who has a charity of the year, or makes regular charitable donations? You could ask for FOBG to be nominated. We welcome all input, big or small, it all helps us to make a difference. Please email us at fobg@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk or speak to Rose Ward at school on 236 3545 if you would like to be part of the team.

Y11 Prom fundraising

We are starting early this year in fundraising for our Y11 students to have a good send off in June from the school. All Y11 students have brought home raffle tickets for our half term raffle and staff are having a Bake Off on the last day of term.

- Tickets will be available for another Y11 raffle in January for some amazing prizes.
- There will be the opportunity early next year to help support these students in other ventures.



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Upcoming dates

Mon 28 Oct-Fri 1 Nov HALF TERM

Fri 15 Nov, Y9 Immunisations

Thur 14-Wed 27 Nov, Westfield Y11 Mock exams

Mon 18 Nov, Post 16 Parents Evening, 3.15—6pm

Wed 20 Nov, Westfield Parents Evening, 3.30—6pm

Wed 20 Nov, Ringinglow Parents Evening 5-7pm

Wed 27 Nov, 4HP visit Legoland Discovery Centre

Fri 6 Dec, Christmas Fair, Ringinglow site, 1-3pm

Wed 11 Dec, Christmas Concerts, Ringinglow site

Phase 3 & Sycamore, 11-12.30

Phase 4, 1.40-3pm

Thur 12 Dec, Christmas Lunch, Ringinglow site

Mon 23 Dec-Fri 3 Jan, CHRISTMAS BREAK

Mon 6 Jan, INSET DAY, all sites—school closed for students

Musical news October 2019

Already a lot going on with music this term with the new Year 7 students getting stuck in with lots of drumming and percussion playing. We welcomed Matfen, a traditional folk trio who performed an interactive concert for our students. We are also gearing up for our Christmas concerts in December – watch this space for more details!



Jan Copley – Music Department

FOBG Request

Do you have any books you no longer use or good quality toys that could be donated to the FOBG Christmas Fayre stall. If so please send items in to Reception. Many thanks

BBQ for sale!

As FOBG no longer require their two BBQ's, they are happy to accept a small donation to school funds if anyone would like to buy them. Please contact reception for details.