

Newsletter

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Message from Co-Headteachers, Aileen Hosty and Laura Rzepinski

As this term draws to a close, we reflect upon some of the remarkable things that have been achieved within our school community over the last few months.

We want to thank you as parents for the support that you have shown us since returning to school in September. As you are aware we have been working on the creation of new school values, and we are extremely proud of these. Knowing that many of you contributed to the creation of these ensures they are truly a representation of our whole school community.

At our Ringinglow site we have had some very special moments with our students this term, the highlight of these has to be the outstanding Christmas Shows where we enjoyed welcoming family and friends into school. We are extremely proud of our students and their staff teams for putting together such memorable performances. We have also enjoyed a Christmas Carol Concert by Sheffield Philharmonic Choir, visits to Amey and Whirlow Farm as part of our careers lessons, and many more wonderful experiences.

At our Gleadless site students have been busy attending school council and putting forward realistic actions for leadership. The Christmas fair was a great success, and it was lovely to see so many parents attending. We welcomed back past students to attend a celebration assembly; this was a great opportunity for students to celebrate all their achievements from their time at Bents Green. Students have also taken part in many trips and visits as part of the careers and preparation for adulthood curriculum. At our Westfield site students have completed their mock GCSE exams, successfully. We were so proud of them all.

We also want to acknowledge the outstanding work of our colleagues at school this term. No matter what challenges have been put their way, or issues they have faced, they have risen to them and worked exceptionally hard to ensure that our students have had a kind and nurturing school environment. They are truly remarkable, and we are lucky to lead a team of highly dedicated and professional staff.

Finally, we hope that you all have a very happy Christmas and get the opportunity to spend it with your loved ones.

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Message from the Bents Green School Governors

Happy Holidays from the Bents Green Governors! It's been a busy first half term for all of us, and we hope you are all looking forward to taking some time off to spend with family and friends this holiday season. Over the past year, we have been working hard to make sure much-needed works, such as new playground equipment, bathroom facilities, sensory areas, and as many projects as possible, are funded and continue to be prioritised at both the Ringinglow and Gleadless sites. We have seen some changes to our governing board, and we have added a few new faces, including parent governors Kerry Anne Allen and Victor Greene, staff governors Liam Fitzpatrick and Nicola Worth, and co-opted governors Ian Pagdin and Cathy Malone. We are continuing our journey toward joining the Nexus Multi Academy Trust and the initial application for the proposal has gone into the Department of Education for their consideration. We will keep you updated on our progress. So far this year, we have been in school focusing on safeguarding, finance, premises, Pupil Premium, English and Maths book looks, Pathway 4, and coffee mornings at both Gleadless and Ringinglow. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year...looking forward to an exciting and busy 2024!

Shannon O'Donnell Provatas, parent governor, on behalf of the Governing Board



CHRISTMAS BREAK



Scan the QR code to
book online or visit
www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org

Free Holiday Activities

Sharrow, Broomhall, Lowfield, Abbeydale, Totley, Nether Edge

Book from
3pm on
8th Dec!



Eat Well



Move



Create

What it is	Where it is	When it is	Who it's for	How to book
Broomhall multi-activity camp with Link Learning	The Broomhall Centre, Broomhall, Sheffield, S10 2FD	2nd Jan, 4th Jan, & 5th Jan 10am—2pm	Ages 4-11	Scan the QR code or call 074904 968351
Multi-sports at UMIX with Premier Education	UMIX Centre, 17 Asline Rd, Lowfield, Sheffield, S2 4UJ	2nd Jan, 4th Jan, & 5th Jan 10am—2pm	Ages 5-15	Scan the QR code or call 07568 458600
Multi-sports activities with Israac	Israac Centre, 54 Cemetery Road, Sheffield, S11 8FP	2nd Jan, 3rd Jan, 4th Jan, & 5th Jan 11am—3pm	Ages 5-15	Phone Israac direct on 0114 2787662
Roshni multi-activity playscheme	Highfield Church Hall, 11 Holland Place, Highfield, Sheffield, S2 4US	2nd Jan, 3rd Jan, 4th Jan, & 5th Jan 11am—3pm	Ages 6-13 (parents must stay)	Phone Roshni direct on 0114 2508898
Razzamatat drama, dance and theatre skills camp in Totley	Totley Methodist Church, 1 Grove Rd, Totley, Sheffield, S17 4DJ	3rd Jan, 4th Jan, & 5th Jan 10am-2pm	Ages 6-11	Scan the QR code or call 0114 3030455
Adventurous play and fun activities at Highfield Adventure Playground	Highfield Adventure Playground, Crowther Place, Sheffield, S7 1BJ	2nd Jan, 3rd Jan, 4th Jan, & 5th Jan 1pm—5pm	Ages 5-16 (parents must stay if child under 10)	No need to book, just turn up! Call 0114 2508384 for enquiries
Fun yoga camp in Abbeydale with Kids Love Yoga	Carterknowle Methodist Church, 1 Edgedale Rd, Sheffield, S7 2BQ	2nd Jan, 3rd Jan, 5th Jan 10am—2pm	Ages 5-10	Scan the QR code or call 07540 240404
Extreme sports and scooter club with Onboard Skatepark	Onboard Skatepark, Little London Road, Sheffield, S8 0UH	2nd Jan, 3rd Jan, 4th Jan, & 5th Jan 9.30am—1.30pm	Ages 5-12	Scan the QR code or call 0114 2587511

Free activities with food for children eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals

Upcoming Dates

Mon 8th Jan — Westfield Inset Day

Thu 18th Jan — Y8 & Y9 HPV, TDP & Meningitis Immunisations

Tue 23rd Jan — School Photographs (Ringinglow & Gleadless)

Tue 6th Feb — Internet Safety Day

Thu 8th Feb — Languages Day: Chinese

Sat 10th-Sun 18th Feb — Half Term

Student Council Christmas Tree 2023

Student Council at Gleadless decorated the school Christmas Tree this year. It is an event the students look forward to and thoroughly enjoy taking part in, and the tree looks fantastic! Merry Christmas from Student Council!



This Half Term's Events

EIS Girls' Netball Trip

Students took part in a taster day of netball at the EIS Sheffield. They all experienced developing a range of ball skills and fun activities. The session was delivered by a qualified coaching team from Sheffield Concord Netball Club.



All students played well and staff could see their confidence grow and their skills improve throughout the day. They then took part in a netball match at the end of the session.

It was a successful event and there is opportunity for any female students to continue playing by attending the inclusive netball club. Please contact school if your daughter is interested.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th December marked Christmas Jumper Day for the Save the Children charity. Students and Staff were invited to wear festive clothing for the day!



Careers

Y8, Y9 and Pathway 4 students have been enjoying trips to Whirlow Hall Farm. The students met the animals and learnt about the links between farming, conservation, food production and the environment.



Whirlow Hall Farm Trust

Registered Charity No. 508910

Meanwhile, our Y10 students have been visiting the Amey site, learning about what they do, the vehicles they use, how much they spend on waste per year, and most importantly, what that big dome is used for!



Choir Concert

On Thursday 7th December, our Ringinglow students were treated to a special performance by the Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus.



News from P16AN

This half term, P16AN have been preparing for their Christmas Fayre, which took place on Friday 15th December. The students have shopped till they drop, visiting stores and working with a planned budget in order to purchase craft items.



Back in school, the students have worked hard to produce lovely crafts for Parents and Carers to buy at the Fayre.



News from P4AT

This half term, P4AT have been participating in lots of fun activities during their My Creativity lessons.

They have practiced finger painting:



They have made friendship bracelets:



And they have made lots of yummy treats including cheese scones, rice crispy buns and shortbread biscuits:



They have had a great time trying out new activities!

News from 9JJ

This half term, 9JJ have been developing their independence skills when out in the community. All students have enjoyed walking down to the local shops (whilst practising their road safety skills on the way) and purchasing items from a shopping list.



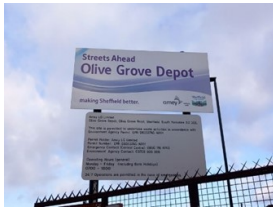
The students' confidence has grown week by week! Well done 9JJ!

News from 10CB

10CB made a visit to Amey during their Careers engagement day. Students heard about the various job roles and responsibilities of the people who repair the lights and streets of Sheffield.



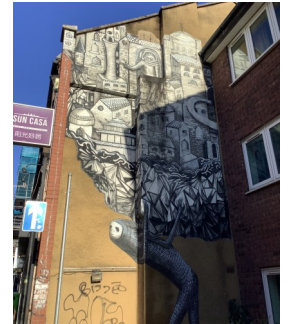
Staff and students had a tour of the Olive Grove depot, where they had to wear hi-viz clothing and safety gear. The tour included a look around the huge igloo, which contains all of the grit needed for the roads in the winter.



News from 11LF

This half term, 11LF have been learning about parenting, and have explored the costs of baby equipment, and what is involved in looking after a baby. This included role play based around feeding babies and changing nappies.

The class have also visited the town centre to look at street art around the city.



Other activities the class have been taking part in include visiting the library to support with their English lessons, trampolining in PE and exploring the history of medicine, and how it has changed over the centuries. 11LF are ending the half term with Christmas activities and practising their Christmas Performance.

Free School Meals vouchers - A polite reminder that Sheffield Council have sent letters to those families eligible for FSM with a Winter Break voucher. If you would like help with that code, please call the Gleadless site on 0114 2357028 and ask for Clare who can help you. SCC have stated that the funding they receive for these food vouchers is currently only expected to continue until March 2024, meaning that the February half-term vouchers may be the last issue.

Bents Green School staff would like to wish all of our families a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a restful break!

