

Newsletter

Spring 1



Message from the Headteacher

As we finish the first half term of 2022 I want to share a new staff appointment and a snapshot of the wonderful things our students have been up to.

As I am sure you are aware, the latest strain of Covid is very transmissible and the school has been hit with high numbers of students and staff contracting it. Supply staff in the city are also in incredibly high demand. I would like to reassure you that it is always the absolute last resort when we are forced to close a class.

Encouraging your child to test twice a week on a Wednesday and Sunday evening will help keep everyone safe.

During the next half term we are looking forward to lots of outdoor learning at Forest School, Careers Week, work experience for our older students and World Book Day on Thursday 7 March.

At Bents Green we really enjoy celebrating World Book Day encouraging students to dress up if they would like to. Please remember that outfits should not be scary or include any scary masks. As always there will be plenty of photographs on twitter.

Lastly I would like to thank you for your continued support for the school, our students and our staff. We all wish you a wonderful half term break.



Head of School at Ringinglow

I am very pleased to announce that Aileen Hosty has been successful in securing the position of Head of School at Ringinglow.

Throughout the interview process, Aileen demonstrated all the skills and knowledge required to ensure that our school can progress and improve whilst retaining its core values.



Communications

If any of your contact details have changed you can let us know by calling

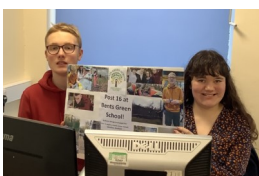
0114 2363545 (Ringinglow),
0114 2357028 (Gleadless),
0114 2479374 (Westfield Hub)

or by sending a message through the MyEd app.



Transitional Committee for Education, Health and Care Representatives

It was wonderful that two of our Post 16 students were able to share their experience of life at Bents Green Post 16 provision and their aspirations to the committee in January. The councillors were very impressed with their presentation, describing it as tremendous and fantastic. They were also very complimentary about our students suggestions for the future and the way that they answered the councillors questions. They were joined by representatives from Sheaf Training Centre, Seven Hills School and Sheffield College. We are really proud of them presenting in such a professional manner on behalf of the school.



Post 16 at Enable

P16 VF have been going to Enable each week this half term. The class have been amazing, helping Head Gardener Jon to prepare compost and plant a variety of flowers ready for the Summer months. The class make sure the plants are well watered and have also been removing weeds. After all of the hard work gardening, they help out in the Enable kitchen where they get a well deserved cup of tea or hot chocolate!



Makaton

Staff and students are continuing to learn Makaton signs during their assembly and lesson times. We have finished all the Stage 1 signs and are making good progress with Stage 2 signs - learning at least 4 a week!

We will publish a booklet of signs for parent/carers to learn alongside us - this will be produced after the holidays. Watch this space for some videos too!

If you would like any further support please explore the Makaton charity web-site www.makaton.org and/or speak to us at school.

Helen Philliskirk & Viv Annabel

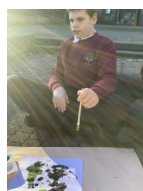
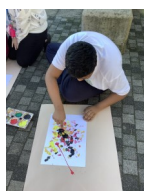
8HP News

Students in 8HP have been developing their personal safety skills in the community as part of their ASDAN LifeSkills Challenges work. They have signed out of school, walked sensibly on paths, crossed roads, purchased drinks from a nearby cafe and carried them back to school safely. Well done and cheers!

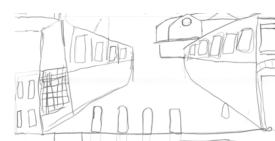


Artwork

Jackson Pollock inspired artwork from our Sycamore students.



and LS Lowry inspired work from 8NA



World Book Day - Thursday 3 March

At Bents Green School we encourage students to dress up as a character from a book. Please remember that outfits should not be scary or include any scary masks. We will also hand out the £1 book token which can be used to buy a book or be put towards another book of their choice. For costume ideas and more information please visit www.worldbookday.com



Upcoming dates

Mon 14 — Fri 18 Feb HALF TERM

Mon 21 Feb, students return to school, all sites

Fri 25 Feb, Y8 HPV vaccinations

Fri 25 Feb, Covid vaccinations

Thurs 3 Mar, World Book Day

Mon 7 Mar, Virtual Exams Information evening Y10 upwards, invite will be sent

Mon 7—Fri 11 March Y10 work experience/Careers Week

Fri 18 Mar, Red Nose day

Wed 24 Mar, Parents Evening for Y10 –Y14, Gleadless & Westfield

Mon 4 - Mon 18 Apr, EASTER BREAK

Tues 19 Apr, All students return to school

Sensory room at Gleadless

We are excited to announce that our new sensory room at Gleadless, is fully functional and will be a timetabled space for our students to use. Thank you to everyone involved in making this such a fantastic new space that many of our students will use and enjoy.



My Ed App

At Bents Green School we use the **My Ed app** to communicate with Parents/Carers. It is

- easy to download
- all messages from school can come to you via the app
- You can reply free of charge

You can download it from your app store.

Find out more at www.myedschoolapp.com



Great news...The UK's best family magazine is now free to all parents & guardians- Enjoy!

Please click here to view



Half term activities with Childrens University

<https://t.co/aM0xwONQbD>

We are an Allergy Aware School.



Help us to keep all students safe

If your child has an allergy that we don't know about, please tell us

Ensure food containing nuts are not brought to school.

Free School Meals vouchers—Just a reminder that Sheffield Council have sent letters to those families eligible for FSM with a half term voucher. If you would like help with that code, please call Ringinglow Road site on 0114 2363545 and ask for Juliette who can help you.