

Newsletter

Spring 1

individuals matter.



Message from Co-Headteachers, Aileen Hosty and Laura Rzepinski

Dear Bents Green School Community,

As we reflect on the past few weeks, we find ourselves both heartened by our pupils' resilience and deeply moved by recent events. Our return from the half-term break brought unexpected challenges, with the snow forcing us to close our school sites. We want to express our gratitude for your understanding and flexibility during this disruption.

On a more sombre note, we feel compelled to acknowledge the tragic incident at All Saints School. Our thoughts are with their community and we recognise the profound impact this may have on many of you. Please know that we are here to support you and don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance or simply a listening ear.

Despite these difficulties, I'm pleased to share some of the wonderful experiences our pupils have enjoyed recently. At our Ringinglow site, we celebrated RS Day, exploring the fascinating role of food in different religions. It was a joy to see our young people engaging with diverse cultures and traditions, broadening their understanding of the world around them. Two of our Year 8 classes embarked on an exciting trip to Magna, where hands-on learning brought their studies to life. These experiences are invaluable in nurturing curiosity and a love for learning, which are at the heart of our educational approach.

At our Gleadless site students have participated in a drop-down day with a focus on festivals and music. Students have also been busy supporting a new project we are undertaking to develop our allotment in partnership with the Shirebrook nature centre, also students completed a full 2-week period of Mock GCSE exams and students did incredibly well throughout the process.

At Enterprise Works our Post 16 students have been out to visit their work experience placements to meet with the key staff, everyone is looking forward to these placements starting now.

At Westfield Hub students have also been completing mock exams and have been participating in preparation for adulthood visits off site. Some of the hub students have also been visiting the Gleadless site to join in for drop down days and have really enjoyed this.

Across all our sites, pupils participated in Safer Internet Day, an essential initiative in today's digital world. We are committed to equipping our young people with the skills and knowledge they need to navigate online spaces safely and responsibly.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events on the horizon. World Book Day is just around the corner and we're eagerly anticipating the creativity and enthusiasm it always brings to our school community, reading opens doors to new worlds and ideas and we are keen to celebrate this with our pupils.

The first week of March heralds our Careers or "My Futures" week. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to explore potential pathways and begin thinking about their aspirations for the future. We believe in nurturing not just academic skills, but also helping our young people envision and work towards their goals.

As always, we are immensely proud of our pupils' resilience, creativity, and kindness. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in our pupils' educational journey.

Warmest regards

Aileen Hosty & Laura Rzepinski

Co-Headteachers

Upcoming Dates

Mon 17—Fri 22 Feb HALF TERM

Mon 24 Feb All Sites return to school

Wed 26t Feb RS Day Ringinglow

Mon 3 – Fri 7th Mar National Careers Week All Sites

Mon 3 —Fri 7th Mar Y11 Mocks Westfield

Thurs 6 Mar World Book Day All Sites

Mon 10 Mar Y11 Mocks Westfield

Wed 12 Mar Y8 HPV Vaccinations Westfield

Thurs 13 Mar Y10 Parents Evening 3pm - 7pm Westfield

Tues 18 Mar Expressive Arts Day Gleadless

Tues 18 Mar Parental Tours 4pm –5pm Gleadless

Wed 19 Mar Parents Evening Y7, Y10, Y11 and P16 4pm—7pm All Sites

Wed 19 Mar Parental Tours 4.30pm -5.30pm Ringinglow Site

Thur 20 Mar Y9 HPV Vaccinations Ringinglow

Fri 21 Mar Red Nose Day All Sites

Mon 24 Mar Exam information Evening Gleadless

Tues 25 Mar Dental Screening Ringinglow

Tues 25 Mar Y7 HEPP Westfield

Fri 28 Mar AQA EL Maths Component Deadline—Gleadless

Mon 31 Mar Fri 11 Apr—Easter Break - All Sites

News from Willow Class

During "My Independence", the students in Willow class planned and took part in a local walk. They chose to walk to the local shops, dressing appropriately for the weather and making sure to take care when crossing the roads.



School Gateway Login details

[How to activate your account](#)

Download the Android or iPhone app.



Press **'Sign Up'** then enter the email and mobile number your school has on record. If you're not sure if they have the right details, it's best to check and update first. Press **'Send PIN'**. You will receive a text message with your unique PIN. You're now ready to log in and start using School Gateway.

If you don't have a smartphone or prefer to use a computer, you can set up your



[How to log in](#)

Once you have your PIN, go ahead and launch the School Gateway app on your smartphone or tablet.

Enter the email you have registered with your school and the PIN you received. If you didn't get a PIN, it is likely because your school doesn't have the right contact info. Get in touch with them to check.

If both the email and PIN are entered correctly, hit **'Login'** and you're ready to start engaging with your school.

You can also access School Gateway [on the web](#)

Sheffield Children's University - Holiday Free activity

Please find a copy of the newsletter attached here, however, you can find a copy of the newsletter here: <https://bit.ly/SYCUActivityNewsletter-Feb2025>



Message from the Governors

Just a quick one this time, a brief update and a reminder of where to find us should you require support from Governors at any time.

Your Governing body has been working on the usual areas the past month: our Resources committee as usual analysing spending and budgetary matters, and our Policy group which regularly updates and defines school policies and procedures alongside the headteachers. Before the half term break, the focus for the Governors' meeting was on Teaching & Learning.

We have had the opportunity to visit each of our 4 Site locations to carry out Governor Staff surgeries, the most recent at Westfield School this past week, and at Enterprise Works in January. It was so lovely and exciting to see the different ways Bents Green School and its students, staff and ethos carry through into each location.

Many of the policies we approve can be found on our school website. It is an excellent resource, with contact, safeguarding and policy information available. If you should need to contact us, the governors general email address is govenors@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk.

In light of the recent serious incident at All Saints School, we will pause our Meet the Governor feature here and pick it back up next time. We are still seeking Parent Governors, so if you're interested in joining us during this exciting and interesting transition into Nexus Academy and beyond, please send an email to the above address.

As the days start to get a little longer and we dream of the spring days to come, I wish you all a restful half term...and, where that's not possible, hopefully a few bright rays of sunshine.

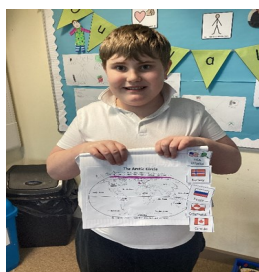
On behalf of the Governing Body,

Shannon O'Donnell Provatas

Parent Governor

News from Chestnut Class

Students from Chestnut Class have been enjoying their Spring 1 "Polar Explorers" topic. They have learned about different Arctic animals, and have explored the life of Matthew Henson, the first African-American man to reach the North Pole. As part of My Creativity, students have studied the work of Andrew Goldsworthy, and have spent some time in Whitely Woods creating their own nature-based sculptures. Additional visits out as part of My Independence and Lifeskills have included a trip to Ecclesall Library to set up their own library cards and borrow books, as well as a visit to Weston Park Museum to explore the Polar Regions exhibit. Chestnut Class have also enjoyed our Spring RS day, focussing on the importance of food in different religious celebrations, where they were able to try many different foods including pancakes, potato latkes, and mango lassi!



News From Mulberry Class

Mulberry Class have been learning about different types of transport this half term. We have been loving our sensory story, "We all go travelling", by Sheena Roberts where we listen to all the sounds the different vehicles make. In outdoor learning, we went on a sensory trail and explored different textures with our feet! We have also been working on our independence skills and practicing dressing for the cold weather we have been having!



News from Fir Class



This half term, the topic in Fir class has been Transport. We have been reading the Book "We all go travelling" By Sheena Roberts, and singing along to the song too.

The Transport theme has been the basis for our writing and our art work. We have enjoyed making collage pictures, paintings and using vehicles to make prints and patterns. Some of us even took out shoes and socks off to make footprints with the paint.

We loved sledging in the snow on the orchard! And Exploring snow in the classroom as part of our morning sensory weather song.

We have sand as a resource every day in Fir class. The students enjoy adding water, mixing, making sandcastles and recently have been playing



News From Westfield Hub

Westfield students have had a fantastic half term and have been very busy with their mainstream lessons, interventions and a range of other exciting opportunities. Our Year 11 students have been preparing for their next set of GCSE mock exams and have completed their college applications. Students in all year groups have made lots of delicious meals in Food Technology. Recipes have included homemade pasta, chilli and wedges, sausage rolls, macaroni cheese, katsu curry and meringue. Year 7 students enjoyed joining the Festivals and Music dropdown day at the Gleadless site. Students participated in a samba dance class, made new friends and baked fortune cookies. Hub students are also looking forward to a trip to Weston Park Museum as part of Preparation for Adulthood. We will be visiting the Pete McKee art exhibition, as well as gaining invaluable skills in the community. Students will be working towards a Unit Award on cultural visits and visiting a gallery. We can't wait!

